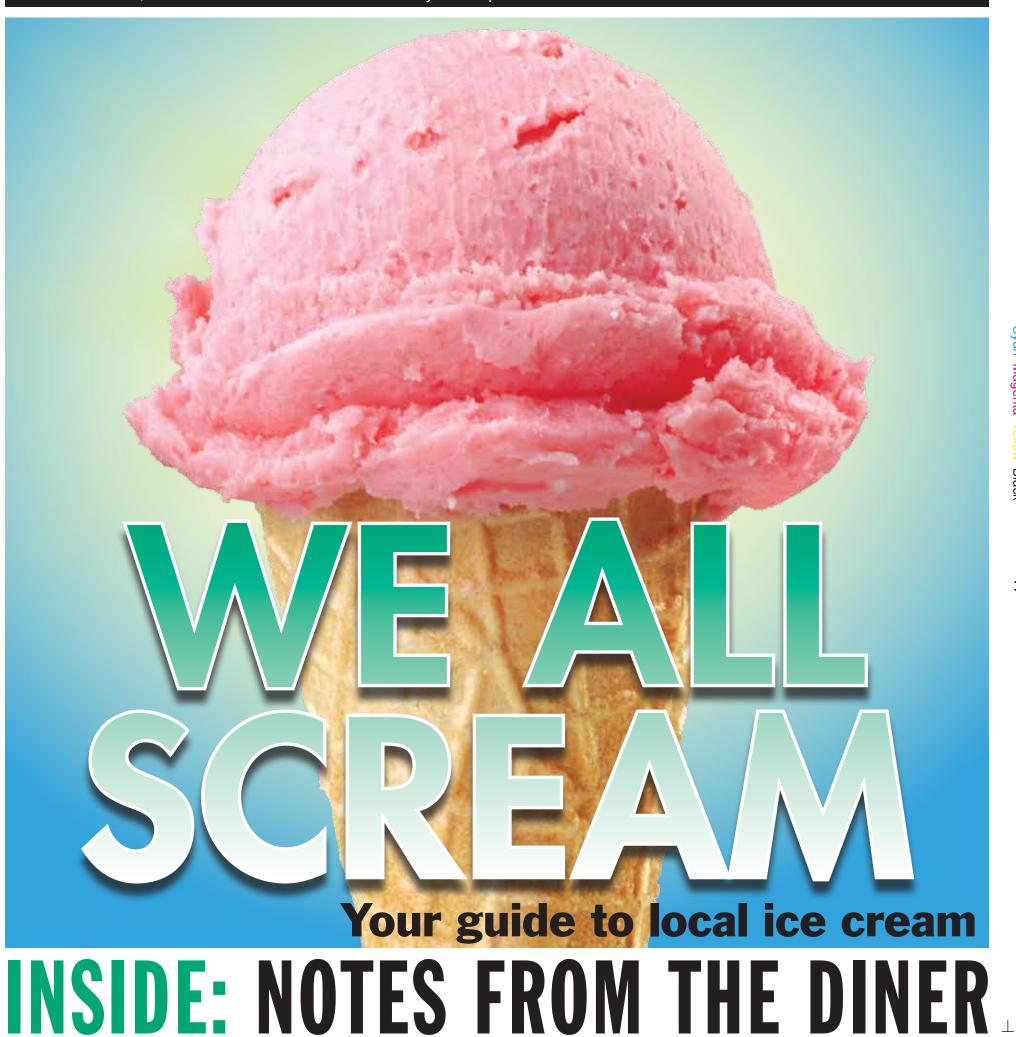
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EVENTS TO CHECK OUT JUNE 30 - JULY 6, 2011, AND BEYOND



Thursday, June 30

Rain can't keep a Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, Tin Man and plucky girl named Dorothy down. Despite a rain cancellation on opening night last week (other weekend shows went on), The Wizard of Oz will be performed Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 21 at Prescott Park, 436-2848, www.prescottpark.org. Get up-to-date information about rain cancellations and venue changes on the Prescott Park Art Festival's Facebook page and Twitter account, @PrescottPark.



Friday, July 1

See two new exhibits at the Robert Licoln Levy Gallery, 136 State St. in Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-4230. "The Best of the Best" is a show featuring works in all media by members of the NH Art Association and is on display through Aug. 26. Works of Lane Williamson are also on display through July. Both exhibits opened this week. A reception will be held today from 5 to 8 p.m.



Friday, July 1

It's the last weekend to catch Only For You, a play about a friendship at a Mexican prison, at the Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St. in Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-8123, www.playersring.org. The show runs today and tomorrow (Saturday, July 2) at 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 3, at 9:30 p.m. The production is part of a summer series of late-night plays by new and experimental playwrights at the Players' Ring.



Saturday, July 2

Ogunquit Playhouse, 10 Main St. in Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-2402, www.ogunquitplayhouse. org, begins its Children's Theatre series with Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, performed today and Sunday, July 3, at 10 a.m.



Tuesday, July 5

Museums of Old York, 207-363-4974, www.oldyork.org, in York, Maine, offer children of various ages programs that provide three hours of fun and learning. Most cost about \$23 and run from 9 a.m. to noon; call or visit the website for details. This week it's "I Spy With My Little Eye" on Tuesday, July 5, and "Games Galore" on Thursday, July 7.

ONGOING



The Seacoast Water Garden Club is taking a week off from its series of garden tours this Sunday, but make plans to catch up with them next Sunday, July 10, at a farmhouse in West Lebanon, Maine. is \$2 per garden and all proceeds benefit The York Center for Wildlife.



Get some **Sea Dogs** baseball at Hadlock Field, This garden features a pond with two waterfalls and 271 Park Ave. in Portland, Maine, 207-879-9500, a member of the United Soccer League's Precolorful water lilies as well as surrounding grass- www.seadogs.com, this weekend when the Dogs mier Development League (PDL) Division, www. es and flowers. The tours are held most Sundays take on the NH Fisher Cats Thursday, June 30 nhphantoms.com, 603-329-9626, which plays at through July 31. Tours go from noon to 4 p.m. Every through Sunday, July 3. Games are at 7 p.m. on Portsmouth High School, 50 Andrew Jarvis Drive Sunday the tours will be held at a different garden. Thursday and Friday, 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sun- in Portsmouth. They'll face off against the Ver-Visit www.seacoastwatergarden.org. Admission day. Regular season games run through Sept. 5. mont Voltage on Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m.



Or cheer on the Seacoast United Phantoms,

Summer Means Ice Cream

By Karen Plumley

It's creamy and dreamy and keeps us cool when it's steamy. Ice cream is one of America's favorite sweet treats, and an open window at the local ice cream stand is a telltale sign that summer is upon us. With countless variations and hundreds of locations, there is bound to be an ice cream flavor somewhere out there that will please even the most discerning of palates.

Why we like ice cream

The taste of ice cream — its sweetness and flavor — is one reason why people love ice cream so much. However, research has shown that the texture of ice cream is also very important. Contributing to ice cream texture is its butterfat content. The FDA regulates that in order to be considered ice cream, a frozen treat needs to contain at least 10 percent butterfat. Super-premium brands such as Ben & Jerry's contain 16 percent butterfat. Sorbet (0 percent), sherbet (1 to 2 percent), soft serve (4 to 6 percent) and gelato (3 to 8 percent) are not ice cream. Our mouths know what to expect with these other delicious treats. However, if a substance claiming to be ice cream has a butterfat content of less than 10 percent, it will have an unexpected and altogether unpleasant, icy texture in the mouth. On the other hand, ice cream with too much butterfat will be equally distasteful, having a greasy and sticky texture, somewhat like a stick of butter.

Big Daddy's

Every ice cream parlor has a history. Take Big Daddy's of Wells, for example. A fixture in the small beach community of Maine for 35 years, Big Daddy's scoops up nearly 100 gallons of homemade ice cream (with 14 percent butterfat) to faithful customers daily in the summer season. Even though they appreciate the business at this time of year, owners Margaret and Dan O'Connell also enjoy the slower, quieter pace of spring and fall.

"I actually prefer the off-season at which time we see more of the locals. During the times it's not busy, we can talk with the customers and enjoy time with them," Margaret said

One local, Alan Friot, is a regular customer and has been since the beginning.

"Some locals come in regularly and get the same flavor or the same item, and when we see them we get the order ready even before they place it," Margaret said. "When Alan comes in, though, he orders different

Big Daddy's

2165 Post Road, Wells, Maine, 207-646-5454 **Hours:** daily in the summer from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. through Columbus Day weekend.

things. But, unlike others who will come in here and there, Alan comes in every day and has done since 1976 when we first opened. And he always gets two ice creams, too."

Big Daddy's opened in 1976 as part of a larger dream to build a combination campground, miniature golf course and ice cream stand. Margaret was 19 at the time when her father, Jack Harmon (a retired pilot from Eastern Airlines), purchased the original 35-acre parcel of land. The ice cream stand and golf course were built first. "Dad named it Big Daddy's because he was always a big man and he had eight children. Big Daddy was kind of his nickname," Margaret said.

Unfortunately, before the campground was developed Harmon passed away. Newly married, Margaret and her husband Dan took over the ice cream stand in 1986 and decided to sell off the rest of the land, miniature golf course included.

"We are proud owners of Big Daddy's and its 2.5 acres, and our plans are to continue the way we have been going for the last 25 years," she said.

New flavors, old favorites

Big Daddy's has 54 flavors to choose from (34 of them homemade). They try new flavors whenever customers request one they don't have. Margaret's husband Dan mixes the new flavors. Recently there have been a lot of request for fruit-flavored ice cream, and Big Daddy's responded with blueberry. They also received many inquiries for coffee Oreo, which is their newest flavor and one of the most popular of the nontraditional ones

"Even so, we still sell more vanilla, chocolate, black raspberry and coffee than any

What is gelato?

Gelato is an Italian ice cream with a rich history that begins with the ancient Romans, who would bring ice from the mountains of Italy and drench it with honey. In 1550, Bernardo Buontalenti of Florence was credited with creating the modern version of gelato. offering his invention to the King of Spain. Gelato is known for its bright colors and fresh, interesting flavors. It is lighter than regular ice cream, with less butterfat and a higher milk content. As a result, the greasy palate left behind by high butterfat in American ice cream is eliminated, allowing the nuance of flavors to be fully realized. It is very dense, weighing almost twice as much per scoop as ice cream, and is also very gratifying. Its texture is softer and richer and it isn't quite as sweet.

Gelato can now be found in many areas in Maine, including Roly's English Fudge at 24 Ocean Ave. in Kennebunkport, 604-0896, www.englishfudge.com. Its gelato is made fresh daily at Gelato Fiasco of Bath/Brunswick exclusively with Maine-produced milk and natural cane sugar.



Photo courtesy Margaret O'Connell of Big Daddy's.

other. People just like these classic flavors," Margaret said.

Big Daddy's also makes homemade ice cream pies, and some of their specialties include their uniquely popular rum raisin ice cream, brownie sundaes and frozen pudding. If customers feel the need to eat something before dessert, they can order a Hebrew National hot dog. In addition to their homemade ice cream, Big Daddy's purchases low-fat choices (such as sherbet and frozen yogurt) and sugar-free ice cream from Richardson's Dairy of Middleton, Mass.

Head north for famous cones

Ben & Bill's lobster ice cream

Ben & Bill's Chocolate Emporium, 66 Main St., Bar Harbor, 288-3281, invented Lobster Ice Cream to demonstrate to shop patrons that their ice cream is 100 percent homemade. Since its debut, Ben & Bill's lobster ice cream has been featured on the Food Network's *Roker on the Road, Road Tested*, and *The Today Show*. The ice cream has a buttery flavor with chunks of cooked Maine lobster meat. According to their website, hundreds of visitors will taste a sample during the peak season, and it can also be ordered online and shipped directly. Pint \$8.95, quart \$10.95, half-gallon \$21.90.

Mount Desert Island's Jack Daniels ice cream and beet ginger sorbet

The ice cream parlor visited by none other than President Obama himself, Mount Desert Island Ice Cream of Bar Harbor makes an award-winning gourmet ice cream in surprising flavor combinations that its owners call "Fearless Flavors." Their many concoctions are listed on their website at www.mdiic.com. Coming soon will be their latest experiment, the chocolate bacon waffle cone. Visit them online. Mount Desert Island Ice Cream is at 325 Main St., Bar Harbor, 460-5515.

More area ice cream parlors

(All are at 207 area code)

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Kittery

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ARTS

Traditional Maine farm is a Berwick theater icon

The Hackmatack Playhouse opens for the summer season

By Craig Robert Brown cbrown@hippopress.com

The 2011 summer season marks the 40th anniversary of the Hackmatack Playhouse in Berwick, Maine. This year the playhouse will open with Ten Nights in a Barroom, the same production that opened the theater's first season. Returning to the production are some of the performers from the play's first run, including owner Michael Guptill, who was a child at the time and has been involved with the theater since.

The property on which the playhouse now stands has been in the Guptill family since the 1600s. It was a functioning New England farm for generations. Each member of the family, to some degree, was involved with the farm process. Currently Guptill sells bison meat and produce at a market in Boston as a main source of income. His son raises the bison on the family property.

The change from traditional farm to local theater brought with it a new reason for summer visitors to stop in the area. About half the summer audience is made up of summer tourists. The other half comprises local patrons who regularly come to support Hackmatack.

A fire destroyed the original family barn in 1934. Another barn was located as a replacement across the street. It was S. Carleton Guptill, Michael Guptill's father, who first envisioned the barn as a playhouse. He

expanded and renovated the space, opening it as a theater in 1972. S. Carleton Guptill died 15 years ago. A memorial fund was established in his name to preserve local historic locations and support the dramatic arts in the area. Keeping the space unique, S. Carleton Guptill left elements of the farm's early life. Beams in the theater still bear the names of cows that were kept in the farm's stalls. The cows, prior to the farm's becoming a theater, were sold as commodity. The entire farm was repurposed to house a stage and rooms for cast and crew.

'We had a pig pen, and that area is now the actors' dressing room," Michael Guptill said. "The slaughterhouse is now the rehearsal house." The scene shop — the space used to create sets — is housed in Michael Guptill's grandfather's finish shop.

A cement floor was added in place of the original barn floor during the playhouse's initial expansion and reconstruction. Even with the changes, there is a rustic, antique feel to the space.

"[We] bought seats from the Franklin movie theater in Durham [New Hampshire]," Michael Guptill said. The theater can currently seat 218 people. During the renovation of the barn, the stage was expanded and several beams in the audience's sight line were removed. Live music is used during performances instead of the pre-recorded instrumental versions from a production

The structure of the playhouse, with the ren-

ovations, offers good acoustics. Productions are often put on without the use of microphones and enable the cast to showcase their vocal abilities. Live band performances, usually at the end of the season, are set up more traditionally.

The playhouse runs as a professional theater, paying actors and summer staff.

For this season the playhouse is bringing back some favorite productions of both the staff and the patrons.

"We put on a mix of shows," Michael Guptill said. "We're kind of old-fashioned."

From June 29 through July 2 the 40th-anniversary production of Ten Nights in a Barroom will run. July 6 to July 23 A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, with music by Stephen Sondheim and written by Larry Gelbart, will be shown. A favorite of the playhouse. Singin' in the Rain will run from July 27 to Aug. 13. The romantic comedy was first put on 20 years ago and the last time it ran was in 1996

"[It's] difficult making it rain inside," Michael Guptill said.

Closing out the season is Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps. The Tony-winning comedic thriller will run Aug. 17 to Sept. 3 and feature four actors playing a variety of characters.

Theater has always interested Michael Guptill. He frequents plays and musical productions often instead of films.

"Live theater is so exciting because the





Past Hackmatack productions. Courtesy photos audience is part of the performance," Guptill said. "That's part of the fun: it can change.

The Hackmatack Playhouse

538 School St. (Route 9), Berwick, Maine, 207-698-1807

Shows: Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday matinee at 2 p.m., through Sept. 3 Tickets & Info: www.hackmatack.org

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• THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE will be performed through July 16 at the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. Show times are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays, at 2 & 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$20-\$35. Visit www seacoastrep.org or call 433-4472.

• SUMMER OF LOVE at Ogunquit Playhouse, through Sat., July 16. Tickets can be purchased at www.ogunguitplayhouse.org or by calling 800-982-2787. Evening show times are Tuesday through Thursday at 8 p.m.: Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday at 7 p.m. Matinees are Wednesday & Thursday at 2:30 p.m.; Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

• IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY The Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater will put on this comedy of mistaken identity and farce Fri., June 24, through Sun., July 10, with a matinee on Wed., June 29. For ticket information and menu options, call 978-388-9444 or go to www.amesburyplayhouse.com. Dinner/showtimes are at noon/1:30 p.m. and 6/7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; 7/8:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and noon/1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

THE WIZARD OF OZ Prescott Park's outdoor summer production will run Thursdays through Sundays, from June 24 through Aug. 21.

Shows start at 7 p.m. on Thursdays & Sundays and 8 p.m. on Fridays & Saturdays. There are two matinee performances: Sat., July 30, at noon and Sun., Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. Call 603-436-2848 or go to www.prescottpark. org. There is no fixed admission but a \$5-to-\$10 suggested donation.

• TEN NIGHTS IN A BARROOM The opening performance for the season by the Hackmatack Playhouse from Wed., June 29, hrough Sat., July 2. at 8 p.m. with matinees on Thurs... June 30, and Sat., July 2, at 2 p.m. To purchase tickets call 207-698-1807 or go to, www.hackmatack.org.

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Mark and Kathleen Frank of Renaissance Glassworks in Nashua are the July artists of the month at Exeter Fine Crafts, 61 Water St., Exeter. The Franks create both tra-

ditional and contemporary stained glass art pieces and have been doing so for three decades. They also restore vintage stained glass pieces. For the past two decades Renaissance Glassworks has operated a full-service stained glass studio in southern New Hampshire. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m. There will be an artist reception on Saturday, July 9, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 778-8282. Work of Mark and Kathleen Frank. Courtesy photo

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• Sanctuary Arts 117 Bolt Hill Road, Eliot, Maine, 207-438-9826,

www.sanctuaryarts.org

• Saco Museum

& the Dyer Library 371 Main St., Saco, Maine, 207-283-3861

dverlibrarvsacomuseum.org Seacoast Artists Association

225 Water St., Exeter, N.H., 778-8856, www.seacoastartist.org

• Sisters We Three

57 Pleasant St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-462-4500. www.sisterswethree.com

Soo Rye Art Gallery 11 Sagamore Rd, Rye, N.H., In the spotlight



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somerbyslandingsculpturepark.org Spirit of Newburyport Studio

36 Liberty St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-465-8855, www.spiritofnewburyport.com

• Stone Soup Artisans 228 Main St., Saco, Maine, 207-283-4715.

www.stonesoupartisans.com

 Strawbery Banke Museum 14 Hancock St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-433-1100,

www.strawberybanke.org • Sweethaven Studio & Gallery 25 Inn St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-465-7656,

www.sweethavenstudio.com • Taylor'z Gallery 1325 1st St., York, Maine, 207-363-0709

• The Three Graces Gallery 105 Market St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-1988,

www.threegracesgallery.com • Valley Artisans Artists Gallery 10 Goboro Road, Epsom, N.H., 603-736-8200

• Walsingham Gallery

47 Merrimac St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-499-4411,

www.thewalsinghamgallery.com • Worldly Goods

37 Congress St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-9311, www.worldlygoodsnh.com

• Valerie's Gallery

26 State St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-499-8444

www.valeriesgalleries.com

• York Art Association U.S. 1 Alternate, York Harbor,

Maine, 207-363-4049, www.yorkartassociation.com

• York Public Library 15 Long Sands Road, York, Maine, 207-363-2818, york.lib.me.us

Art events

PORTLAND FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK free, self-guided tours of local art galleries, art studios, museums and alternative art venues on the first Friday of every month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 1, Aug. 5. Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2.

• THE QUESTION OF DRAWING, an exhibition featuring artists who push the parameters of what is acceptable as drawing, on display at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art from Fri., July 1, through Sun., Aug. 21.

• ART SHOW The Dyer Library will be hosting the York County Senior College's art reception on Thurs., July 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists and admire thir paintings. Call 207-283-3861 or go to www.dyerlibrarysacomuseum.org.

Openings & artists receptions • NANCY MARSHALL PHOTO-GRAPHS at the Stonecrop Gallery, 805 Shore Road, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-361-4215. Exhibit titled "Santee

Light" runs July 4 through Aug. 2.

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• CECILIA MURRAY PASTEL PAINTER at the Heartwood College of Art, 123 York St., Kennebunk, ME. Runs until July 16.

 DOUGLAS GRAZIER works on display at the York Public Library until July 5

• FROM THE GARDEN TO THE KITCHEN, an exhibition celebrating Stonewall Kitchen's 20th anniversary with images of landscape and harvest and featuring works of more than 30 New England artists, at George Marshall Store Gallery in York through Sun July 10

• FROM THE GARDEN TO THE KITCHEN, an exhibition celebrating Stonewall Kitchen's 20th anniversary at the flagship store (a companion to the exhibit at George Marshall Store Gallery) features works using plant materials and reproductions of works by regional artists.

• GARDEN SHOW at Emporium Framing in South Berwick, Maine, throughout the summer.

• GOING GREEN a show featuring the members of Kittery Art Association at the association's gallery, will run through Sun., July 17

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT WATER at StoneCrop Gallery, 805 Shore Road, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-361-4215. Runs through July 2

· HENRY STRATER: The Drawing Tradition, works on display at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art through Mon., Oct. 31.

• JOANNE CAMPBELL watercolors on display at Powderhouse Gallery, 276 York St. in York, Maine, 207-351-2979.

• THE PLASTIC OCEAN works by Susan Schultz on display at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art

through Sun., July 31.
• TRADITION AND EXCEL-LENCE Highlights from the OMAA Permanent Collection, are display through Mon., Oct. 31, at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art.

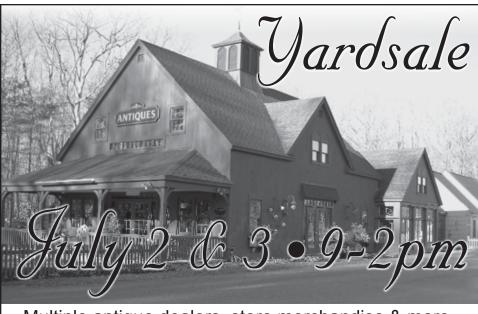
CLASSICAL MUSIC

• THE CHERRY ORCHARD Adapted from Anton Chekov and directed by Howard Davies at the Music Hall through National Theater London HD. Thurs., June 30, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$27.50 (\$15 for ages 18 and younger). See www.themusichall.org or call 603-436-3400

• FELIX HILL ORGAN on Tues. July 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle Street, Portland, Maine, 207-553-4363.

• AMHERST TOWN BAND will perform on Sun., July 17, at 7 p.m. at the York Beach, Maine, bandstand. Visit www.amhersttownband.org

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RESIDE/OUTSIDE

Celebrating community

It's Old Home Week in Kennebunk

By Karen Plumley seacoast@hippopress.com

For the first time in more than a century, Kennebunk will look back on its humble roots and host Old Home Week, kicking off with the Fourth of July fireworks display at Gooch's Beach. Each day of the week thereafter, community members and guests will discover a plethora of activities around town: a chicken barbecue, a 5K road race, a scavenger hunt, a series of free music concerts a lobster bake and a Shakespeare play are just a few of the festivities in the line-up.

"The town of Kennebunk is reviving a century-old family festival, bringing people together in celebration of local artists, crafters. musicians and performers," said Amy Safford, Chair of the Kennebunk Festivals Committee. In the 19th century, Old Home Week began as a New England tradition for towns and villages to invite people who grew up there to come back and visit their old homestead, members of their family, classmates and friends.

According to Kennebunk Town Historian Cathy Ostrander Roberts, Kennebunk held its first Old Home Week in 1907 and although the town only sent out 4,500 invitations, 6,000 guests came to partake in parades, athletics and picnics. Old Home Week 1907 cost \$1,000 and eventually culminated in the dedication of the new library building, which is maintained today as the expanded Kennebunk Free Library. How appropriate then that one of the most popular events of Old Home Week, the Library 5K Road Race, will raise funds for Kennebunk's public library programs.

Schedule of events

The motto of this year's celebration, "Nobody is a stranger at Old Home Week," adds the perfect touch. All those who wish to visit are always welcome in the town of Kennebunk, even during the week of Monday, July 4, through Sunday, July 10 — Old Home Week 2011. Here is just a taste of what's to come.

Monday, July 4

• Fireworks at dusk at Gooch's Beach.

Tuesday, July 5

- · "Windows on the Past" at Brick Store Museum. Art displays exhibiting Kennebunk's history through architecture.
- · Night Market, in vacant lot beside Kennebunk Inn, 5-8 p.m. Check out the open-air market with fresh locally grown produce and handmade unique Maine crafts and artwork for sale. Food carts and live music will create a

unique night market atmosphere. Event is free.

Outdoor movie on the big screen, Lafayette Park, 8:30 p.m. Bring the whole family, along with blankets or chairs, to watch a classic American favorite on the outdoor movie screen, courtesy of Video Creations of Kennebunk.

Wednesday, July 6

- Chicken barbecue at Kennebunk High School, 5-7 p.m., rain or shine, sponsored by Kennebunk Rotary Club, will include a halfchicken, corn on the cob, salad, cornbread and dessert. Drive-thru/take-out service is available. Cost is \$11. Tickets are available at Downing Realty, Marier's Men's Shop, Kennebunk Savings (Portland Road office), Kennebunk Center for Dentistry, Quest Fitness, Kennebunk Water District Office, or from any Kennebunk Rotarian.
- Concerts in the Park, Lafayette Park, 6:30 p.m. Delta Knights will perform blues, R&B, swing and classic rock selections. Delta Knights were winners of the 1996 Portland Road to Memphis Blues Competition. Free.

Thursday, July 7

• Shakespeare in the Park, Lafayette Park, 3-4:30 p.m. A performance of Shakespeare's hilarious first play, The Comedy of Errors, the story of Antipholus of Syracuse and his servant Dromio caught up in a comedy of mistaken identity. Grab a blanket, bring a picnic, throw away any preconceptions and bring the whole family. Free.

Friday, July 8

- Library 5K Road Race, Kennebunk Free Library, 6 p.m. The 5K run/walk will begin on Dane Street. Awards will follow at 7 p.m. on the library lawn. Registration fee is \$25. Onsite race-day registration is from 4 to 5:45 p.m.
- · Cookout and Beer Garden, library lawn, 7 p.m. Free cookout for 5K road race participants. A nominal fee will be charged for those not running/walking. Participate in a 50/50 raffle with a variety of prizes. Bring an ID if purchasing a beer. The Mousam River Rats will perform. Call the library at 985-2173 or visit www.kennebunklibrarv.org.
- · Shakespeare in the Park, Lafayette Park, 3-4:30 p.m. An encore performance (see Thursday, July 7) of Shakespeare's The Com-

Saturday, July 9

• Farmers Market, Grove Street parking lot (next to Village Pharmacy), 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Market will feature fresh local fruits and veg-



flowers, eggs, roving and varn, herbal soaps, maple syrup, fresh/dried herbs, cheeses, potted plants and natural artworks. Learn how to raise chickens. No dogs.

- · Arts and crafts exhibits, vacant lot near Kennebunk Inn, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Local artists and crafters will have unique handmade gifts
- · Live music in Plaza. Performances will include the MAMM Student Rock Ensembles, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; The Mousam River Ramblers, noon-1 p.m.; T-Minus One, 1-2 p.m.; Lauren Hastings & Tim Garrett, 2-3 p.m.; and Chas Lester Trio, 3-4 p.m.
- · Scavenger hunt, Brick Store Museum Program Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. To begin the hunt, participants pick up an entry sheet with vintage images of various downtown Kennebunk buildings. They will write the name of the current-day business/building under each vintage image. Entries with all correct answers will be entered into a drawing for prizes.
- Downtown ribbon-cutting ceremony, Plaza, 10:30 a.m. Brief history of Kennebunk downtown revitalization project and acknowledgement of those who made it possible, with recognition of students whose artwork was selected for downtown banners.
- Family traditions parade, Main Street, 11 a.m. The oldest person in Kennebunk, George Barner (106) will be leading the parade as Grand Marshall. Just like the old days, antique automobiles, handmade floats, horse-drawn carriages, fire wagons, and more can be viewed. Contact Brian Costello at 985-6890 ext. 1335 to join in.
- Petting zoo and pony rides, Parsons Field, noon-3 p.m. Come and pat the friendly baby goats, check out the alligators, and see a threebanded armadillo, tortoises, alpacas and more. Take a ride on the Pony X-press



Photos courtesy of Kennebunk Free Library.

- Antique auto show, Garden Street, noon-3 p.m. A camera is recommended.
- Teen extreme carnival games and food, Parsons Field, noon-3 p.m. There will be a kids' 3/4-mile fun run, a challenging obstacle course, tug-o-war, sack racing, and a hoop race.
- · Old-fashioned lobster bake, Lafayette Park, noon-2 p.m. Includes a 11/4-lb. lobster, drawn butter, coleslaw, corn on the cob, chips, dinner roll and fresh watermelon slices. Also available will be ham, turkey and tuna roll-ups. Beverages and desserts are also included. Enjoy the sounds of reggae band Pressure Points while dining. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the event. Rollup lunch tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the event. Advance tickets available at Kennebunk Ace Hardware or Town Hall Recreation Office (3rd floor) until July 8.
- Pie contest, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2-3 p.m. Pies made by local residents and professional cooks. See whose pie wins the hearts and stomachs of the official judges. Contact Pastor Richard Horner at pastor@kennebunklutheran.org.
- Shakespeare in the Park matinee, 3 p.m. Encore performance of Comedy of Errors.
- Variety show, Town Hall, 7 p.m. Local talent includes dancers, twirlers, gymnasts, family skits and much more. Cost is \$4, free for kids 6 and younger. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks will be for sale during the event. Call Paula Cluff at 985-7354 to enter.
- Street dance, vacant lot beside Kennebunk Inn, 7-11 p.m. Features the sounds of FenderBender, playing classic rock with roots in different styles of blues, jazz, fusion, country, soul and rock & roll.

Sunday, July 10

• KBIA 20th Annual Road Race at Lord's Point, 260 Beach Ave., 9 a.m. (Check-in 7:30 a.m., children's run 8:30 a.m.) Offering a scenic route, the Kennebunk Beach Improvement Association will host its 20th annual 5K road race and 1K children's fun run. Race fee is \$20 for adults before July 7, with free T-shirts for the first 150 registered participants. The children's run is \$15. Register online at www. active com

CHILDREN & TEENS

• American Independence Museum

One Governors Lane, Exeter, N.H., 603-772-2622. www.independencemuseum.org

- The Children's Museum of NH 6 Washington St., Dover, N.H.,
- 603-742-2002, childrens-museum.org
- Portsmouth Public Library

175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-427-1540

www.cityofportsmouth.com/library/ • Sandy Point Discovery Center 89 Depot Rd., Stratham, N.H., 603-778-0015, www.greatbay.org

• Seacoast Science Center 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye, N.H., 603-436-8043 seacoastsciencecenter.org

• Water Country

2300 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, 603-427-1112, watercountry.com • York's Wild Animal Kingdom

Rt. 1, York Beach, Maine, 207-363-4911, www.yorkzoo.com

SUMMER READING ADVEN-TURE Dyer Library in Saco, Maine, will be have Murray Dellow, a native New Zealander, telling stories from his homeland on Fri., July 1, at 11 a.m. A craft will accompany his sto-

ries. Call 207-283-3861 or go to www. dyerlibrarysacomuseum.org.
• SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN

DWARVES Ogunquit Playhouse children's production runs Sat., July 2, at 10 a.m. and noon, and Sun., July 3, at

 MORNING ADVENTURE events at Museums of Old York (207-363-4974. www.oldvork.org) in York. Maine, offer children of various ages

three hours of fun and learning. Most cost about \$23 and run from 9 a.m. to noon; call or visit the website for details. Programs include "I Spy With My Little Eye" on Tues., July 5; "Games Galore" on Thurs., July 7; Paper Plain and Pretty,' on Tues., July 12; "Painting History" on Thurs., July 14; "Alphabet Arts" on Tues., July 19; "Colonial Cooking" on Thurs., July 21; "Sailors of Sea" on Tues., Aug. 2; July 6, at 6:30 p.m. Call 603-778-0015

"Lady's Life" on Thurs., Aug. 4; "First Settlers" on Tues., Aug. 9; "Trapped in Gaol" on Thurs., Aug. 11; "Cow Craze" on Tues., Aug. 16; "Wonders of Weaving" on Thurs., Aug. 18; "On the Home Front" on Tues., Aug. 23; "School Days" on Thurs., Aug. 25.

• NOCTURNAL MAMMALS The Great Bay Discovery Center will discuss live nocturnal mammals on Wed.

cochechoartsfestival.org/schedule. aspx. In case of rain, Children's Series performances may be moved inside to the Dover City Hall Auditorium at 288 Central Ave

- MUSTER DAY! The American Independence Museum will be holding Muster Day for ages 7 to 11 on Sat., July 9, from 10 to 3 p.m., where the children will learn the life of a Revolutionary War soldier, including march and drill, and creating decorations for your uniform. They will then escort General George Washington in the American Independence Festival. Reservations are necessary; \$50 per child. Call 603-772-2622 or go to www.independencemuseum.org.
- MASON'S DAY The Strawbery Banke Museum in Portsmouth, N.H., will be celebrating Masons on Sat., July 9. The event will include scavenger hunts, face painting, magic shows, balloon artists, and a cookout with free food Call 603-668-8744
- HARBOUR TRAIL 5K ROAD RACE & KIDS' FUN RUN on Sat., July 9, at 9 a.m. starting at Little Har-

bour School, 50 Clough Drive in Portsmouth, N.H. See www.pccrrs.org.

MUSEUMS & TOURS

• American Independence

One Governors Lane, Exeter, N.H., 603-772-2622.

- www.independencemuseum.org
 The Brick Store Museum 117 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine, 207-985-4802,
- www.brickstoremuseum.org
- Counting House Museum Main and Liberty streets, South Berwick. Maine.
- 207-384-0000, www.obhs.net • Cushing House Museum and Garden

98 High St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-462-2681, newburyhist.com

 Custom House Maritime Museum

25 Water St., Newburyport, Mass., 978-462-8681, www.thechmm.org

• Discover Portsmouth Center Corner of Middle & Islington streets, Portsmouth, 603-436-8420, www.portsmouthhistory.org

• Fuller Gardens

10 Willow Ave., North Hampton, 603-964-5414, fullergardens.org

• Gundalow Project 60 Marcy St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-433-9505, gundalow.org

• Hamilton House

40 Vaughan's Lane, South Berwick, Maine, 207-384-2454, www.historicnewengland.com

• Historic New England and Governor John Langdon House 143 Pleasant St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-3205.

www.portsmouthhistory.org • The History Center

of Kennebunkport 125-135 North St., Kennebunkport,

Maine, 207-967-2751,

www.kporthistory.org
• Isles of Shoals Steamship

Company Cruises 315 Market St., Portsmouth, N.H., 800-441-4620

Jackson House

76 Northwest St., Portsmouth, N.H. 603-436-3205

www.portsmouthhistory.org

• John Paul Jones House 43 Middle St, Portsmouth, N.H.,

603-436-8420, www.portsmouthhistory.org

 Kittery Historical and Naval Museum

200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine, 207-439-3080.

www.kitterymuseum.com

Moffatt-Ladd House & Gardens 154 Market St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-8821, moffattladd.org

 Museum of Lighthouse History 2190 Post Road, Wells, Maine,

207-646-0245 • Museums of Old York York, Maine, 207-363-4974,

www.oldyork.org Nott House

8 Main St., Kennebunkport, Maine,

Ogunquit Heritage Museum 86 Obeds Lane, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-0296.

www.ogunquitheritagemuseum.org

• Ogunquit Museum of Modern Art

183 Shore Road, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-4909

• Perkins Cove Lobster Tours Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-7413

• Prescott Park

Marcy St., Porstmouth, N.H., www.prescottpark.org

• Portsmouth Athenaeum 9 Market St., Portsmouth, N.H.,

603-431-2538,

www.portsmouthathenaeum.org

- Portsmouth Harbour Trail
- www.pbhtrail.org, 603-431-2768 Portsmouth Historical Society

www.portsmouthhistory.org

• Portsmouth Public Library 175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-427-1540.

cityofportsmouth.com/library/

• Rundlet-May House 364 Middle St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-430-7531

Saco Museum & the Dyer Library

371 Main St., Saco, Maine, 207-283-3861.

www.dyerlibrarysacomuseum.org Sayward-Wheeler House

79 Barrell Lane, York, Maine, 603-436-3205

Seacoast African American **Cultural Center**

135 Daniel St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-430-6027, saacc-nh.org

Seacoast Trolley Museum 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport, Maine, 207-967-

2800, www.trolleymuseum.org Star Island Corp.

30 Middle St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-430-6372, www.starisland.org Strawbery Banke Museum

14 Hancock St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-433-1100, strawberybanke.org USS Albacore

600 Market St. Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-3680, ussalbacore.org • Warner House

43 Middle Road, Portsmouth, N.H., 603-436-5909, warnerhouse.org

Wells Auto Museum Route 1, Wells, Maine. 207-646-9064

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In the spotlight



Celebrate the 4th

Looking for some pendence weekend excitement? Nonantum Resort, 95 Ocean Ave. in Ken-

nebunkport, will feature a lobster bake and buffet dinner at 6 p.m., with a concert at 7:30 and fireworks at 9 p.m. For reservations, call 207-967-4050. The event costs \$60 per person, \$25 for children under 12 and no cost for children under 4. Visit www.

If for you July 4 means fireworks, there are lots of chances to catch them. York Beach will have fireworks on Saturday, July 2, at 9 p.m. (York Harbor) and Sunday, July 3, at 9:30 p.m. (Ellis Park). Also on Sunday, head south to Portsmouth for fireworks at South Mill Pond across from City Hall at 9:15 p.m. And on Monday, July 4, see fireworks on Hampton Beach at 9:30 p.m., Kennebunk Beach at dusk and Ogunquit's main beach at 9:15 p.m.

Or take a cruise to catch the fireworks. The MV Thomas Laighton will take passengers though Portsmouth Harbor and the Piscataqua River to York Harbor on Saturday, July 2, launching from the York Harbor Reading Room. Boarding starts at 6:30 p.m. and the cruise will last from 7:30 to 11 p.m. with DJ RYZ spinning on the main deck. Tickets cost \$26 for top deck and \$16 for general admission. Call Isles of Shoals Steamship Company, 315 Market St. in Portsmouth, at 800-441-4620.

• Wentworth-Gardner/Tobias Lear Houses

50 Mechanic St., Portsmouth, 603-436-4406.

www.wentworthgardnerandlear.org Woodman Institute Museum 182 Central St., Dover,

603-742-1038, woodmaninstitutemuseum.org

Events

FOUNDERS DAY The Seacoast Trolley Museum will be celebrating Independence Day as well as the Museum's birthday on Sat., July 2.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Wheels on your feet

Skating the Seacoast, summer-style

By Bridgette Springer listings@hippopress.com

Rye Airfield (170 Layfayette Road, 964-2800), home to all things skateboarding and just minutes from the coast, is housed in an unassuming yellow hangar-like building tucked at the side of Route 1 in Rye, N.H. A large red and black sign alongside the road is the only indication there is a skate park in the vicinity.

The airfield is a dedicated warehouse for skateboarders and BMX riders to test their skills without interruption on plenty of ramps, rails,, and other devices sure to thrill. The skate park has become a popular spot for tweens and teens in the area, and even parents are familiar with the park as they are perpetually dropping their kids off for skate time, or trying tricks themselves on the floor of the 50,000-square-foot warehouse-like building.

If you are looking for something to do this summer, numerous weeklong camps are being offered and overnight excursions are available for those who really want an in-depth skateboarding experience. From Wednesday July 6, through Friday, July 8, there is a three-day skate/BMX combo day camp for kids ages 6 through 10. Additional camps are offered through Aug. 26. Camps include one-on-one instruction, competition and daily free skate. On Monday, July 4, the park will be closed for the holiday.

Summer hours are effective through Friday,

Sept. 2: Monday through Saturday noon to 8:45 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:45 p.m. The park runs sessions in approximately threehour time slots during these times. Prices are \$12 per session for non-members during the week, and \$14 per session on weekends. The cost for a full-day pass is \$33. Be prepared to fill out a waiver and equipment policy upon arrival at the skate park. Equipment rental is available for out-of-town visitors or those just looking to try out some new equipment. Helmets are \$3, elbow or knee pads are \$3, skateboards, inline skates or BMX bike is just \$10, and a pad and equipment package is \$15.

Deb Shore, mom to an eight-year-old on the Seacoast, has taken her son to the airfield countless times.

"There is a high level of activity and the instructors are very helpful when it comes to lessons," Shore said. "My son just thinks it is terrific and is thrilled with the ramps and rails for skateboards. The fact you can have birthday parties there is a plus too. Overall, I like the fact it's a kid-friendly environment, where they can experiment with skateboarding and mountain biking in a contained environment where they can have fun with their peers.'

Roller skating

If skateboarding isn't for you, there are other options on the Seacoast for those who want to skate, but not necessarily while on the down slope of a concrete ramp. Not very far from Rye is an indoor roller skating rink located next to the Newington mall. Roller Skate New England (29 Fox Run Road, Newington, 431-2267, www.rollerskatenewington.net) is where visitors can enjoy roller skating under colorful strobe lights with music. A game room and a restaurant are on the premises. The summer public skate sessions are on Wednesdays, all ages, from 2 to 4 p.m., cost is \$5, and roller skate rental is free. Inline skates are available for \$1.50 on this day.

On Friday and Saturday nights the rink is open from 8 to 10:30 p.m., for all ages, admission is \$6, roller skates are \$1.50, and inline skate rental is \$3. Private parties are also available; call ahead for reservations.

Summer ice skating

If you are looking to cool off or want to practice some hockey maneuvers while on vacation, try The Rinks at Exeter (40 Industrial Drive, Exeter, 775-7423). Peter Tufts, facilities manager, said the rink has regular hours this summer and plenty of activities taking place.

"We have so many options," Tuft said. "They include summer camps and clinics, public skating, stick practice, hockey leagues, figure skating, and parties." In fact the rink is so busy it is best to visit the website at www. therinksatexeter.com for an accurate calendar of events and open skate time. The price for ice skating is \$6 and \$3 for rentals. If you are new to ice skating, there are push carts



that resemble a small net without the mesh to push around the rink while you get your bearings.

If the ice is giving you a chill, the outdoor batting cages are open at the same time as the rink during daylight hours. Cost is \$15 per half hour, \$10 for each additional lane, and \$1.25 for 15 balls. Dining is available at the Power Play Café, which is a full-service restaurant, and there is a hockey pro shop on site as well. For further entertainment, try the Elite Sports workout facility.

Many trolleys will be taken out for per person. \$2 per child. exhibit. Call 207-967-2712 or go to www.trolleymuseum.org.

AN AMERICAN CELEBRA-TION Strawbery Banke Museum will July celebration, complete with wagon parade, kite flying, garden crafts, live music, basket weaving and more. Tickets \$15. Event will go from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mon., July 4. Call 603-433-1100 or go to www.strawberybanke.org.

Exhibits

- CITY OF THE OPEN DOOR: HARRY S. HARLOW The Discover Portsmouth Center will be hosting an exhibit of 52 panels featuring the doorways to significant Portsmouth properties. The exhibit is ongoing. Call 603-436-8420
- · CLARISSA The Custom House Maritime Museum in Newburyport is hosting an exhibition from through June 30 of Clarissa, a woman who served during WWII in the SPARs. Call 978-462-8681 or go to www.customhousemaritimemuseum.org
- COUNTING HOUSE MUSEUM in South Berwick, Maine, offers a perspective on life along the seacoast. It is open July through September, Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free Call 207-384-0000
- DOUBLE EXPOSURE: Historic and Contemporary Images of the museum.org.

 Wentworth-Gardner House, is on dis
 • JACK LEVINE The Ogunquit play through July 31 at 50 Mechanic Portsmouth, N.H., featuring the photography by Wallace Nutting, work from the MMA, and local

- FIRE ON THE WATER: Portsmouth's Kearsarge Sinks the Deadly Confederate Raider Alabama, is on display at the Portsmouth Athenaeum be hosting an old-fashioned Fourth of in Portsmouth through Sat., Sept. 17. Call 603-431-2538 or go to www. portsmouthathenaeum.org.
 - "FITZ JOHN PORTER: Civil War Hero or Coward?," an exhibit about the Civil War soldier born in Portsmouth, is on display through Mon., Oct. 31, at the Strawbery Banke Museum in the Rolland Gallery. The exhibit includes a music and lecture series, a daily walking tour and more.
 - GOVERNOR JOHN LANGDON HOUSE in Portsmouth, N.H., is a national historic landmark featuring a Georgian mansion where John Langdon resided. Open Friday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6. Call 603-436-3205.
 - HAMILTON HOUSE in South Berwick, Maine, is a national historic landmark overlooking the Salmon Falls River. Open Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 Call 207-384-2454
 - IMPRESSIONS OF A WORLD TRAVELER The Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk opened an exhibit of Edith C. Barry. The exhibition will include photographs, souvenirs, costumes, and written word. Call 207-985-4802 or go to www.brickstore-
 - Museum of American Art will be having the Jack Levine exhibit from Aug. 4 to Oct. 31. Call 207-646-4909.
- · JACKSON HOUSE Located in photographers Geneve Hoffman and Portsmouth, N.H., the Jackson House is Philip Case Cohen. Admission is \$5 the oldest surviving wood frame house

In the spotlight



History at the movies

Get a history lesson at the movies this weekend. The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St. in Portsmouth, 603-436-2400, www. themusichall.org, screening The Conspirator (PG-13, 2011) on

Friday, July 1, and Saturday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. The movie tells the story of the trial of Mary Surratt and others accused of participating in the assassination of President Lincoln. It's a solid courtroom drama that feels like Law & Order: Civil War. Then on Sunday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m., even earlier history is on the schedule with Cave of Forgotten Dreams (NR, 2011). This Werner Herzog documentary looks at cave paintings in France that are tens of thousands of years old and thought to be some of the earliest human artwork

October on the first Saturday of the month. Tours 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. Admission \$5. Call 603-436-3205.

- JOHN PAUL JONES HOUSE Located in Portsmouth, N.H., the John Paul Jones House features artifacts from the Portsmouth Peace Treaty of 1905 and from John Paul Jones, an American Naval Hero. Open 7 days a week 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6. Call 603-436-8420.
- · KENNEBUNKPORT HISTORY CENTER Located in Kennebunkport, Maine, the history center is comprised of five buildings featuring artifacts, memorabilia and presentations

in N.H. and Maine. Open June through of the events that shaped the town. Open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 207-967-2751

- KÎTTERY HISTORICAL AND NAVAL MUSEUM Located in Kittery, Maine, the museum features ship models, guns, shipyard and submarine memorabilia, and lighthouse artifacts. Open June to October 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 207-439-3080.
- THE LINEAGE OF EXPRES-SIONISM The Ogunquit Museum of American Art will be having the Aronson to Aronson: The Lineage of Expressionism" exhibit from Aug. 27 to Oct. 31. The exhibit features art from

In the spotlight



From family fun to outdoor adventure

Do you have a summer event on the horizon? Let us know about it. Send all the information, as well as a way to contact you, to seacoast@hippopress.com.

- MARITIME PORTSMOUTH The Discover Portsmouth Center will be hosting an exhibition through Aug. 31. The exhibit will feature a collection of 200 paintings and artifacts. Call 603-436-8420.
- MODEL SHIP EXHIBITION The Custom House Maritime Museum is hosting an exhibition through Aug. 28 The exhibition will feature a clipper and merchant ship models. Call 978-462-8681 or go to www.custom-
- housemaritimemuseum.org • MOFFATT-LADD HOUSE & GARDENS Located in Portsmouth. N.H., the Moffatt-Ladd House is a national historic landmark. The house is furnished as it was in 1763. Tours go for an hour and are held Mon through Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. House and garden Tours are \$6. Call 603-436-8221 or go to www.
- moffattladd.org.
 MUSEUM OF LIGHTHOUSE HISTORY Located in Rockland, Maine, the Museum of Lighthouse David Aronson and his son. Call 207- History is the largest lighthouse muse-

um in the U.S. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Sunday. Admission is \$5. Call 207-594-3301 or go to www. lighthousefoundation.org.

THE NOTT HOUSE Located in Kennebunkport, Maine, the Nott House is open for tours Thursday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Call 207-

THE QUESTION OF DRAW-ING exhibit will be at the Ogunquit

Museum of American Art from July 1 to August 21. The exhibit features artists who push the parameters of what is acceptable as a drawing. Call 207-

- RUNDLET-MAY HOUSE Located in Portsmouth, N.H., the Rundlet-May House is open for tours on the first and third Saturdays through Oct. 15. The tours run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is \$6. Call 603-436-3205.
- SAYWARD-WHEELER HOUSE Located in York Harbor, Maine, The

Kiddie Pool

Family events for this weekend

Independence Day fun

Visitors and locals alike will have plenty of opportunities to see the bombs bursting in air this weekend. The following are some locations that will be holding Independence Day fireworks celebrations:

- · Kennebunk, Monday, July 4, at dusk at Kennebunk/Gooch's Beach.
- · York Beach, Sunday, July 3, 9-10 p.m. at Short Sands Beach. Rain date is July 4.
- Ogunquit, Monday, July 4, at 9:15 p.m. at Main Beach. Also, DJ Jaz will spin tunes from 7 to 9:10 p.m.
- Sanford, Sunday, July 3, at 9 p.m. at the pond by Riverside and Emery Roads. Rain date is July 5.

Family shopping

• The Gateway Farmers' Market (at York Chamber of Commerce, 1 Stonewall Lane, York) is a place where families will find a huge selection of local fresh produce and artisans' wares. Sponsored by Stonewall Kitchen, the market boasts homemade cupcakes, woodworks and even doggie treats. It's open on Saturday, July 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is free.

see a show

• It's Snow White's wedding day at the Ogunquit Playhouse (Route 1, Ogunquit, 207-646-5511, www. ogunquitplayhouse.org). A unique spin on the classic tale Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will be presented on Saturday, July 2, 10-11 a.m. or noon, and Sunday, July 3, 10-11 a.m., in the children's theater. Snow White's seven eccentric friends recount the story of meeting the princess-tobe. This family-friendly tale features familiar characters including the Evil Queen

Sayward-Wheeler House is a historic

house full of eighteenth-century rel-

ics. Visiting hours are the second and

fourth Saturdays from June 1 to Octo-

admission is \$5. Call 207-384-2454.

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and Magic Mirror plus some new faces. All tickets are \$10. Call the box office or Ticketmaster at 800-982-2787 or visit the website.

· Join friends at the York Public Library (15 Long Sands Road, York, 207-363-2818, www.york.lib.me.us) for a movie during the Summer Film Series. On Sunday, July 3, at 7 p.m., the Oscar-nominated animated film The Illusionist will be showing. This movie tells the story of an aging magician who takes his outdated stage act from Paris to Scotland, where his kindness inspires a naive young maiden to tag along with him in a coming-of-age story for both characters. The movie is in French with subtitles, so audience members must be old enough to read. Rated PG for thematic elements and smoking. 80 minutes. Cost is free.

Art in motion

- Families might enjoy checking out the Skateboard Art Show on Saturday, July 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at River Tree Arts (35 Western Ave., Kennebunk, 207-967-9120. www.rivertreearts.org). See how 50 local accomplished artists have transformed blank skateboard decks into thrilling works of art. There is something for art and skateboard enthusiasts of all ages. The skateboards will be auctioned off at the event, and all proceeds will go toward building a new concrete skate park in Kennebunk
- Peruse the 36th Annual Craft Fair hosted by The School Around Us (281 Log Cabin Road, Arundel, 207-967-3143, info@ schoolaroundus.org, www. schoolaroundus.org) on Saturday, July 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On display will be the talents of many local and talented craftspeople

and artists, as well as live music and wholesome, natural foods in the food tent. The fair, which is a fundraiser for the holistic K-8 school, is being held on the Village Green on Ocean Ave., Kennebunkport. Rain date is Sunday, July 3. Call the school to learn more.

Indoor fun

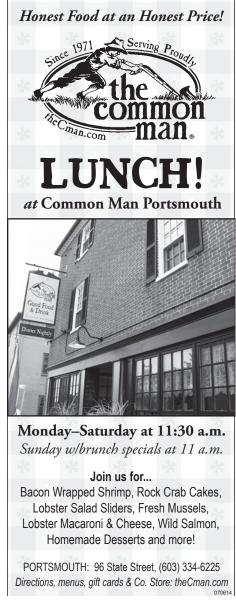
- · Keep reading with little ones during the summer months. Attend the preschool story hour at York Public Library (15 Long Sands Road, York, 207-363-2818, www.york.lib.me.us) on Friday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m. Join library staff for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts appropriate for children ages 3 to 5. Free.
- Families can check out the Seashore Trolley Museum, 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport, and see a collection of more than 250 transit vehicles. Founded in 1939, the museum is the oldest and largest electric railway museum in the world. Cost is \$8 per adult, \$6 for seniors, \$5.50 for children 6-16, free for kids 5 and younger. Call 207-967-2712.
- Enjoy some educational family fun at the Museums of Old York (Visitor Center, 3 Lindsay Road), York. The Early Settlement exhibit at the Visitor Center at Remick Barn has a wealth of items on display dating as far back as the early 1600s. Kids can eniov an interactive archaeological dig, "What is this?" object puzzlers, and a dressup costume area, while grown-ups learn about trade, religion and warfare in York & southern Maine during the settlement years of 1631 to 1745. Open on Friday & Saturday, July 1 & 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Sundays. Visit www.oldyork.org for rates and information.

presented throughout the summer on subjects ranging from yoga to natural history. Call 603-430-6272 or go to starisland.org.

- ber 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and USS ALBACORE Located in Portsmouth, N.H., the USS Albacore is a his-• STAR ISLAND CORP. Located torical vessel worth visiting. The park is in Portsmouth, the Star Island is the open from 9:30 to 5 every day from Memorial Day to Coloumbus Day and that make up the Isles of Shoals. Star the Admission is \$5. Call 603-436-3680 Island Corp. provides retreats from or go to ussalbacore.org
- June to September. Conferences are WARNER HOUSE Located in

Portsmouth, the Warner House is the earliest extant brick urban mansion in New England. The museum hours are Wednesday through Monday from noon to 4 p.m. and the admissions price is \$5. Call 603-436-5909 or go to www.warnerhouse.org.

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- WENTWORTH-COOLIDGE MANSION Located in Portsmouth, N.H., the Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion includes an art gallery, historical interpretations, picnics, guided tours, and scenic views. The mansion is open June 20 through September 1st and the Arts Gallery is open through Sept. 28. Call 603-436-6607 for more information
- WENTWORTH-GARDNER AND TOBIA LEAR HOUSES Located in Portsmouth's historic South End, the houses are historical monuments full of architecture and art and are open through Oct.16, Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call 603-436-4406 or go to www.wentworthgardnerandlear.org.
- WOODMAN INSTITUTE MUSEUM Located in Dover, N.H., the museum features natural, local, and art history, including a 10-ft. polar bear and dinosaur bones. The museum is open Wednesday to Sunday 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., April to November. Admission is \$6. Call 603-742-1038 or go to www.woodmaninstiutuemuseum.org.

NATURE & RECREATION Amusement parks

- WATER COUNTRY 2300 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH, 603-427-1111, www.watercountry.com. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through June 30; then 10 a.m. through 6:30 p.m., July 1 through Aug. 14; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 15 through Aug. 28, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29 through Sept. 5
- YORK'S WILD KINGDOM is a family-oriented zoo and amusement park in York, Maine, that has 75 animal exhibits, 18 rides for all ages, and five food and ice cream stands. The animals vary from the African Lion to the Patas Monkey, and the site includes mini golf and a haunted house. Call 207-363-4911 or go to www.yorkzoo.com

Campgrounds

- DIXON'S COASTAL MAINE CAMPGROUND on U.S. Route 1, Cape Neddick, Maine, 207-363www.dixonscamprground. com., is open through Sept. 17
- SHEL-AL CAMPGROUND 115 Lafayette Road, Route 1, North Hampton, N.H., 603-964-5730, www.shel-al.com, is open through Sept. 15.

Fairs & festivals

- GREEK HERITAGE FESTI-VAL on Fri., July 8, through Sun., July 10. at St. Demetrios Orthodox Church, Saco, Maine, 207-282-1567. Come to the weekend long festival celebrating homemade Greek food, pastries, music and dancing, church tours, bookstore, crafts and many activities for children. Live Greek band on Friday and Saturday evening.
- PAWLOOZA on Sat., July 16, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Long Hill Memorial Park in Dover, N.H. Event will include 10-minute readings for \$15, pet-related vendors, face painting, treats and more. Reserve your spot by e-mailing sbeagen@gmail.com or stop by on the day of the event.
- AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL Sat., July 16, in Exeter. Washington down Water Street or 0508. dancing to the music of the Lincoln Fife and Drum. Admission is \$7. Call 772-2622 or go to www.inde-

<u>In the spotlight</u>



Lace up your sneakers

Celebrate July Fourth with a road race. The Goose Rocks Beach Association is holding its 5K on Monday, July 4, at 9 a.m. in Kennebunkport, Maine. Entry fee is \$25. See www.

grba.info. Or head to the the Four on the Fourth road race in York at 8 a.m.; see www.yorkmaine.org. Or head up to Freeport for the L.L. Bean Fourth of July 10K at 7:30 a.m. See www.llbeanroadrace.com.

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Fishing/sailing

- AL GAURON DEEP SEA **FISHING** State Pier at the Bride, Hampton Beach, 603-926-2469, www.algauron.com, offering fishing trips, whale watching, fireworks cruise, pirate cruises, night fishing
- THE BUNNY CLARK, leaving the town dock at Perkins Cove, Ogunquit, Maine, 207-646-2214, offers deep sea fishing.
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- NINTH WAVE SAILING CHARTERS sailing from the west end of Newburyport, Mass., boardwalk. Call 866-984-9283 or see www.9thwave.net.
- SEACOAST SAILING leaving from Wentworth by the Sea marina in Newcastle, N.H., to locations along the New England coastline including Isles of Shoals, York Nubble Lighthouse, Portsmouth Harbor and the Piscataqua River. See seacoastsailing.com.
- SMITH & GILMORE DEEP SEA FISHING State Pier in Hampton Beach, 603-926-3503, offers deep sea fishing charters.

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Kavaking/canoeing

- HARBOR ADVENUTRES York Harbor, Maine, 207-363www.harboradvventures. com, offers sea kayak and bike tours along the southern coast of Maine and the coast of N.H.
- PORTSMOUTH HARBOR CRUSIES Ceres Street Dock, 64 Ceres St., Portsmouth, 603-436-8084, www.portsmouthharbor.com, offers cruises of the harbor, Isles of Shoals and the inland river with discussion of local nature and history.
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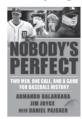
• RYE AIRFIELD off Route 1, Rye, NH, 603-964-2800, www. ryeairfield.com, indoor skatepark and BMX track. Summer hours through Sept. 2: Monday through Saturday, noon through 8:45 p.m.; Sunday, noon through 5:45 p.m.

Starting lineup

Books to read between baseball games

By Lisa Parsons lparsons@hippopress.com

We're in the thick of baseball season, which means a new class of baseball books. Between games, or when the game is just too painful to watch, get up to date with these.



Nobody's Perfect: Two Men, One Call, and a Game for Baseball History, by Armando Galarraga and Jim Joyce with Daniel Paisner, Atlantic Monthly Press, 2011. June 2, 2010, Comerica Park, Detroit. Armando Galarraga

pitched a perfect game except for one bad call by umpire Jim Joyce in the ninth inning. The umpire screwed up — he admits as much but what's done is done, and the baseball commissioner refuses to overturn the call. In this book, Galarraga and Joyce present themselves through their reflections on that game and their careers. Read the first chapter, in which Galarraga recounts the big play, and you'll be hooked, not so much by the play as by his voice and the grace, humility and simplicity with which he tells the story. In alternating chapters we hear pitcher and umpire recount how they experienced that game and how their careers led them to it. What makes the book so perfect and poetic is the way the two men's voices come through — and the subtle parallels between their lives. The game, the moment, the fateful play were somehow poetic and the book reflects that perfectly. It is a good book, and not only for serious baseball fans (although if you know zero baseball, you might get frustrated). It's a

story of two young men trying to climb their respective career ladders and making it. As the players in a news story in 2010, they were two characters: Pitcher and Umpire. Here they are two real guys, ordinary guys, each with a mom and a dad and a wife and a job and daily stuff going on that happens to include this baseball game. "Nobody's Perfect" is a great title for a great story well told.



Scorecasting: The Hidden Influences behind how Sports are Played and Games are Won, by Tobias J. Moskowitz and L. Jon Wertheim, Crown Archetype, 2011, 288 pages, concerns many sports — golf,

football, etc. As for baseball, this is where you go to learn things like: the strike zone on three-ball counts is 92 percent larger than on two-strike counts. These guys have used computer number-crunching to churn out tons of facts like this from major-league sports data, of which there is a great deal available. What it all means, if anything? It's for you to discuss over drinks and burgers while you ignore a game. Especially what it will mean if there are conflicting influences, like that the pitcher is likely to do X because it's 3-2 and he's losing but he's likely to do the opposite of X because the batter is left-handed. It's cool to know how umpires' judgments and players' choices can be influenced, but the details are a bit much. Fun information for so-inclined fans but probably crazy-making for players, though I suppose they might find validation of some hunches

— Lisa Parsons

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Author events

• MEG MITCHELL MOORE will read from her novel The Arrivals, about an extended family in Vermont, on Thurs. June 30, at 7 p.m. at RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth, N.H.

JENIFER LECLAIR signs her books from the Windjammer series, The Danger Sector and Rigged for Murder, on Sun., July

10, at 1 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in

Lectures and discussions

• HEAD, HEART AND BONES: THE INNER JOURNEY OF CAREGIVING presented by Holly Whiteside (author of The Caregiver's Compass and her memoir Exploring Hell and Other Warm Places) and Jennifer Allen (author of the memoir Bone Knowing), as part 3 in their Mindful Caregiving series, on July 7 at 6 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Exeter, 12 Elm St., Exeter, N.H., hosted by Water Street Bookstore

• AFRICAN AMERICAN SUB-MARINERS lecture focusing on the U.S. Navy, 1940 to 1975, on July 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Seacoast African American Cultural Center at the Discover Portsmouth Center, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-430-6027, http://saacc-nh.org.

Poetry

• OPEN-MIKE POETRY on Wed., July 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore in Exeter, N.H.

Other

• SAACC BOOK CLUB meets on certain Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Seacoast African American Cultural Center at the Discover Portsmouth Center, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth. July 5: discussing The Street by Ann Petry. See http://saacc-nh.org.

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FOOD

Local food stand becomes nationally known

The Maine Diner serves award-winning food

By Craig Robert Brown cbrown@hippopress.com

The Maine Diner in Wells started with one garden and a store front that was open only in the off-season. Hard to believe, given that the current diner can turn over 120 meals an hour with just 90 seats in the summer.

The first incarnation of the diner was established by Louie Socrates, an Albanian immigrant who ran a diner in Boston before moving to Maine. Socrates bought a large property on Route 1. It was here he began cultivating a garden, selling the produce from a stand located on the property. Socrates took a garden-to-table approach, a practice that is now finding a resurgence in popularity. As business grew, the stand became a diner. Socrates' diner never served breakfast; lunch ran between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., with dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. The diner operated with one waitress by the name of Milly.

As boys, Bruce, Dick and Myles Henry would visit their grandmother in Wells. Originally from Nashua, N.H., the brothers grew familiar with the Maine seacoast and the food that influenced their grandmother's cooking.

In the 1980s, the brothers returned to the area to seek out an investment opportunity in the shabby remains of Socrates' property. Left to his sisters after he passed away, Socrates' diner was in need of extensive repair and updating. Without any money, the brothers brought in nine investors to get their own diner running. The brothers Henry moved into Socrates' former home, maintaining and repairing the structure, the garden and the diner. They lived cheaply. As the diner was readied to open, vendors came by offering the brothers samples of food in hopes that if the diner were a success, the vendors' food would be used. This was often how the brothers ate in the early years.

"You don't become millionaires; you make a living," Dick Henry said.

It took an estimated 12 years for the diner to break the million-dollar mark. As time passed, that window grew smaller. The diner reached its second million in four years and its third million in three.

"My father said, 'You keep it clean, reasonable prices, home cooking; you'll be successful," Henry said. And it has remained that way for 28 years.

The diner now is a booming business. Unlike the diner of the past, the Maine Diner of today is open during the summer and has regular summer visitors from New York and Canada. It serves home-cooked meals using recipes that belonged to Henry's mother and grandmother. Produce used for meals is brought in from the Henrys' garden, located on the property just as Socrates' had been — though Dick Henry said with a high demand for the diner's food, produce is often brought in from an outside vendor. The Socrates house, where all three brothers lived during the genesis of the diner, is now the gift shop selling various items with the company logo.

When the diner opened in 1983, its menu offered just four dinners. Currently the menu offers a wide variety including baked or fried haddock (fresh haddock with homemade seasoned breadcrumbs, \$17.95), baked stuffed haddock (stuffed with the diner's own "Maine crabmeat" stuffing, \$18.95), and fried selections such as fried clam strips (\$11.95) and fried Gulf shrimp (\$13.95). The favorite dinner option, enjoyed by returning locals, summer visitors and former president George H.W. Bush, is the lobster pie (from a family recipe, chunks of lobster meat mixed with stuffing and then baked in a casserole dish, market price).

Seafood is what customers come for, but the diner also offers traditional comfort foods. Choices include a vegetable lasagna (zucchini, eggplant, tomato, onion, spinach with ricotta, parmesan and cheddar cheese, \$12.95), homemade macaroni and cheese (choice of grilled kielbasa or hamburger patty, \$9.95), hot turkey or roast beef sandwich (served open-face with potato or vegetable, \$9.95) and homemade chili (in a French Boule and topped with cheddar cheese, \$7.50). All meals are served with a homemade corn muffin.

The Maine Diner is home to, as Henry says, the original daily special. Mondays are meatloaf madness (\$9.95), Tuesday choices include chicken ala king and shepherd's pie (both



Maine Diner. Craig Robert Brown photo.

\$8.95), Wednesday has beef stew with salad (\$8.95) and baked lasagna with salad (\$10.95), Thursday serves a New England boiled dinner (\$11.95), and on Fridays three seafood options are available: escalloped seafood casserole (\$13.95), lobster stew (cup or bowl, market price) and salmon pie (\$9.95). For the weekend: Saturday is white flannel hash (\$2.95) and a Yankee pot roast (\$10.95) and Sunday is a traditional roast-pork dinner (\$10.95).

Unlike Socrates' original diner, the Maine Diner now serves breakfast all day and is open year-round.

With business at a high — the parking lot was expanded three times — there are daily difficulties. On one occasion this year, "In three hours, the pie case went, the A/C compressor went, and there was a dish sink leak," Henry said. In 2010 the Maine Diner and the Henry family suffered a greater loss when Myles Henry passed away.

Dick Henry said this year will be different for him without his brother. "Bruce left after two or three years," he said. After Bruce left, both Myles and Dick worked side by side, sometimes for 30 days straight with someone at the door and register, the other working in the kitchen.

"I'll miss my brother," Henry said.

Owning his own restaurant was Myles Henry's goal. Before going into business with his brothers he worked at the Red Lobster. Myles Henry is the creator of the Maine Diner's award-winning seafood chowder.

Despite setbacks, and losses, the diner isn't slowing down. Long lines form at noon for lunch time rushes and can last well into dinner. The diner has garnered national media attention on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives* hosted by Guy Fieri and the *Today* show. In 2011 it was named Yankee Magazine's Best of New England: Readers' Choice.

The Maine Diner

Where: 2265 Post Road, Route One Wells, Maine, 207-646-4441

Directions: Interstate 95 North, Exit 19 (formerly Exit 2); I-95 South, Exit 25 (formerly Exit 3)

Menu & Info: www.mainediner.com

Pouring soda in NH

Squamscot plant is state's last indie bottler

By Angel Roy aroy@hippopress.com

You might imagine that a soda bottling plant would stand out like a sore thumb among the old white-sided houses lining Exeter Road in the small town of Newfields, but it is easy to miss the turn into Conner Bottling Works.

Squamscot Old Fashioned Beverages are made and bottled at an old two-story gray and white barn tucked behind one of those large farmhouses. A small white sign sprouts from the ground at the start of the driveway to greet visitors. This is where the plant has been in operation since it was opened in 1863

by William Conner, great-great-grandfather of current operations manager Dan Conner. The plant is owned by Conner's father, Tom, who purchased the family business from his father, Alfred Conner Jr., in 1979. Conner officially joined the family business in 1997.

"As fate would have it, I was supposed to be here," he said.

William Conner first opened a plant to bottle beer made by a brewery in Plymouth. The first soda made by William Conner was called "Spruce Beer," Conner said, noting that he has no idea what the unique-named beverage tasted like. He is working with a company to develop a flavor so that he can market Spruce Beer as the company's special

anniversary beverage; the bottling company will celebrate its 150th anniversary next year.

During Prohibition, Conner said, the plant focused on bottling soda only.

Conner's great-grandfather Alfred Conner Sr., who took over the family business, first produced Connermade orange soda in the early 1900s. In 1926 the company also bottled from Pepsico. The name of the small-town-made soda was changed to Squamscot in the 1930s, as many places in the area were also starting to bear the same name. "I don't know the significance of Squamscot to the area," Conner said, adding that the agreement with Pepsi was eventually dissolved.

"So what could have been, we don't know," he said.

Conner said there were 45 independent bottlers in New Hampshire during the heyday when Coca-Cola and Pepsi were smaller entities. Conner Bottling Works remains the last independent bottler in the state.

"We managed to hang on," Conner said.

In addition to the ever-expanding line of soda flavors, the bottling plant has kept up with the times by switching to a thinner glass bottle in 1996, when recycling began to take off. The plant used to put soda in returnable glass bottles that were refilled for customers.

The soda is based on a sugar water that is

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Soda bottles being filled at Conner Bottling Works in Newfields. Angel Roy photo.

pumped up to the second floor of the plant, where flavors are added. The plant does not make its own flavoring syrups but instead orders them from five flavor houses - some that have been with the company since it was owned by Conner's grandfather — to ensure a consistent product. It also allows Conner to note ingredients for food allergy awareness and to use a tracking system to recall his products if need be. Citric acid is added to each soda as a preservative.

One thing that has not changed about the plant is its equipment. Soda is still bottled using a pressure filler machine purchased by Conner's great-grandfather in 1938 that bottles and caps the soda after it has been carbonated.

Over the past three to four years, Conner said, the company has expanded beyond its niche in the Seacoast and is now offering its sodas across the state. The plant makes and bottles 27 varieties, plus Misletoe Mist, a flavor that is only offered in limited quantities during the holiday season.

"It's a pet peeve of my dad's to see the Coca-Cola Santa cans around Valentine's Day," Conner said. "We try to make sure we

sell out of Mistletoe Mist by Christmas, if not soon after."

Root Beer has emerged as the most popular Squamscot soda, along with Raspberry Lemon, Cream Soda and Birch Beer, which has a wintergreen flavor, Conner said.

Bottling is done five hours a day at the plant but visitors wishing to see the process are asked to call ahead to ensure that the machine will be running.

Conner Bottling Works

120 Exeter Road, Newfields, 772-3376, www. nhsoda.com

p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Closed Sunday. Call for bottling schedule.

Find Squamscot sodas at Jerry's Variety, 11 Water St., and Zampa restaurant in Exeter; Maine-ly New Hampshire and the Portsmouth Brewery in Portsmouth; Village Market in Hampton Falls; Durham Marketplace in Durham, and Hannaford Supermarkets in Bedford, Concord, Dover, Hampstead, Keene,

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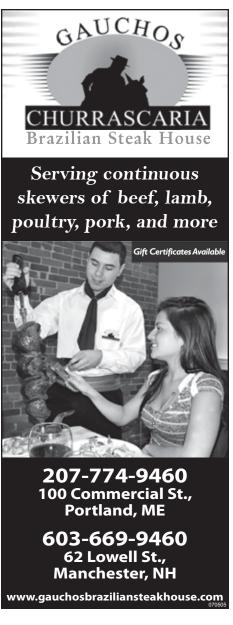
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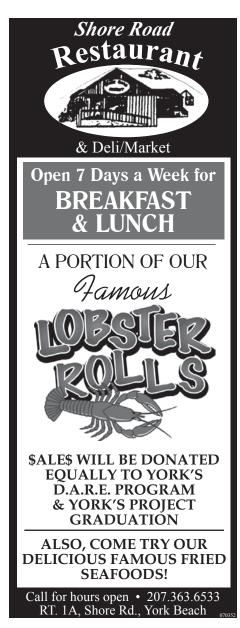
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- DEERFIELD on Fridays, 3 to 7 Building at the Deerfield fairgrounds on Cotton Road. See www.farmersmarket.deerfieldnh.us.
- DOVER on Wednesdays, 2:15 to 6 p.m., through Oct. 12, at the Dover Chamber of Commerce at the corner of Central and Sixth streets. See www.seacoastgrowers.org.
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- EXETER Thursdays, 2:15 to 5:30 p.m., through Oct. 27, at Swasey Parkway off Water Street. See www. seacoastgrowers.org.
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Wine cocktails

Beyond Mimosas and Sangria

By Paulette Eschrich food@hippopress.com

In Europe, wine has a long tradition of being used as a component in cocktails. Most Americans think of Mimosas (champagne and fresh squeezed orange juice) as a brunch alternative to a Bloody Mary. Spritzers, whether made with seltzer, club soda, ginger ale or another soft drink, can be purchased pre-made in most grocery stores. Bottled Sangria bears faint resemblance to the rich variety of authentic, fruity Sangria recipes.

More cosmopolitan wine drinks can be found on some cocktail menus. A Kir (made with white wine and crème de cassis) or Kir Royale (substitute sparkling wine) often starts a meal at French and Swiss restaurants. For trivia buffs, a Kir made with red wine is a Cardinal. Travelers to Harry's Bar in Venice, Italy or the Bellagio in Las Vegas may encounter a Bellini (Prosecco — similar to champagne mixed with white peach puree.) Alpine skiers often end the day with mulled wine or gluwein, usually a red wine that has been warmed and infused with spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves. Some gluwein recipes involve rum and flaming sugar cubes.

For the modern mixologist, wine provides

a canvas with many possibilities. As with the selection of a wine for cooking, the wine should be of a quality that you would drink by itself. A gift wine that is perfectly good but too dry or sweet for your palate might shine in a wine cocktail. In fact a sweeter wine like Riesling is versatile in cocktail recipes.

Fruit added to wine evokes memories of Sangria. According to Kim Haasarud, author of 101 Sangrias and Pitcher Drinks, there are two golden rules: use fresh fruits and juices as much as possible, and allow time for the flavors to merge, preferably overnight. Plan ahead so that your potion has enough time to percolate. Sangrias can be made with either white or red wine — or even consider using a fruit wine such as apple, cranberry or blueberry as your base. Citrus fruits, apples, peaches, star fruit or fresh pineapple work well; whole berries are more fragile and should be added closer to the time of consumption, or employed

A cocktail made with champagne or a sparkling wine is in a class by itself. It evokes elegance and sophistication. When preparing a cocktail with bubbly, always add the sparkling wine last, pouring it gently over the other ingredients to avoid overflow. A classic Champagne Cocktail starts with a sugar cube doused

with angostura bitters in the base of a flute, followed by a small amount of cognac and topped off with champagne. One recipe that caught my attention was a Vanilla-Pear Mimosa that incorporates vanilla vodka and pear nectar with Prosecco. Kim Haasarud has compiled 101 Champagne Cocktails in her book with that title, giving ample suggestions for weddings, bridal showers, anniversary parties and romantic interludes.

Another slim volume that caught my eye in the Used Books section of Toadstool Bookshop in Peterborough is Wine Cocktails: 50 Stylish Sippers That Show Off Your Reds, Whites, and Rosés by A. J. Rathbun. His introduction goes through the basics from ice (make sure it's fresh) to the difference between a twist, wheel and wedge as a garnish. One way of chilling a cocktail (or wine) without the dreaded dilution is to add frozen grapes, creating a lovely garnished effect at the same time.

Many recipes call for Simple Syrup (sugar dissolved in water) and the ratios vary. I make Simple Syrup where 1 teaspoon of syrup equals 1 teaspoon of sugar; adding a drop of vodka extends the shelf life and keeps it from molding in the refrigerator. Like vodka, simple syrup can be infused with herbs or other flavors to further enhance the finished cocktail.

Rathbun's book features beautiful photography and delightful anecdotes and histories of the wine cocktail recipes. When raspberries are in season, try Papa loves Mama. Prefer strawberries? Maibowle might tickle your fancy. Malbec can be transformed into Lord Charles. A white wine spritzer embellished with lemon and mint becomes a beguiling Refroidisseur. That leftover Cabernet Sauvignon paired with rum and lemon (don't groan until you try it!) is elevated to the status of a Bishop. Even port (white or ruby), sake, and ice wine can inspire exotic concoctions.

Stumped for a wedding gift? Consider a lovely pitcher with matching goblets or an antique punch bowl and cups. Add a book of compelling recipes such as those mentioned above, and you just may inspire a new generation of wine cocktail aficionados.

I like wine cocktails because, although they may utilize liqueurs, gin, cognac or other alcoholic mixers, they are usually lighter in style than a comparable mixed drink. I admit to being partial to Gin & Tonic on a steamy summer's eve. The problem is that after the second one I'm ready for a nap.

Paulette Eschrich works at LaBelle Winery in New Hampshire and leads a monthly wine book club at WineNot Boutique in Nashua.

on Sanford Road. See www.wellsfarmersmarket.org

- WENTWORTH GREENHOUS-ES MARKET Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through Oct. 30, at 141 Rollins Road in Rollinsford. See www.wentworthgreenhouses.com.
- SEACOAST MARKETS (659info@seacoastgrowers.org. www.seacoastgrowers.org) See www. SeacoastEatLocal.org.

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- LOCAL ROOTS FOOD FAIR on Wed., July 20, at 1 p.m. at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. Offers a variety of area farmers and local food purveyors' samplings. Features hands-on activities for kids and coupons and information for parents. \$8 per person. Call 742-2002 or go to www.childrens-museum.org.
- STRATHAM FAIR July 21-24, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Route 33. Enjoy horse pulls, tractor pulls, lobster lunch, lasagna supper, chicken barbecue, dunking booth, pie-eating contest, and more. Admission is \$7, or \$20 for a four-day pass. Go to www. strathamfair.com.
- CHILI FEST on Sat., Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wells Junior High

Maine. Admission and parking are free, but chili tasting costs \$5 per person. See www.wellschilifest.com.

- JACKSON HILL CIDER DAY is Sat., Sept. 10, noon-4 p.m. at Jackson House, 76 Northwest St., Portsmouth, 436-3205. This all-ages event includes crafts, music, spinning and ciderpressing demonstrations, and crafts and refreshments for sale. The house is open for tours. Cost of admission ranges up to \$6. See historicneweng-
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- NH FISH & LOBSTER FESTI-VAL celebrates 400 years of local seafood with games, music, seafoodtastings and more on Sat., Sept. 24, at Prescott Park in Portsmouth. Admission is free. See prescottpark.org.
- APPLE HARVEST DAY on Sat., Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Dover. The day will feature an apple pie baking contest as well as other food vendors, live entertainment on three stages, crafts, games, rides, a 5K road race and more. See www. dovernh.org.
- CHILI FESTIVAL held at Prescott Park in Portsmouth on Sat., Oct. 8, at the same time as the New Hampshire Fall Festival at the nearby Strawbery Banke Museum (www.strawberybanke.org). Admission to the coinciding events costs \$15 for adults, \$6 for children. See www.prescottpark.org/ chilli.cfm.
- NH FALL FESTIVAL Day includes presentations on heirloom seeds, children's garden, canning and School. 1470 Post Road in Wells, food presentation talks and a chili coo-

INGREDIENTS

Asparagus

By Racheal Akers

"Eat your vegetables!"

We've all been told this, back in the days of our youth, yet some of us still aren't keen on the greens.

Asparagus is one of the healthiest vegetables available. It has no fat and no cholesterol and is extremely low in sodium. It is also a great source of potassium and fiber. The National Cancer Institute conducted a test to see which foods had the most glutathione (a potent cancer fighter) and asparagus scored higher than any other food tested.

Asparagus is a very versatile vegetable: it can be grilled, roasted, fried, pureed, or baked. You can try drizzling balsamic butter sauce on it, or bake it on a crumbly Parmesan crust. Asparagus is a great addition to pastas and complements chicken deliciously. When choosing your asparagus, look for firm stems with deep green or purplish tips. For the best flavor, use your asparagus only a day or two after you buy it. Visit the Portsmouth Farmers Market, every Saturday at 8 a.m., or the Exeter Farmers Market, every Thursday at 2:15 p.m., and pick up some locally grown asparagus — but don't wait too long, because



asparagus is almost out of season.

Asparagus Soup

Shared by Hilary Niles from the Seacoast Growers Organization

- 1 onion (chopped)
- 1 to 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 small carrot (finely grated)
- 1 cup thinly sliced mushrooms (shiitake are great)
- 4 asparagus stalks (trimmed and minced) pinch paprika 6 cups broth

splash dry white wine 1 or 2 garlic cloves (pressed) dill weed

1 cup plain vogurt

In a heavy saucepan over a low-to-medium flame, saute onion and carrot in butter. Once soft and the onions barely translucent, add mushrooms and asparagus. Season generously with paprika and thoroughly mix it all together. Add broth, wine, garlic and dill. Bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer. Cook uncovered 30 minutes and remove from heat. Fold in the yogurt, season with salt and pepper, and serve immediately.

koff as well as live music, farm animal and livestock demonstrations, craftspeople and more on Sat., Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Strawbery Banke Museum, 14 Hancock St. in Portsmouth, N.H., 603-433-1100, www.

chili festival, there will be a variety of featuring food, crafts, games, petting coinciding events cost \$15 for adults,

• ROCHESTER OKTOBERFEST Chef events/special meals

local food vendors. Admission to the zoo, moonwalks. See rochestermainstreet.org

will be Sept 24 & 25, from 11 a.m. • DINNER AT JEFFERDS TAVstrawberybanke.org. In addition to the to 3 p.m. in downtown Rochester, ERN The Museums of Old York

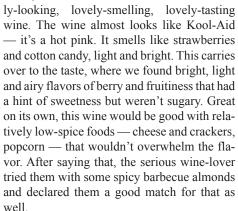
will be hosting a dinner on Fri., July 22. from 6 to 8 p.m. The dinner will consist of local seafood, beef, fresh vegetables, and desserts of local fresh fruits. Reservations are required and tickets are \$25 per person. Call 207-363-4974

DRINK

Red, white and green A lot of wine, a little cash

In keeping with the summer lightening of food and drink, we swapped out a red for another rosé this week

The 2010 Vin de Pays C'Est La Vie Syrah Rosé (\$8.99, currently on sale for \$7.99) from France is a love-



The 2010 Pie de Palo Viognier (\$10.99) from Mendoza, Argentina, is an equally pretty wine. This wine smelled of crisp yet round green apple. The taste had the crispness but not tartness — this is a round viognier, with good structure that leaves a nice, clean taste



in your mouth. A refreshing drink by itself, this viognier is probably full enough to stand up to beef and barbecue flavors.

Viognier is a French varietal and is pronouced 'v-on-yay." It's most com-

monly found in the Rhone Valley of France, an area also known for big bold reds. Wine from the Rhone Valley is regularly blended with Charnonnay and other floral white grapes. Viognier is also added to the red varietal Syrah to give those rugged Rhone Reds some refinement. Viognier is now grown all over the world and can taste very different based on how warm its growing climate is. Australians Viogniers, for example, can be much more full and buttery than the French or South American examples of the grape.

Each week in "Red, White & Green," two wine-lovers look at red and white wines, none over \$20 (and most under \$15), in an attempt to find some great bottles for good prices. All prices are according to the state liquor store (nh.liquor.state.nh.us) unless otherwise

Cooking classes/workshops CHEZ BOUCHER COOKING

- SCHOOL Chez Boucher Cooking School, 32 Depot Square in Hampton, N.H., 603-926-2202, www. chezboucher.com, offers one-day workshops, mini-sessions, international cooking, cooking with friends, team-building, classes for kids, international tours and more.
- STONEWALL KITCHEN COOKING SCHOOL 2 Stonewall Lane, York, Maine, 877-899-8363, www.stonewallkitchen.com, offers evening cooking classes and demonstrations, "Backyard BBQ" and "An Italian Picnic" classes, classes for teens and kids and more. See the full schedule of daily classes online.
- WINTERGREEN BOTANI-CALS in Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, N.H. (603-268-0548, www.wintergreenbotanicals.com) offers classes in the use of herbs for better health. See schedule online.

DRINK

Brewerys/Distillerys/Cider

- ALLAGASH BREWING CO. 100 Industrial Way, Portland, Maine, 207-878-5385. Enjoy tastings and tours, Monday through Friday 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- REDHOOK BREWERY 1 Redhook Way Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH, www.redhook. com, produces Redhook ales and features the Cataqua Public House events. See www.nh.gov/liquor/mkteoffering brews and a pub menu. Tours offered Monday and Tuesday at 1, 2 & 3 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday at noon, 3 & 5 p.m.; Saturday every hour on the hour from noon to 4 p.m.; Sunday every hour on the hour from 1 to 4 p.m. Tours are \$1. For private tours, call 603-501-3940
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Let the music play

Hamilton House summer concert series begins

By Craig Robert Brown cbrown@hippopress.com

This Fourth of July weekend will mark the start of the Sundays in the Garden Concert Series. The series, put on by Historic New England, will take place in the gardens of the Hamilton House, located in South Berwick, Maine.

"Sunday afternoon, in that garden, people come and want to relax," said Peggy Wishart.

Wishart is the site manager for the three Historic New England properties in southern Maine: the Hamilton House and Sarah Orne Jewett House in South Berwick and the Sayward-Wheeler House in York Harbor.

Historic New England is a museum-run organization whose objective is to preserve historic buildings throughout New England in an effort to educate people about local histories, traditions and culture.

Wishart came to the area as an undergraduate from the University of Connecticut, where she studied anthropology and archaeology. Before her senior year, she interned at Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, N.H. While working toward her master's degree at the University of Southern Maine, Wishart saw an opening for a site manager at the Maine historic homes.

"It's a tough job with a lot of hours," Wishart said. But she took the challenge. This will be her fifth summer season.

The concert series, which is held on Sundays throughout July, opens Sunday, July 3, with Harvey Reid, and runs until the end of the month. Reid has been the only constant act opening each concert series season. He creates his own sound of American bluegrass music. Reid plays a variety of instruments including the guitar, banjo and mandolin. Along with his acoustic instrumental music, he is also a respected singer. Born in California, Reid started playing guitar as a teenager in Maryland before moving to New England. He is respected nationally for his use of the partial capo and contributions toward the design of acoustic amplification equipment. He resides in York,



Sunday concerts. Courtesy photo

where he runs a record label, Woodpecker Records.

Each year, aside from Reid's opening performance, Wishart keeps the schedule of performers different. Acts performing this season will not perform in the 2012 series but could cycle in the following year. This process is one of the challenges Wishart faces

"It can really vary. We are on a few list services," Wishart said.

Historic New England is a non-profit organization. Because the museum cannot pay for larger, national acts, most musicians hear about the series through word of mouth. Often attendees will refer their musician friends to Wishart, or people will tell their friends about the series and the musicians will contact Wishart themselves. But Wishart is happy to have a great local pool of musicians to choose from on the Seacoast. Because of the event's limited budget, Wishart often gravitates toward a folk sound. There's room for small amplifiers, but acoustic performances are preferred. The sound of the music works with the surrounding grounds.

"You have the beautiful river, state park on one side and protected lands on the other," Wishart said. "In that way the music complements the area."

Most musicians come from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Musicians from locations far outside New England are often turned down, simply because there aren't funds to pay travel and accommodation fees.

The 2011 series will showcase Susie Burker, of South Berwick, with Kent Allyn on July 10. On July 17, folk rock singer-songwriter Martin England will perform. He will be accompanied by Andy Happel on the fiddle. Later in the month, on July 24, New England singer-songwriter Cormac McCarthy will perform. The series will close its season with a performance from Joyce Anderson, a sing-songwriter on the fiddle and guitar. Anderson is also the wife of Reid.

Good weather can bring 100 people or more, Wishart said. In inclement weather the series is moved indoors and usually

This year the series will be sponsored by the Kennebunk Savings Bank. Admission for members of Historic New England is free throughout the series. Non-members will be charged \$8 to attend (\$7 for seniors, \$4 for children over 12). The money will go toward preserving and protecting the historic buildings.

The Hamilton House will be open to the public the morning of the concert series for those wishing to visit.

Wishart hopes her work to bring the area's best musicians will turn up new faces as well as familiar ones.

"The music is great. People are relaxed and happy to be here," Wishart said. "I get to relax and enjoy the concert as

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When: Sundays, July 3-31, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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Leaving Eden working double time on July 4 weekend

Haverhill rockers a popular attraction at beachfront club

By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

At Salisbury Beach's Carousel Lounge, only one band will do for the long Fourth of July weekend: Leaving Eden. Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 1-3) will mark the third consecutive year the Haverhill rockers have held forth on the beachfront club's big stage.

"Kids love them; they really liven up the place," says club manager Amin Nabhan, who will bring the band back in September for three more nights over the Labor Day weekend. Typically a quartet, Leaving Eden appears frequently as a trio during the slower winter months at the club, located a stone's throw from the water's edge on Ocean Front Boulevard.

"We always bring the party," said guitarist Eric Gynan, who's counting on an extra adrenaline rush in the coming days, as Leaving Eden is double-booked over the weekend. Each of the three days, they will play afternoon sets at the New England Summer Nationals, a festival in western Massachusetts. After rocking out for crowds approaching 50,000, they'll pack up their gear and drive to Salisbury for the evening show.



Leaving Eden. Courtesy photo.

It's shaping into a busy summer for the band, with a big Seacoast following at places like Seabrook's Prime Time Sports Bar and Wally's Pub in Hampton Beach. At the latter, they played for a capacity crowd in early June, a CD release party for their new album, Tied

On Aug. 1, Leaving Eden will appear at Blue Ocean Music Hall for a hotly anticipated show headlined by My Darkest Days, a Toronto-based band discovered by Nickelback singer Chad Kroger and signed to his

production company, 604 Records. After an Aug. 7 appearance at the Manchester Armory opening for Candlebox (a show with several local bands on the bill), they travel to England for the Bulldog Bash, a biker convention held in Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Tied & Bound represents a major step for the eight-year-old band, according to Gynan, who is also the principal songwriter in the band. "We're excited; it's the best thing we've ever done," he said as the band gathered around the phone for a recent interview from their Haverhill practice space. "We've done a lot of recording but never formally released anything. Technically, we've probably made eight CDs."

The new disc features forceful melodic hard rock, which relies heavily on the vocal interplay between Eric and his wife lead singer Carole Gynan. The two met when Carole auditioned for their previous band, Redhouse, around 10 years ago. "No, we didn't start dating right away," Carole said with a laugh.

The band honed their sound by booking as many shows as possible. "The biggest thing is playing concerts," says Eric. "That's why we play anywhere, anyhow; it doesn't matter we'll play. If you're sitting in the basement, that's where you're going to stay. People think they can do a bunch of stuff online and make a buzz, to me it's not real, it's virtual. You can only do so much there.'

Former RA drummer Andy Ryan, who joined the band late last year, provides more than rhythm to the album. He came on board quickly and assimilated immediately, playing live and heading into sessions in short order. "It was a day to learn the songs, a day for a show, and then a day for the studio," Ryan

"I feel like Andy and I played in a past life," Eric said.

"There's something going on," Ryan said. "In my transition from band to band, drummers can be like the Spinal Tap thing, but this was something instantaneous, and the music has been completely different for me since I

On the album, Ryan's drum fills are often used as a lead instrument. "I complement the song as much as I can, but just the way the band works, things that I do off the top of my head seem to work."

That's no accident, Eric said, "All these songs had that element already to showcase the drums. I'm a drummer as well — that's my favorite instrument as far as listening to

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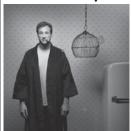


Deer Tick

Deer Tick, a Providence, R.I.-based indie group, will perform at the "Sneakers and Speakers" charity concert at The Page, 172 Hanover St., Portsmouth, on Saturday, July 2, at 7 p.m.. The show,

organized by New Hampshire native and San Antonio Spurs player Matt Bonner, will serve as a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club. Deer Tick, who describes their music as "rockrock-rock" with hints of blues, folk and alt-country, made their television debut on The Late Show with David Letterman last June. The Bodega Girls, a party/electronic band from Boston, Mass., will open the show. Patriotic attire is encouraged. Tickets cost \$5 at the door.

In the spotlight



Bob Saget

Former Full House star and America's Funniest Home Videos host Bob Saget will bring his standup comedy to the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom, 160 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, on Saturday, July 9, at 8 p.m. Saget, who has been doing comedy for more

than 30 years, appeared in That Ain't Right, an HBO special, and had a cameo role in Entourage. In 2010, Saget produced Strange Days with Bob Saget, a comedy documentary series on A&E. Tickets to the 18+ show cost \$25 to \$45 at www. casinoballroom.com or by calling 929-4100.

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- Rory Block Fri., July 22, at 8 p.m., Jonathan's • Lance Bryant Quintet Sat., July 23, at 7 p.m., Maudslay
- Mountain Heart Sat., July 23, at 7 p.m., Johnathan's • Buckcherry Sat., July 23, at 8
- p.m., Casino Ballroom • Fatum Brothers Jazz Orchestra 16, at 8 p.m., Jonathan's

Sun., July 24, at 2 p.m., Maudslay • Hollywood Undead Sun., July 24, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom

• Lucinda Williams and Amos Lee Sun., July 24, at 7 p.m., Meadowbrook

- Comedy Jon Pinette Sun., July 3, at p.m., Casino Ballroom
- Paula Poundstone Fri., July 15, at 8 p.m. and Sat., July 16, at 7 p.m., Jonathan's • Jeff Dunham Wed., July 20, and

Thurs., July 21, at p.m., Casino Ball-

- Brian Regan Thurs., July 28, at p.m., Casino Ballroom
- Lisa Lampanelli Fri., July 29, at p.m. Casino Ballroom Louis C.K. Thurs., Aug. 4, at 7
- p.m., Casino Ballroom Ron White Fri., Aug. 12, at p.m., Casino Ballroom
- Suzanne Westenhoefer Fri., Sept.

Free outdoor concerts

welcome

- DRUMMING ON THE DECK with Ben Baldwin at the Kittery Art Association, 8 Coleman Ave. in Kittery Point, Maine, www.kitteryartassociation.org, Tuesdays in July from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ben supplies the drums, shakers and bells - all ages
- TOM DIXON at Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage on Thurs., June 30, • THE REMINISANTS at Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage on Sat.,
- July 2, at 7 p.m.
 CORMAC MCCARTHY on Sat., July 2, from 5 to 9 p.m. on Pleasant St. in Portsmouth during the Summer in the Street. Features Maine
- DICK DONOVAN BAND at Ellis Park in York Beach, July 2 at 7 p.m. • '60S INVASION on Sat., July 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Wells Harbor Park,

Squeeze and dancing.

• THE MIRAJ BAND at Ellis Park

in York Beach, July 3 at 7 p.m.

Mon., July 4, at 7 p.m.

- FRED MANZI TRIO at Ellis Park in York Beach, July 4 at 7 p.m. • THE CONTINENTALS at Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage on
- STRAIGHT LACE at Ellis Park in York Beach, Wed., July 6, at 7 ANGELA WEST & SHOW-DOWN at Hampton Beach Sea
- Shell Stage on Thurs., July 7, at 7 • MERRIMACK VALLEY CON-CERT BAND at Ellis Park in York Beach, Fri., July 8, at 7 p.m.
- THE JERRY THEBODO BIG BAND at Ellis Park in York Beach, Sat., July 9, at 7 p.m. • THE SPECTRAS at Hampton
- 9, at 7 p.m. • B STREET BOMBERS at Hampton Beach Sea Shell Stage on Sun., July 10, at 7 p.m.

Beach Sea Shell Stage on Sat., July

Other music & nightlife events

- SUMMER PICNIC SERIES coming to the Opera House in City Hall, Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH, 603-335-1992. Shows are on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and all tickets are \$4. Various entertainers will be performing such as the junior summer theater troupe, Mike Morris, Wayne from Maine, and more.
- · ISLANDSIDE The Seacoast Science Center will be having a Musicby-the-Sea concert on Thurs., July 7, featuring the band Islandside. The event will include grilled food and treats. All proceeds will support environmental education efforts. Gates open at 5 p.m., music starts at 6 p.m. Admission is \$8 (\$2 for children). Call 603-436-8043 or go to www.seacoastsciencecenter.org.
 • SHOWCASE FESTIVAL Prescott
- Park will be holding its Showcase Festival on Sat., July 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. Artists include Patty Larkin, Jon Nolan and Jason Spooner. Call 603-

436-2848 or go to www.prescottpark.

Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: The

Mango Wranglers

• 16TH ANNUAL TOMMY GAL-LANT JAZZ FESTIVAL at Prescott Park on Sun., July 10, starting at noon. Artists include the George Garzone Trio, the Press Room Trio, the Paul Broadnax Quintet, and the Seacoast Big Band. Call 603-436-2848 or go to www.prescottpark.org.

- ENTRAIN The Seacoast Science Center will be having a Music-bythe-Sea concert on Thurs., July 14, featuring the band Entrain. The event will include grilled food and treats. All proceeds will support environmental education efforts. Gates open at 5 p.m., music starts at 6 p.m. Admission is \$8 (\$2 for children). Call 603-436-8043 or go to www.seacoastsciencecenter.org
- AMERICANA FESTIVAL at Prescott Park on Sat., July 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. Some artists include Lori McKenna, Red Molly, and Mark Erelli. Call 603-436-2848 or go to www.

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Old Oak Tavern 38 N. Main St., 603-335-2148 **Rochester Opera House** 31 Wakefield St., 335-1992

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Daniel Street Tavern:

Dolphin Striker: Organ in Orbit Gaslight: Tim Cannon,

Social Groove, Max Sullivan RiRa: Mugsy Rudi's: Nick Mainella

Salisbury

Dogs

Surfside 5: The Plum Island Pans Steel Drum Band, DJ Stenny

Seabrook Chop Shop Pub: Rosie

York Inn on the Blues: Love

Brickhouse: Coastlines Deliver Us. Hell on Earth. Legend Has It, Sufferer. Too Late the Hero

Hampstead The Pasta Loft: Kevin

Hampton

La Bec Rouge: Doug Mitchell (upperdeck), Slipt Mickey Ron's Landing: The Read/

Allen Duo Sea Shell: 60's Invasion Wally's: Before the Crash

Sunday July 3 Newburyport

10 Center Street: jazz The Grog: Parker Wheeler's Jazz Party Joseph's: Bob Wolfman & the BW Trio

Ogunquit

The Front Porch: The Judy Show Jonathan's: J. Geils. Jeff Pitchell, Gerry Beaudoin and Texas Flood

Portsmouth Daniel Street Tavern:

karaoke **Dolphin Striker:** B Cap's Project

Gaslight: Ben Kilcollins (2 p.m.), Cody James & Rev-

elation, DJ Koko P Press Room: Reggae & Funk Rudi's: Sharon Jones

Salisbury Surfside 5: Hot Like Fire

Seabrook Chop Shop Pub: Avalanche

Inn on the Blues: Rob

Monday July, 4 Dover

Central Wave: karaoke Top of the Chop: Acoustic Open mike w/ Dave Ogden

Hampton La Bec Rouge: karaoke Sea Shell: The Continentals

> Newburyport Joseph's: Timothy Grant Port Tavern: karaoke

Portsmouth Gaslight: Jimmy D. RiRa: Oran Mor

Salisbury Surfside 5: DJ Davey K

Inn on the Blues: karaoke Tuesday July, 5

Dover Brickhouse: Acoustic Open Mike Fury's: Tim Theriault & Friends

Hampton La Bec Rouge: karaoke

Sea Shell: Help

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Dolphin Striker: Harvey

Gaslight: Dave Clark

Surfside 5: The Tom Dixon Band

York Inn on the Blues: Green lion Reggae

Wednesday July, 6 Dove

Central Wave: karaoke

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La Bec Rouge: DJ Anthony Sea Shell: The Reminisants 10 Center Street: The Phil McGowan Jazz Quartet

The Grog: Open Mike Joseph's: Bob Allison Port Tavern: Irish Seisuin with Eamon Covne

Portsmouth

Daniel Street Tavern: Open mike Dolphin Striker: David Lockwood Gaslight: Kevin Burt RiRa: Granite Men

Salisbury Surfside 5: Sing-off competition

Rudi's: Dimitri on piano

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GNARLEMAGNE The Seacoast Science Center will be having a Musicby-the-Sea concert on Thurs., July 21, featuring the band Gnarlemagne. The

event will include grilled food and treats. All proceeds will support environmental education efforts. Gates open at 5 p.m., music starts and 6 p.m. Admission is \$8 (\$2 for children). Call 603-436-8043 or Thurs., July 28, featuring the band

go to www.seacoastsciencecenter.org • JUMBO CIRCUS PEANUTS The Seacoast Science Center will be having a Music-by-the-Sea concert on

include grilled food and treats. All go to www.seacoastsciencecenter.org. proceeds will support environmen- • FOLK FESTIVAL Prescott Park tal education efforts. Gates open at 5 will be holding its annual Prescott p.m., music starts and 6 p.m. \$8 (\$2 Park Folk Festival on Sat., July 30, www.prescottpark.org.

Jumbo Circus Peanuts. The event will for children). Call 603-436-8043 or at 5 p.m. Artists include Natalie Macmaster. Eilen Jewell, and Gypsy Tailwind. Suggested donation is \$8 to \$10. Call 603-436-2848 or go to



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REVIEWS BY AMY DIAZ



Transformers: Dark of the Moon

Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13)

Once again Sam Witwicky works with the Autobots to prevent the destruction of the world at the hands of the **Decepticons in Transfomers:** Dark of the Moon, a deeply horrible movie.

The movie opens with an alternate history of the U.S./Russian space race. It's not national pride that is spurring the countries to get to the moon first but the knowledge that something has crash-landed there. Through a collage of archival footage and laughable impersonations of Kennedy and Nixon, we learn that the Apollo astronauts spent their time on the "dark side" of the moon investigating the crash of what we know to be an Autobot ship (a preamble to the human history explains some Autobot/Decepticon history and the last battle of the war on their home planet Cybertron).

Jump to the present day when we see the scantily clad derriere of Rosie Hunginton-Whiteley, or as she's better known, not-Megan Fox. That's right, present-day action opens on a butt shot. Michael Bay, you scamp. After several seconds, perhaps a whole minute, of bum, we finally see Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf). He's a recent college grad, living with his new girlfriend Carly (Hunginton-Whiteley), to whom the bottom belongs, and desperate to find a job, particularly since his parents Ron (Kevin Dunn) and Judy (Julie White) are expected soon for a visit. Despite his having saved the world twice and received a "hero medal" from President Obama, nobody's lining up to offer Sam his first gig. Eventually, he settles for a mail room job that he is discouraged to learn was set up for him by Dylan (Patrick Dempsey),

A word about Dylan: He is, I think, an accountant but his office looks like some World of Tomorrow/2001: A Space Odyssey ride and it's filled with vintage collectable cars and hot assistants, of which Carly is apparently his favorite

A word about Carly: She has lips

like a sofa and tends to wear "dresses" that look more like large belts, and her blonde hair is always doing something (billowing in a heretofore nonexistent breeze, bouncing as she turns her head) that looks unnatural anyplace in the world outside of a shampoo commercial. She is a blonde, Britishaccent-having empty suit (or, in this case, empty skinny jeans) much like the previous occupant of the franchise's main "girl role" only with about onefourth the personality of Megan Fox. And maybe half the acting ability. Consider that for a moment.

So Sam is miserable about all this - about his girlfriend being ogled by her rich boss, about being shut out of the government's operations with the Autobots and mostly about not having a job in life that matters. But then he finds out that Deceptions are active again and he turns to William Lennox (Josh Duhamel), the military officer in charge of Autobot operations, to try to help prevent a coming crisis.

To explain coherently would be to spoil, so, broadly speaking, Optimus Prime (voice of Peter Cullen) and company check out the ship on the moon, where they find Sentinel Prime (voice of Leonard Nimoy), an old leader of the Autobots who may be a target of Deceptions in their current schemes. Yes, Megatron again (this time wearing a cap!) and yes, again the world is in peril.

Let me try to replicate the experience of watching this movie for you: Transformers! Moon! Butt! Screaming Sam Witwicky! Funny parents! Sexy cars! Sexy cars that are really transformers! Boom! Blonde hair! Sexual innuendo! More explosions! Bad transformers! Or maybe good transformers, who can tell! More screaming Witwicky! More hair!

Explosions! Josh Duhamel! Hey, it's Spock! Ka-boom! Ba-ba-ba-ba, machine guns! American flag!

In there, you'll get some dialogue, about half of which you can actually make out. There's some romantic nonsense that even the movie doesn't try all that hard to make believable. Tyrese Gibson and John Turturro return. Frances McDormand plays the role, required in each movie, of Government Agent Who Just Doesn't Get It,. And then, just when you think the movie should be wrapping up and an hour before it actually does, there's that late-second-act dip in action and then the battle that takes up the last 50 minutes or so. It is a grab bag of action movie tropes and highly tanned skin and jokes that all seem kinda mean and occasionally vaguely homophobic and robots. Rather than having a cohesive story line, it feels like somebody just dumped out the bag and strung it all together in random order. You can't always tell who is talking to whom (or, as I said, what they're saying, though sometimes I think screams and grunts really are all the actors have to work with), who is fighting whom, where half the action is taking place or what the heck is going on. At one point, a small group of army soldiers are engaged in the last-stand battle in Chicago. In the background, an elevated train goes by. The buildings are on fire, the streets are filled with dead people, destroyed cars and, yes, even derailed trains but somewhere one of them is still running smoothly?

There is so much more wrong with this movie — seriously, why is Sam screaming all the time? — but rather than going further into why I'm giving this movie its low grade, let's talk about why I'm not giving it an F:

(1) If you are looking for some-

thing to provide you with two and a half hours (probably nearly three with trailers) of air conditioning, this movie will do that. Incidentally, so will The Tree of Life and even with its art-movie too-muchness it probably makes more sense. But that movie's not playing everywhere so this might be the best thing you've got, ticket-price-totime-spent-in-air-conditioning-wise.

- (2) There are maybe 10 fun minutes toward the end of the climactic battle.
- (3) The scenes with Sam's parents is kinda cute.
- (4) There is a really good drinking game to be made out of the action and frequency-on-screen of Hunginton-Whiteley's hair.

This movie's biggest sin is not that its story is dull and nonsensical or that its characters are uninteresting. The biggest problem with Dark of the Moon is that it is not awesome in the way that, as that Fios commercial used to say, Michael Bay usually needs things to be awesome. Bay is all about the explosions that themselves explode and the hysterical, bombastic score and the slow-mo highlighting of action bad-assery. But this movie has none of that giddiness, none of that joy, none of the excitement that can have you delighting at a Bay movie even when you know it's kind of terrible. "Awesome" is all some of those Michael Bay movies have. Without it, Transformers: Dark of the Moon has almost nothing to offer. **D**

Rated PG-13 for intense prolonged sequences of sci-fi action violence, mayhem and destruction, and for language, some sexuality and innuendo. Directed by Michael Bay and written by Ehren Kruger, Transformers: Dark of the Moon is two hours and 34 minutes long and is distributed by Paramount Pictures.

Reviewlets: Snack-sized movie reviews

* Indicates a movie worth seeking out. Previously reviewed movies have grades. For full reviews of most movies here or movies previously released, go to www.hippopress.com.

*Bridesmaids (R)

Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. Wiig-written, Judd Apatow-produced, Paul Fieg-directed totally awesome lady comedy. Or, if the words "bridesmaids" and "lady" are scaring you away: hilarious people are in hilarious situations with swearing and poop. **B+**

Carly's boss.

*Cave of Forgotten Dreams (G)

Werner Herzog. The idiosyncratic director gives

us this documentary about the Chauvet Cave in France, which contains cave paintings some 30,000 years old. The loveliness of the images — particularly in 3-D — is what makes this movie special. B+

Larry Crowne (PG-13) Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts.

After being laid off, Tom Hanks decides to expand his skills by heading to college and a class taught by one Julia Roberts. It's your grown-up alternative for the July 4th weekend. Opens Friday, July 1.

Monte Carlo (PG)

Selena Gomez, Leighton Meester.

An American teenager slumming it through Europe with her friends gets tangled up in some mistaken identity fun and ends up living the high life. Opens Friday, July 1.

*Super 8 (PG-13)

Kyle Chandler, Joel Courtney. Boys making a zombie movie witness a train crash in smalltown Ohio and then J.J. Abramsish things happen. A

*X-Men: First Class (PG-13) James McAvoy, Michael Fass-

bender. How did Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsheer, pre- Professor X and Magneto, meet? Awesomely.

FILM LISTINGS

· Cinemagic in Saco 779 Portland Road, Saco, Maine, 207-282-6234

• Cinemagic in Salisbury 6 Merrill St., Salisbury, Mass., 978-499-9494

• Leavitt Theatre 259 Main St., Ogunquit, Maine, 207-643-3123

• Regal Cinemas Newington 15 45 Gosling Road, Newington, NH, 603-431-4200

• Smitty's Biddeford

420 Alfred Road, Biddeford,

Maine, 207-283-4500

Smitty's Sanford 1364 Main St., Sanford, Maine, 207-490-0000

• Spinelli Cinemas 20 Third St., Dover, NH, 603-749-4123

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978-388-65555 • Wells Five Star Cinema 75 Wells Plaza, Wells, Maine, 207-646-0500

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THE MUSIC HALL

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, www.themusichall.org

• The Conspirator (PG-13, 2011) • Incendies (R, 2011) Thurs., July Community Room. Free. Fri., July 1, and Sat., July 2, at 7:30 14, through Sat., July 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Maine, 207-646-31221, www.leavit- 2011) Sun., July 3, and Tues., July 5, p.m.

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July 10. at 7:30 p.m.

Wed., July 13, at 7:30 p.m.

259 Main St., Route 1, Ogunquit, • Cave of Forgotten Dreams (NR, July 17, and Tues., July 19, at 7:30 15 Long Sands Road, York, Maine, 28, at 7 p.m.

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musical accompaniment, on Sun., • Cedar Rapids (R, 2011) Thurs., 427-1540, www.cityofportsmouth. at 7 p.m

· A Night at the Museum Sat., July at 7 p.m • Queen to Play (NR, 2011) Sun., 9, at 2 p.m. In the Levenson Com- • Surviving My Mother (PG-13) on munity Room Free

Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. In the Levenson Aug. 14, at 7 p.m.

· L'Amour Fou (NR, 2011) Sun., YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

207-363-2818, www.york.lib.me.us

· Secretariat (PG) on Sun., July 3, at

7 p.m. 175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, N.H., • Black Swan (R) on Sun., July 10,

• True Grit (PG-13) on Sun., July 31,

Sun., Aug. 7, at 7 p.m

· Groundhog Day (PG, 1993) on · The Wild Thornberrys Movie Sat., · Another Year (PG-13) on Sun., • Made in Dagenham (R) on Sun.,

Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. • Barney's Version (R) on Sun., Aug

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"Back and Forth and Back" — initially, there's a pattern. By Matt Jones

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- 1 Like interplanetary travel
- 2 "Sounds fun" response
- 3 Deck out
- 4 Palindromic woman's name
- 5 Symbols after brand names
- 6 Hoops group until 2009
- 7 Solo on the big screen
- 8 Coffee dispensers
- 9 Less phony
- 10 Like movies for "mature audiences'
 - 11 Sandinista leader Daniel
 - 12 Robinson of R&B fame
- 13 "What're you gonna do about it?"
- 15 Got the genie out of the lamp
- 20 "This is only a test" gp.
- 21 Spectra maker
- 22 Airline in Holland
- 23 Tahiti, par exemple
- 24 Ethnomusicologist's deg., maybe
- 28 Exploit
- 32 Aries, e.g.
- 34 Revenge tactic
- 35 Punctuation that lets you trail off
- 36 Gave a round of applause
- 37 Kind of muscle
- fly (baseball play)
- 40 Dublin's country, in the Olympics
- 41 Blood vessel imaging machine
- _-pah bands
- 43 Beetles and Rabbits, e.g.
- 45 Most vile
- 46 Words before "interpretation" or

"the public"

- 47 Like batters in the on-deck circle
- 48 Puts forth effort
- 52 "One of _ __ days..."
- 54 Trebek's "High Rollers" co-star Lee
- 57 Six, in Italy
- 58 Carson Daly's former MTV show
- 59 Piece
- 60 Start for sex or corn
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I've been feeling very patriotic, espeviewing, you need to rethink your relationship to the arts.

this before, but it needs to be said again: Sneeze shields actually spread disease, chick peas and simulated bacon, and some of these people inevitably are going refine the rough edges. to become frustrated and spit in the House Dressing...." —"Making the World Safe for Salad" Before you eat something, ask yourself where it's been.

poll showed that 82 percent of the Americans surveyed speak no foreign speak English, 53 percent cannot name the state they live in, and 62 percent that neither begins nor ends with you. believe that the Declaration of Independence is 'a kind of fish.'"—"Europe on

unfortunately he had no more fash- vibrate, and all the while the women were

—"The Hair Apparent" Your fashion sense could use a little outside help.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) "I'm a it will be difficult. Cancer (June 21 – July 22) "Lately writer and my editor is always very direct cially during commercials." —"Red, one,' is the kind of thing he'll say by way White, and Beer" If commercials of criticism. And I can handle it. But in the are the most emotional thing you're TV world, they never talk to you like that. ... First of all, they always tell you it was great."—"TV or Not TV" Don't put too Leo (July 23 – Aug 22) "I have said much stock in fawning compliments.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) "And football breeds character. They are conbecause they make it hard for a squat or stantly scrubbing the locker rooms short-armed person to reach back to the because of all the character that breeds in there."—"Sacking the Season" You can

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan 19) "Man gets his food by eating cows, which in turn eat corn, which in turn comes from Iowa, which in turn was part of the Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) "A recent Louisiana Purchase, which in turn was obtained from France, which in turn eats garlic, which in turn repels vamlanguage at all. Unfortunately, the same pires, which in turn suck the blood out of poll showed that 41 percent also cannot Man."—"Electromaggots" Remember you are part of a great chain of activity

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) "...but we males could not focus our attention Five Vowels a Day" Would it kill you on the various suggested topics because to become a little more knowledgeable? we could actually feel the World Series Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) "You television and radio broadcast rays zingshould know that my father was a ing through the air, penetrating right into fine, decent, and sensitive man, but our bodies, causing our dental fillings to

behaving as though nothing were wrong." You will need to focus your attention, but speak for everybody in North America

with me. 'Dave, this column bites the big ally, when I got older I continued to play invited to a party, say yes and say 'rah.' organized baseball in the form of 'league softball,' a game in which after work you ever kind of skiing you decide to do, park to argue with strangers."—"Catching Hell" Argue with people you know you have proper ski equipment. When

Aries (March 21 - April 19) "It's of course, he'd simply take two bar-"Batting Clean-Up and Striking Out" football season again, and I know I rel staves and tie them to his feet." when I make the following statement: ment for an impending task. **Pisces** (Feb. 19 – March 20) "Actu- rah."—"Sacking the Season" If you're

> Taurus (April 20 – May 20) "Whatyour great grandfather was a boy, hurtful memory.

-"Slope Flake" Tune up your equip-Gemini (May 21 – June 20) "But my

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point is that if you've ever done anything humiliating, you've probably noticed that your brain never lets you forget it. This put on a comical outfit and go to a public your next important task—in fact, your is the same brain that never remembers most important task—is to make sure things you should remember:" —"The Embarrassing Truth" Try to let go of a

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