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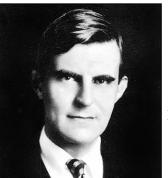


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John Gilbert Winant

New Hampshire's innovative Depression-era governor, defied his own party to align himself with Franklin Roosevelt and Social Security, and inspired hope in beleaguered World War II London as the U.S. ambassador to England.

This will be part 2 told by special guest Steve Shurtleff, an American politician from the state of New Hampshire. He formerly served as Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

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NHTI introduces Workforce Education

NHTI is introducing Workforce Education, a new collaborative educational department to expand the college's efforts in providing essential skillsets and continuing education. The goals include increased opportunities and empowerment for community members looking to expand their career knowledge and learn a new skill.

Previously known as the Business Training Center, the new Workforce Education department has undergone the rebrand to further encourage career and personal exploration with NHTI.

Workforce Education, or "WE," signifies NHTI's commitment as a solutions provider for New Hampshire's employers, employees, and prospective students. The department's tagline, "Together, WE can help you succeed" expresses delivery of new programs



NHTI's commitment to helping to local workforce upskill and evolve with the needs of the community.

In 2023, New Hampshire signified the priority of workforce education by providing \$2 million to fund the

and support for students enrolled in these programs. NHTI recently received seed funding to develop a new education certificate program and expand health programs in medical assisting, licensed nursing assisting, and phlebotomy.

To browse WE's current course offerings, visit us online at NHTI.edu/workforce.

Bach series for January continues

Come join Concord Community Music School music therapist Tony Varga and dance movement therapist Heather Bigelow Hearne on Jan. 11 at 12:10 p.m. for an interactive experience introducing the benefits of expressive arts therapies. Attendees can enjoy an easily digestible menu of therapeutic exploration by singing, playing instruments and moving right from the comfort of their own seats.

All Bach's Lunch events are free and open to the public, thanks in part to the generosity of its sponsor, The Walker Fund. This event is part of our 40th Anniversary Year celebration and will be held in our historic Recital Hall. For additional details, call 603-228-1196 or visit ccmusicschool.org/event/bachslunch-midday-mindfulnessmusic-movement.



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■ Nature In Focus: Images of Flora, Fauna, and Landscapes of New England: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road. (603) 224-9909.

Jan. 11

■ Bach's Lunch: Midday Mindfulness, Music, & Movement: 12:10 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Join CCMS faculty Tony Varga and Heather Bigelow Hearne for a free, interactive experience introducing the benefits of expressive arts therapies. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St. 603-228-1196. ccms@ccmusicschool.org.

■ Fitness & Core- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. Workout focuses on core strength, flexibility, and a total body conditioning. \$55. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@ goodlifenh.org.

■ Kid Crafternoon: Finger Knitting: 3:30 p.m. You bring your hands, we'll bring the yarn. It's time to learn how to finger knit! (Recommended for ages 5-10) Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

■ Monthly Forum: Catalyst Projects for Building Concord's Tax Base: 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. \$35 - \$45. Holiday Inn, 172 N. Main St., Concord. (603) 224-2508. events@concordnhchamber.com.

Jan. 13

■ Hockey Game: 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road.

■ Storytime Stations at the Heights: 9:30 a.m. Enjoy books, crafts, activities, and felt board/manipulatives at your own pace with our self-guided stations. (Recommended for ages 0-9) Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Rd, Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Jan. 15

■ Peace & Justice Conversations: Connecting Across the Racial Divide: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Free. General Admission. Online via Zoom. 603-228-0559. doreen@nhpeaceaction.org.

Jan. 16

■ French Conversation Club: 5 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Low-Impact Kung Fu and Tai Chi: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. \$14 - \$20. \$20 drop-in price. Multi-class bundles available for less. Zenith Martial Arts, 40 Thorndike St., Concord. 603-513-9993. zenithmartialarts@gmail.com.

Jan. 16

■ Shake, Rattle, and Roll: Jan. 16, 9:30 a.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Songweavers Open Sing/Drumming: 9:30 a.m. - 8



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Jan. 17

BEMER Appointments: 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. The effects of a single 15 minute BEMER session can last up to 12 hours. \$10. Call to register at 603-228-6630. \$10. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St. kgagnon@ goodlifenh.org.

Hockey Game: 3:30 p.m. -5:20 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road.

Luncheon: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Come join us for lunch! \$0 for 60+ Suggested donation of \$3) Under 60 is \$6. Cash only. Register by Jan. 10 at 8am. \$0 - \$6. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St. kgagnon@ goodlifenh.org.

Poetry Society of New Hampshire open mic: 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Poetry open mic Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. 603-224-0562. gib-

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■ Web Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Rd. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Jan. 18

Bereavement Group: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join us for a monthly bereavement group facilitated by bereavement counselors

from Bayada Hospice. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L. kgagnon@ goodlifenh.org.

STEAM Team: 3:30 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

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CCMS Student Recital: Jan. 19, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join us January 19, 2024 for a student recital in our historic Recital Hall. Free. Concord Community Music

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Technology One on One: Jan. 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 30 minute 1 on 1 session where participant can ask questions on any device (computer, phone or tablet) \$10. Call 603-228-6630. \$10. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N

State St. kgagnon@ goodlifenh.org.

Jan. 20

Celebrate Youth Mentoring!: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Celebrate Youth Mentoring Month at this free family event with games and activities, snacks, information from past, present and future mentors! Free. City Wide Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road. 603-228-7604. Imiller@

■ Hockey Game: 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road.

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Kids' DIY-U Workshop: My First DIY Toolbox: 10 a.m. p.m. Free. Lowe's Home Improvement, 90 Fort Eddy Road.

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cypn Chloé LaCasse inspires and advocates

Concord Young Professionals Network (CYPN) introduces you to the "Young Professional of the Month," Chloé LaCasse. Each month, the CYPN Steering Committee recommends individual in the community it thinks readers would enjoy getting to know better.

Chloé LaCasse

Where do you live? The southside of Concord.

Where do you currently work? I'm self-employed as a Motivational Speaker at The Making of Self, offering thoughtful, inclusive transgender education and consulting. And I'm a Designer/Carpenter, helping folks realize and accomplish their renovation ideas.

Why do you choose to live in the Greater Concord area? I moved to Concord in the early 2000s because of its central location, and at the time, reasonable rents. I've stayed because of its thoughtful growth and proximity to the State House and Legislature.

Tell us a little bit about your experience in advocacy. In 2016 I came out as transgender, and just happened to fall into the campaign to bring trans nondiscrimination protections to New Hampshire. From 2016-2018 my life changed dramatically, and for the



Chloé LaCasse

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better. I made many new friends and colleagues as we crisscrossed the state educating folks about what being transgender is and isn't. I found myself volunteering for the ACLU and Rights & Democracy and then being hired by the latter. My world expanded tenfold as I learned more about myself and how my life and story intersected with others. I, along with others, shared our collective voices, and in June of 2018 the Governor signed into law trans nondiscrimination.

What is something you would like to see added or brought to Concord? Affordable Housing! We need a lot more of it sooner rather than later. "Market Rate" is no longer affordable to most working-class folks, and everyone deserves access to clean, safe, and affordable housing.

What do you like to do for fun? As I've gotten older, I've become a total foodie. Concord has some great restaurants old and new! Some of my favorite menus are at The Common Man and The Barley House. My favorites hangs are Margaritas and Teatotaller.

Last book you've read? Who Stole the American Dream, by Hedrick Smith (2013).

What is one of your life goals? To be a homeowner.

What organizations are you involved with? I'm lucky to volunteer time as I can to the wonderful folks at Kent Street Coalition, Granite State Progress, 603 Equality, and Manchester True Collaborative. Who would you really like to meet? Alive: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Passed: Novelist James Baldwin.

Tell us a few interesting facts about yourself! 1. I'm ambidextrous. 2. I love synth rock/pop. A Flock of Seagulls — hells yeah! 3. People know me today as an informed, effective communicator able to shift between the thoughtful and off-the-wall silly. But until I came out, I had never once spoken publicly. In fact, I went out of my way to avoid those things. It really goes

to show the beauty of falling in love with yourself. In that moment of self-acceptance, you effectively claim your power and can begin to live authentically. The light you create as a result can and will help others find theirs as well. There is no greater feeling!

Join CYPN on Tuesday, January 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Kyle Brown Performance. Network with friends, and get inspired for a healthy new year! Sign up for all CYPN events at concordnhchamber.com.



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Join the Concord Community Music School for an evening of works by hometown Concord composer William Fletcher on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. logson, Jennifer Paris-Yeaton, and Mosaic En semble. Fletcher's mus pires toward warmth, ness and joy, things he the world always need

A selection of vocal and chamber music will range from his earliest to his most recent pieces. Many of the pieces were written for long-term friends and colleagues, often at their request and with their particular gifts and tastes in mind.

Featured performers are Peggo Horstmann-Hodes, Calvin Herst, Stephanie Ratté Jenkins, Kathy Southworth, Elizabeth GunYeaton, Jennifer Paris-Yeaton, and Mosaic Ensemble. Fletcher's music aspires toward warmth, lightness and joy, things he feels the world always needs more of. This event is part of our 40th Anniversary Year celebration and will be held in our historic Recital Hall.

Tickets are \$20 adults/ \$15 students and seniors. Seating is limited, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended. For additional details, call 603-228-1196 or visit ccmusicschool.org/event/whatcan-the-spirit-believe.



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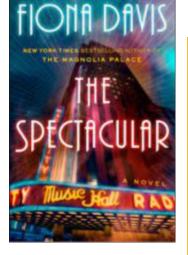
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book of the week

The Spectacular

By Fiona Davis (368 pages, historical fiction, 2023)

If you like historical fiction, the latest offering from Fiona Davis would be a great choice. "The Spectacular" combines a backstage Radio City Music Hall story set in 1950's New York with an unsolved police hunt for a mad bomber and delivers a truly engaging read. The heroine, Marion Brooks, defies the conventions of the day to join the Rockettes and becomes embroiled in solving the identity of the elusive person who has been bombing city landmarks for sixteen years. The appoint. story is packed with historical details, fascinating characters, and a window into the origins of criminal pro-



filing. If you're a fan of dance, romance, history, the Rockettes, or true crime, The Spectacular will not disappoint.

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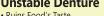
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A message of gratitude as we look toward the New Year

Every year, the Concord Multicultural Festival brings people from all backgrounds together to share and celebrate diverse cultures with food, music, art, and activities. The Festival is a beacon of joy, a favorite of many, and a place where warm memories and meaningful connections are made.

During and after the 2023 Festival, we heard many

times: "This was the best year ever!" - and we agree!

Each year, the Concord Multicultural Festival grows - more vendors, performers, attendees, and volunteers; bigger impacts, and stronger connections. We are lucky to have so many sponsors, supporters, and volunteers – it truly takes a village!

Here are just a few of the impacts and successes we've seen over the years:

Artists who started with us are now listed on the NH Arts Council's Traditional Artist Roster

■ Food vendors have opened restaurants

■ Volunteers have become leaders

Stories of newcomers are told through our partnerships with media, allowing for more understanding and tolerance in the community



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■ Young BIPOC children see positive representation performing and being celebrated on stage

■ New Americans are able to proudly share their heritage

American-born residents are able to celebrate and reconnect with their heritage and culture of their sionate volunteers ancestors

■ Incredible local economic benefits

Thank you, for being part of our village. Whether you are a supporter, participant, volunteer, or attendee you play a key role in our mission and all of these impacts, and we are truly grateful for you.

Help us kick start 2024

As the festival grows in size and scope, so do the expenses. We rely on the support of sponsorships from local businesses and organizations, and donations from generous community members like you. Your support goes directly into the Festival, helping us to create an experience that is not only fun, but meaningful, fulfilling, and safe for all who participate.

Here's how:

■ All of our artists and

performers are compensated

■ New American food vendors are supported; and participation is accessible for everyone

Our BIPOC co-chairs receive stipends, but otherwise, the festival is run by a dedicated team of pas-

■ There are many expenses that aren't as exciting but still important like permits, equipment rentals, and safety measures

If you wish to make a donation, visit secure.givelively.org/donate/graniteunited-way/2024-concordmulticultural-festival

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Sincerely, Jessica Livingston,

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Jan. 11, 2001: Bill Clinton returns to New Hampshire one last time as president. He tells a packed Dover High School gymnasium that he has kept the commitments he made eight years ago in a famous speech at the Dover Elks Club. Then Clinton had promised to work his heart out "until the last dog dies." To thunderous applause today, he says, "The last dog is still barking."

Jan. 11, 2000: Carlton Fisk, who grew up in Charlestown and was a three-sport star at the town's high school, is elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Jan. 11, 1993: A fire forces

Pleasant Street in Concord. Jan. 12, 2002: Hooksett has been growing quickly for decades, but plans now in the works could increase the number of homes there by 49%, the Monitor reports. It's a looming boom that illustrates a regional trend: Growth from metropolitan Boston is

wending farther north into ₽ New Hampshire.

Jan. 12, 1943: State Rep. Norris Cotton leads the charge for a ban on smoking in Representatives Hall during House sessions. The tobacco habit, he says, "is distasteful and obnoxious to the many non-smoking members." He says the House is the only legislative body in the world that allows smoking during deliberations. The bill passes 203-129.

Jan. 13, 1908: Edwin Bedee dies in Plymouth just five days after his 75th birthday. Bedee was in Ford's Theater the night President Lincoln was shot. He rushed into the president's box and held Lincoln's head while a surgeon looked for the wound. It was Bedee, a captain in the 12th New Hampshire Infantry,

who discovered that Lincoln had been shot in the head.

Jan. 13, 1942: Gov. Robert O. Blood announces the rules and regulations for air raid blackouts. The Monitor publishes his message with a shire's capital city. guide to identifying the country of origin of military aircraft.

to the governor's call for Victory gardens and home farming, Concord Mayor Charles McKee says: "Concord citizens can keep pigs and chickens in their backyards if they want to. There is no city ordinance to stop them."

Jan. 13, 1968: Marine Lt. Alfred Russ, 24, of Hancock dies of wounds in Quang Tri Province. He is the 99th serviceman from New Hampshire to die during the

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Jan. 14, 1824: The "other Concord" - in the North Country – officially changes its name to Lisbon, ending confusion with New Hamp-

Jan. 14, 1902: Gen. Simon G. Griffin of Keene dies at 77. Griffin led the 6th New Jan. 13, 1943: Responding Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiment, became a brigadier general in 1864 and, for his leadership in the battles around Petersburg, Va., was promoted to major general. After the war, he became a businessman and served as speaker of the New Hampshire House. Just before his death, Griffin wrote Keene's town history.

> Jan. 15, 1932: It's a January thaw to remember: For the third day in a row, the temperature in Concord

tops 60 degrees.

Jan. 15, 1942: Sherman Adams leads a rescue party on snowshoes to the rescue of a bomber crew after their plane crashed into the side of Mount Jim near North Woodstock. Adams's party brings five of the seven crew members out alive. Two perish. The plane was based at Westover Field in Chicopee, Mass. When it crashed, three bombs exploded.

Jan. 15, 1901: A young chicken farmer in Derry writes to a literary editor: "I send you this selection from the poems I have been writing with a view to a volume some day." The editor publishes one of the poems but not until five years later will she hear again from Robert Frost.



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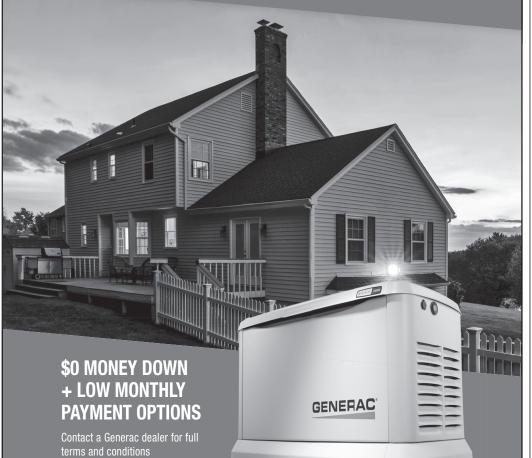




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After being born and raised in Concord, my goal was to give back to the community which had given me so much. 23 years ago this week, I opened the doors to Crossroads Chiropractic with a mission to educate and adjust as many families as possible towards OPTIMAL HEALTH through NATURAL chiropractic care.

I can't imagine a more REWARDING and JOYOUS

journey. From babies with colic, to toddlers with chronic constipation, kids with asthma and adults with debilitating back pain and headaches, I've witnessed what some might call "miracles."

Chiropractic is about removing obstructions to the proper functioning of the nervous system and improving CONNECTIONS. These obstructions are caused by shifts in the bones (vertebra) that make up the spine and these shifts obstruct the nervous system and create a disconnect. Because the nervous system controls and coordinates

ALL functions in the body, obstructing or disconnecting it can have an effect on every function of the body – and it often does.

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I've been honored to dedicate my time, energy and heart to Crossroads and our community. Thank you to our team members, doctors, practice members and local partners that have made these 23 years beyond amazing. Here's to another two decades of happy families creating great health naturally!

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