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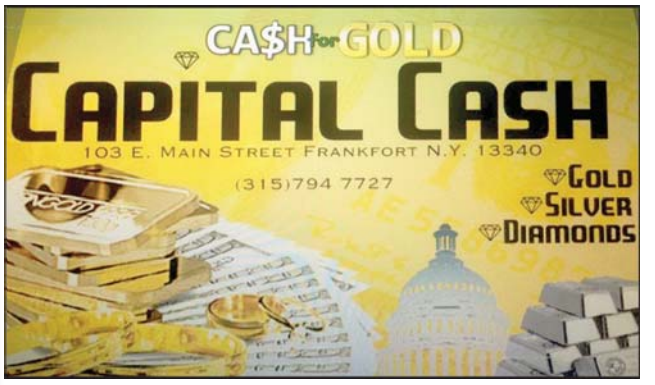

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Outdoor Power Equipment Institute reminds home and business owners about safe handling

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"Your indispensable winter friend, the snow blower is ready to be powered up and it's important to keep safety in mind," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Be sure to prepare and consider the following tips before you use your equipment:

Prepare before it snows

Review your owner's manual and check your equipment. Check your owner's manual for safe handling procedures from your manufacturer. If you forgot to drain the fuel last winter before storing your snow blower, drain the tank now. Adjust any cables. Check the auger (the snow blower should always be completely powered off when you are checking the equipment). Know how to operate the controls. You should be able to shut off your equipment quickly.

Prepare your fuel and handle it properly. It's important to have the right fuel on hand for your snow blower – movement and fuel availability may be limited during a snowstorm. Be sure to use the correct fuel, as recommended by your equipment's manufacturer (for more information on fueling properly see www.LookBeforeYouPump.com). Fill up the fuel tank outside before you start the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Be sure to clean the area you intend to clear with your equipment. Snow can sometimes hide objects that if run over by a snow blower, may harm the machine or people. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from the areas you intend to clear.

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Key safety tip: Never put your hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool (or stick) to unclog snow or debris from your snow blower. Your hands should never go inside the auger or chute. Make sure the snow blower is in the off position before addressing any clogs.

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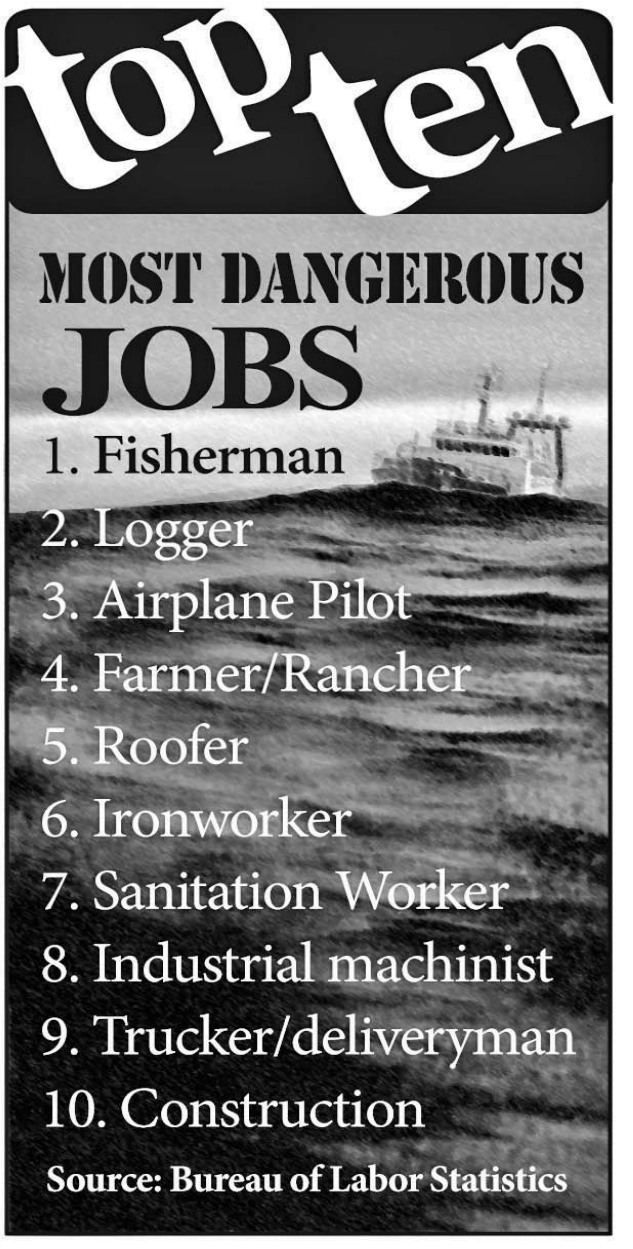
More safety tips and information are available at www.opei.org .



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A few thoughts on made-for-TV Christmas movies

by Steve Wagner

One entertainment venue where the word Christmas is still sacrosanct is Hallmark channel's seasonal made-for-TV Christmas movies, which start sometime prior to Thanksgiving and last until the end of the year. Few holiday seasons are as sharply defined as Christmas. Political correctness, however, seems to be morphing the word into a less meaningful and less definite "holiday" persona, lumping Christmas with other faiths so as not to offend anyone. "Merry Christmas" on the lips and on greeting cards has so much more pizzazz, class and élan than a mediocre, all-encompassing and mealy-mouthed "Happy Holidays." The films aired by Hallmark have the word Christmas, in fact or in sentiment, in the titles. Hallmark is likely the most prolific purveyor of such wall-to-wall entertainment fare, but others get into the act as well, like Lifetime channel and a few other cable outlets.

To clarify, these are not movies that played in movie houses and then came to television. The movies I'm talking about are not It's a Wonderful Life or The Holiday or Four Christmases or Miracle on 34th Street or The Bishop's Wife. No. You can see those anywhere. The ones I'm talking about you probably never heard of. A Crown for Christmas, for example, a Lifetime offering, features an actress named Danica McKellar. It is one of a collection of Christmas feel good films that have been around in recent years.

Several of these movies are filmed in Canada, and there is a stable of performers and companies almost dedicated to the genre. Larry Levinson Productions and Alpine Medien are companies that spring to mind. It is also a genre where female actresses dominate while male actors find themselves in supporting roles. Actresses who pop up again and again in the genre are Candace Cameron Bure, Sarah Lancaster, Alicia Witt, and McKellar. Though you may have seen their faces in other programs, it is in Christmas films where they seem to have made their mark.

There is a universal thread that runs through the plots of these movies, not all of them, but some of them. For example, the king, a widower, young and handsome, finds an American governess for his daughter. Daughter and governess become best friends and conspire against the king's prearranged marriage to a Cruella de Ville type, a coup that is successfully pulled off; the king and the governess wed much to the delight of all except a few uppity servant types who stand on everlasting protocol. This is where we find out how truly vulgar American girls are. The royal staff, everlastingly morally and socially superior, has no qualms about disallowing this intrusive stupid peasant getting a foothold in any way, shape or form.

Money is another theme. A girl has inherited her father's antique shop and her fiancée wants to climb the corporate real estate leader, in part, by including this shop of relics in a package deal of a big city block of similar out-of-date and unused buildings to be sold for millions. This poor schlemiel has to learn the hard way that his beloved is not and never has been about money.

There are inherent faults in this genre, which is no fault of the channels dedicated to them. One morning talk show host summed it up perfectly when he began to describe the plots of nearly a half dozen that he watched. "Well, this girl is engaged to be married, but then she gets a job in another town and meets this new fellow, when unexpectedly her fiancée shows up. Actually," he said, "This was the plot of the other five as well."

In several of these movies there is a Santa figure, perhaps a kindly, roly-poly figure that portrays Santa. Or is he the real thing? Just because he looks like Santa doesn't mean that he is. His pet reindeer (whose name is Rudy) means nothing. And the fact that he cannot accept any social commitments on Christmas Eve due to another engagement? Well, I mean! Come on!! In this particular film, I am fairly certain that budgetary restrictions made it necessary for Santa to utilize a one-horse open sleigh instead of the traditional eight or nine reindeer. No matter because in seemingly every movie, they all fly across the full moon as everyone watches.

Ho ho ho!!!

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Carol, brothers, carol

by Lucie Winborne

It's the week before Christmas in the Whitechapel District of London, 1888. Newspapers have been breathlessly reporting a series of murders attributed to a man calling himself Jack the Ripper. Thus far only women of the night have been his victims, but who knows where he might strike next?

And a young local girl named Carol Poles is missing.

A group gathers to go from house to house in search of her, but people are afraid to open their doors. To ease their fears, the searchers sing traditional Christmas songs.

Despite their efforts, young Carol is never found, but her community doesn't give up. Each year just before Christmas they travel from door to door with their songs ... and the tradition continues to this day, sharing the tunes now known as Christmas "Carols."

A rather romantic if tragic story, isn't it? Pity there probably isn't a grain of truth to it, as the custom of Christmas caroling existed decades before little Carol supposedly vanished. But then, how did it start?

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Well, the exact history is a bit murky. One account dates to the marriage of Germany's Prince Albert to Britain's Princess Victoria in 1840, claiming that after learning the prince thoroughly enjoyed Christmas carols, peasants serenaded him with them, beginning a tradition. The custom has also been traced to Methodists and Lutherans who brought a modified version of it to America, as well as the ancient Romans and the pre-Christian Festival of Yule.

But the most likely explanation appears to lie in an ancient English custom called the "waits" — going from house to house and singing in exchange for food, which resurfaced in Victorian England and America and is best described in the carol "Here We Come a-Wassailing." And if you've ever stopped to wonder just what "wassailing" means, it traces back to the Old Norse ves heill, meaning "be well and in good health."

Interestingly, it is also said that carol singers went from door to door because they were banned from churches during the Middle Ages for taking the word "carol" (to sing and dance in a circle) too literally, thereby disrupting solemn Christmas masses!

These days, however, it seems as if this beloved old practice has largely gone the way of the dinosaur. What happened?

Again, there are several theories, ranging from decreased neighbor interaction to simply being too busy or nervous about singing in public. Another claims that caroling was never really as widespread as we assume. But if you get the chance to participate in a strolling holiday songfest this year, I can think of no better advice than this refrain written by William A. Muhlenberg in 1840:

Carol, brothers, carol,
Carol joyfully,
Carol the good tidings,
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Now Here's A Tip

by JoAnn Derson

* Candles will burn more evenly if you refrigerate them for a few hours before lighting.

* "To make your drains fresh-smelling, shake a half-cup of baking soda into the drain. Then pour two cups of vinegar that you have warmed on the stove. It will froth and bubble. When it's done, run the hot water and give it a little scrub." — R.C. in Idaho

* Visit the dollar store for low-cost toys to use on car or airplane trips. You can get several busy toys and dole them out one at a time. Most parents will attest to what a lifesaver this can be.

* "When planning to visit my hometown for the holidays, I set aside a few hours to take the kids to the park or a nice playground. Then I message all my old friends and classmates with kids (Facebook is great for this) a few weeks ahead of time and let them know when I will be there. It's great to catch up while the kids play, and even if no one shows up, we still have a fun break." — F.L. in California

* Cookie sheets make great temporary mud and moisture trays for dirty shoes. Stash one at the entry to your home, and you will have less dirt tracked across your floors.

* "Keep knitting yarn in check with empty tissue boxes. Set your yarn ball inside the box, and let the string lead out of the top. When not in use, tape the string to the side of the box. Boxes can be stacked and stored for future projects." — C.W. in Indiana

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Oven-Baked Pepper Bacon

1 1/2 pounds sliced lean bacon

2 1/2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Arrange bacon slices in 2 jellyroll or shallow roasting pans, overlapping the lean edge of each slice with the fat edge of the next.

2. Evenly sprinkle pepper over bacon slices. Place pans on 2 oven racks and bake 25 minutes, switching pans between upper and lower racks halfway through baking, or until bacon is golden-brown and crisp.

3. Transfer bacon to paper towels to drain; keep warm. Makes 12 servings.

* Each serving: About 90 calories, 5g protein, 0g carbohydrate, 8g total fat (3g saturated), 13mg cholesterol, 255mg sodium.

You'll find many more great holiday recipes in the Good Housekeeping A Very Merry Christmas Cookbook (Hearst Books).

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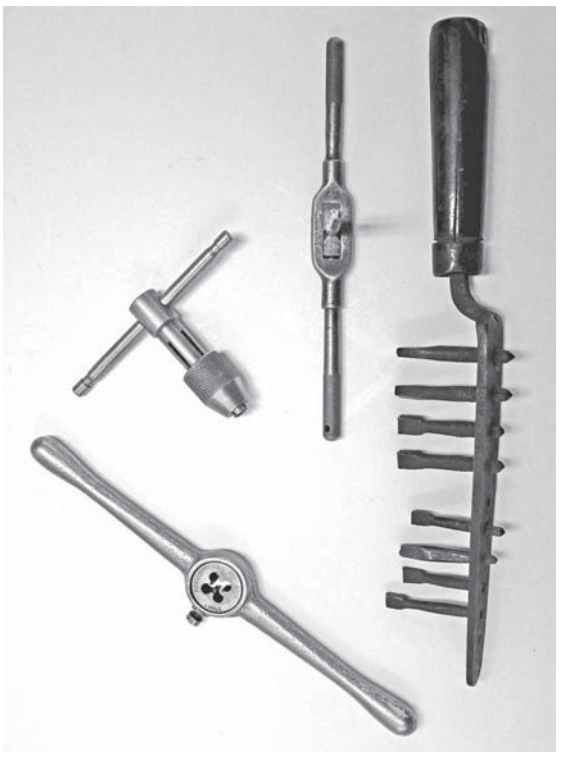
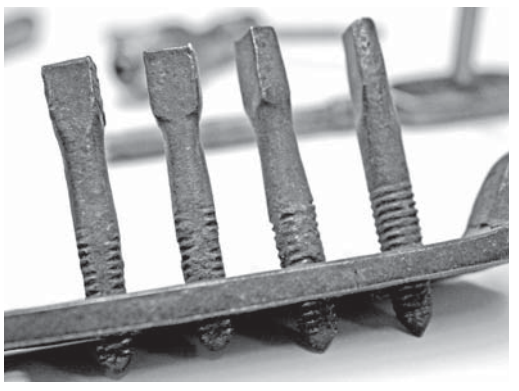


This week, we are featuring a group of tap and die tools that span several decades. I'm sure most of our readers have seen these tools before, but just in case you're a little foggy — let us review.

The long, screw-like pieces of metal are called *taps* and they cut out the inside surface of a hole, this action creates a female surface which functions like a nut. The threads on the tap actually carve out and create the inside threads that will receive a threaded bolt.

To carve out and make the threads, a tap should first be placed in the wrench then twisted into the material. The "T" shaped tool pictured to the left is a more modern version of a tap wrench.

The *die* cuts a thread on a preformed cylindrical rod, creating a male threaded piece which functions like a bolt. If you look to the upper right, the circular metal object pictured is a die, this die model has a side adjusting screw. The adjusting screw allows for slight variations in size, due to material, manufacturer, or die sharpness.



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Little Falls hosts eighth annual Christmas Festival

by Daniel Baldwin

The Christmas season has arrived, and Little Falls' businesses spread the holiday cheer by participating in the eight annual Christmas in Little Falls Celebration. This was a one-day festival that happened on Dec. 12.

Mohawk Valley residents tasted many homemade soups during the Christmas Soup Festival, which took place on Main Street in the morning.

This event had a lot to offer. There was an Artisans Craft Fair at the city's Elks Club, free horse and carriage rides, and a Red Nose Reindeer 5K Race, which took place in the streets of the city. People had the chance to taste different types of homemade soups that were served by the best chefs from Little Falls.

"This Christmas Celebration is a wonderful event to have at this time of year," yoga instructor and Little Falls resident Marchell Ray said. "It helps us to share with each other what we have to offer here in Little Falls, so I would give it a 10 out of 10."

The afternoon featured a marathon of music concerts at the Canal Place. Chainsaw sculptor Mark Tyoe demonstrated his skills by carving a wooden bear. Snow and cold temperatures were not a problem at this Christmas event. The weather remained mild throughout the day.

"The main goal (of this event) is to promote what a wonderful town we have," Christine Van Meter, chairperson for Christmas in Little Falls, said. "We just wanted to bring the magic back to living in a small town, and celebrating Christmas. Every year more volunteers chipped in and it grew to what it is today. To me the most important thing is that we're making memories for our children, so that when they grow up, they'll remember that it is great to grow up in Little Falls."

This festival has had a lot of success in the past. The number of attendees keeps growing year after year, according to Meter.

"The first year we had 800 people," she said, "and we've grown ever since that. Today it looks like a record year this year."

The city of Little Falls has had an eventful year. The city hosted a cheese and garlic festival last summer, and there is of course the traditional

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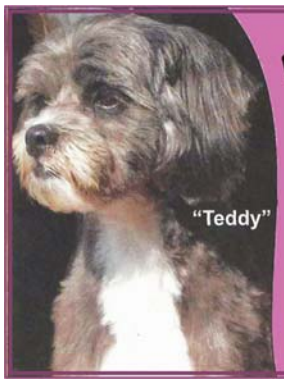

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Canal Days Celebration. According to the city's website (www.Littlefallsny.com), Little Falls has hosted a total of nine events, counting the Christmas Festival, from July to December. The cheese festival was a new event that came to the city of Little Falls. All the others have been going on for years.

A few residents, like Little Falls resident and Project Linus Chapter Coordinator Kim Horender, said that these types of events are increasing tourism.

"There has got to be something to draw these people here (Little Falls)," Horender said. "I think those events are definitely a drawing incentive to come in and see what's going on here."

Many wreaths and holiday crafts were displayed at the Artisan Craft Fair at the city's Elks Club

Little Falls residents rode around the city's streets in a horse-drawn carriage. Photos by Daniel Baldwin

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Strange But True

by Samantha Weaver

* It was Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky who made the following sage observation: "Silence will save me from being wrong (and foolish), but it will also deprive me of the possibility of being right."

* If you live in New Jersey, you pay eight times as much in real estate taxes as residents of Hawaii do.

* Given the popularity of both Legos and Star Wars, you probably won't be surprised to learn that the first licensed, themed Lego set was an X-Wing fighter, released in 1999.

* Those who study such things say that wearing skinny jeans can cause varicose veins.

* In the 1930s, during the Bolshevik Revolution, a Communist patrol in Siberia came across an isolated fundamentalist Russian Orthodox settlement. Christians were persecuted in the Soviet Union, and one of the soldiers shot and killed a man working in the village. This prompted the man's brother, Karp Lykov, to flee into the forest with his wife and two young children. A sad story, perhaps, but nothing unusual — until you find out that the Lykov family remained in complete isolation for 42 years. It wasn't until 1978 that surveyors in a helicopter saw in a remote area a clearing that was obviously not of natural origin. Investigation revealed that Karp and his four children (his wife had died in 1961) were living in a crude log dwelling. They'd had no contact with the outside world since fleeing their village in 1936, and two of the children had never seen a human not related to them.

Thought for the Day: "Language is the apparel in which your thoughts parade in public. Never clothe them in vulgar and shoddy attire." — George W. Crane

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The various types of RVs

Vacations are a great way to recharge and get some time away from the daily grind. While many working men and women take one or two vacations per year, recreational vehicle owners can travel more often without breaking the bank.

Recreational vehicles, or RVs, are often referred to as campers or motor homes. Equipped with many amenities, ranging from kitchens to multiple sleeping areas to entertainment spaces, RVs offer many of the comforts of home.

The Recreational Vehicle Industry Association says RV ownership is currently at an all-time high. According to Dr. Richard Curtin, RV industry analyst and director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan, 8.9 million households now own an RV. That's up from 7.9 million in 2005.

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Drivers considering buying an RV may have many questions about these increasingly popular vehicles. RVs come in two main types: motorized and towable. Understanding the differences between the two and the various subcategories of RV can help drivers make the most informed decisions when purchasing their RVs.

Motorized

Motorized RVs are broken down by class, including class A, B and C. The distinction between the classes of RV is based on size.

• Class A: This class of motor home is very large and offers all of the comforts you'd expect from home. Many people who purchase a class A RV plan to travel all year long. Slide-outs can expand the living area when parked, and full bathrooms, complete kitchens and more are the norm. Because of their size, class A RVs tend to be the most expensive and may be more vehicle than many people can afford. Their large size (many look like a bus on the road) can make them difficult to navigate for novices.

• Class B: Class B RVs are often referred to as "van conversions." Class B are the smallest, fully enclosed campers available in the motorized category. Living space is limited in these RVs, but economy and versatility make them quite popular. Usually these campers can sleep between two and four people.

• Class C: Class C RVs are a compromise between types A and B. Class C are mid-sized with a driver's compartment similar to a van and a larger box in the back for the living area. Some come with a sleeping bunk above the cab. Depending on the floor plan, class C campers can sleep up to 10 people.

Towable

Towable RVs are another option and can be more affordable because they can be pulled behind your existing vehicle.

• Travel trailers: Travel trailers look similar to traditional motorized RVs but without the driving cab. They can be hitched to the back of a vehicle. Travel trailers are popular because of their versatility. Travel trailers can be ideal for those with limited budgets but the desire to have a self-contained unit.

• Pop-up: Folding camping trailers, or pop-up trailers, are inexpensive and lightweight. They provide many of the conveniences found in a basic travel trailer but in a smaller size.

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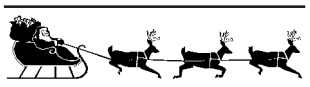

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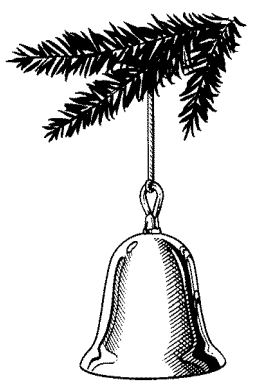

Calendar of Events

COUNTRY EDITOR

NOTE: Calendar entries must arrive at the Country Editor's office by Thursay a week before our Friday publication date for them to be included in the calendar of events. Send events to Lee Publications c/o Country Editor, 6113 State Highway 5, or PO Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 or e-mail to: kkelly@leepub.com.

DEC 26

2nd Annual Snowman Ball

Utica Maennechor, 5535 Flanagan Road, Marcy. 6 - 7 pm. Free dance lesson. Open dance until 10 pm. $8 USA Dance Members. $11 Non-Members.

JAN 2

The Dolgeville Violet Festival Committee's 2nd Annual Character Breakfast

Dolgeville Fire Station. The 1st seating will begin at 8 am and the 2nd seating at 9:30 am. Reservations required. Tickets $10 per seat and can be purchased by calling Crystal Napier at 315-527-9585.

JAN 3, 10, 17, 24

Elks Breakfasts

Herkimer Elks Lodge, 124 Mary Street. 8 - 11 am. Adults $9. Children under 12 $4.

JAN 15

The Morelli Thing: Reading and Book-signing with author Frank Lentricchia

The Other Side, 2011 Genesee St., Utica (next door to Cafe Domenico). 7:30 pm. Free to the public. For information contact Kim Domenico at 735-4825 or kodomenico@verizon.net .

FEB 6

Herkimer County Science Fair

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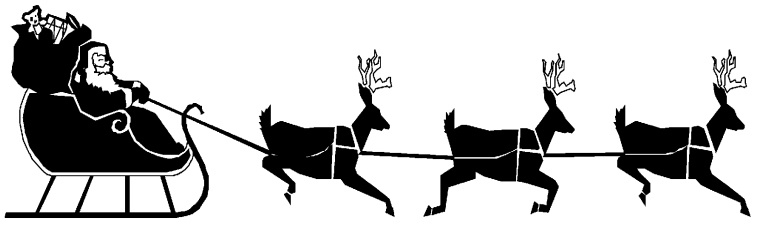

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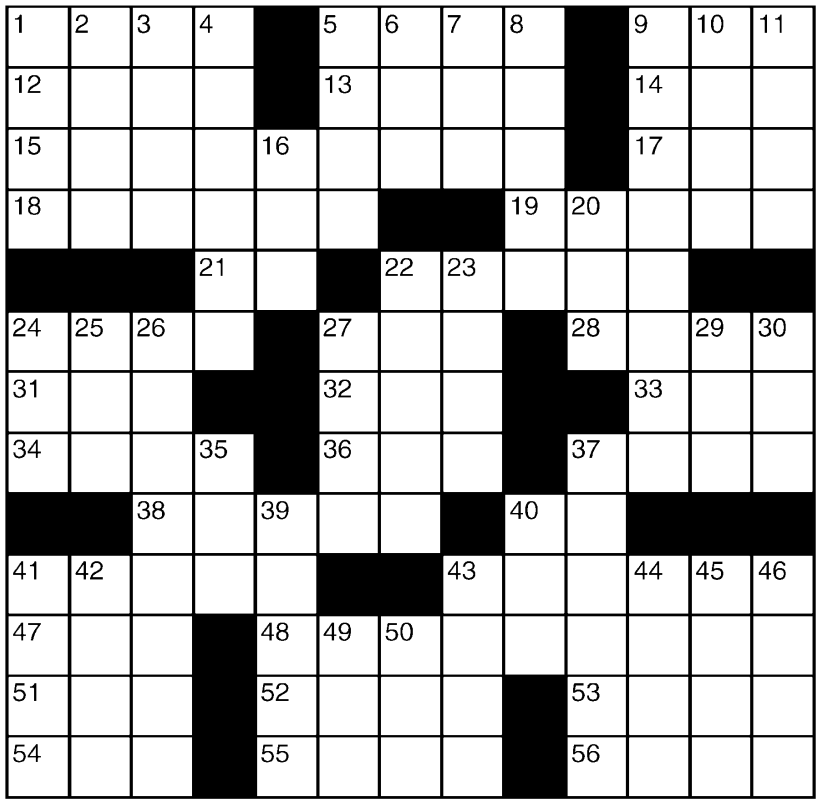

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9 Commercials
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13 Sheltered
14 Once around the track
15 Helen Reddy hit
17 Sch. org.
18 Charlie Brown's dog
19 Fire residue
21 Yours truly
22 Accordion rendition, often
24 Amorphous mass
27 Lingerie item
28 Concept
31 Edge
32 Decay
33 Have
34 Newspaper pg.
36 Fool
37 On in years
38 Euphoric
40 Hosp. staffer
41 Memorable mission
43 Oriental temple
47 Oft-tattooed word
48 "Chicago" Oscar winner
51 Eggs
52 History chapters
53 Hold sway
54 Barbie's companion
55 Adjoining
56 Largest of the seven

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4 Bury
5 "My Fair —"
6 Carte lead-in
7 Kitten's comment
8 Punishment-related
9 Pack leader, maybe
10 Appointment
11 Resorts
16 Gorilla
20 Take to the slopes
22 Commonplace
23 Feedbag fill
24 Bud
25 Back talk
26 1971 Heston film, with "The"
27 Actor Pitt
29 Ram's mate
30 In addition
35 Poorly lit
37 Goat hair made into wool
39 Twelve
40 British rule in India
41 Uncontrolled
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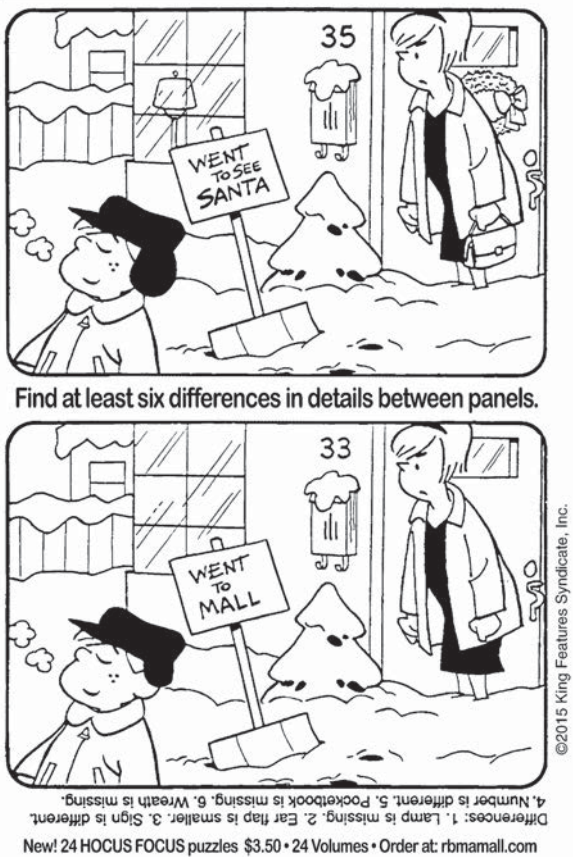

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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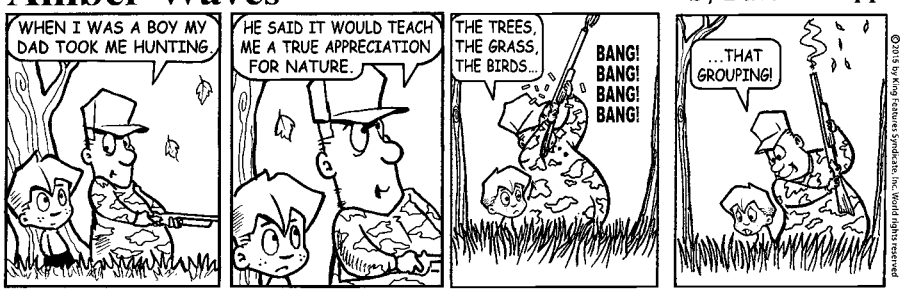
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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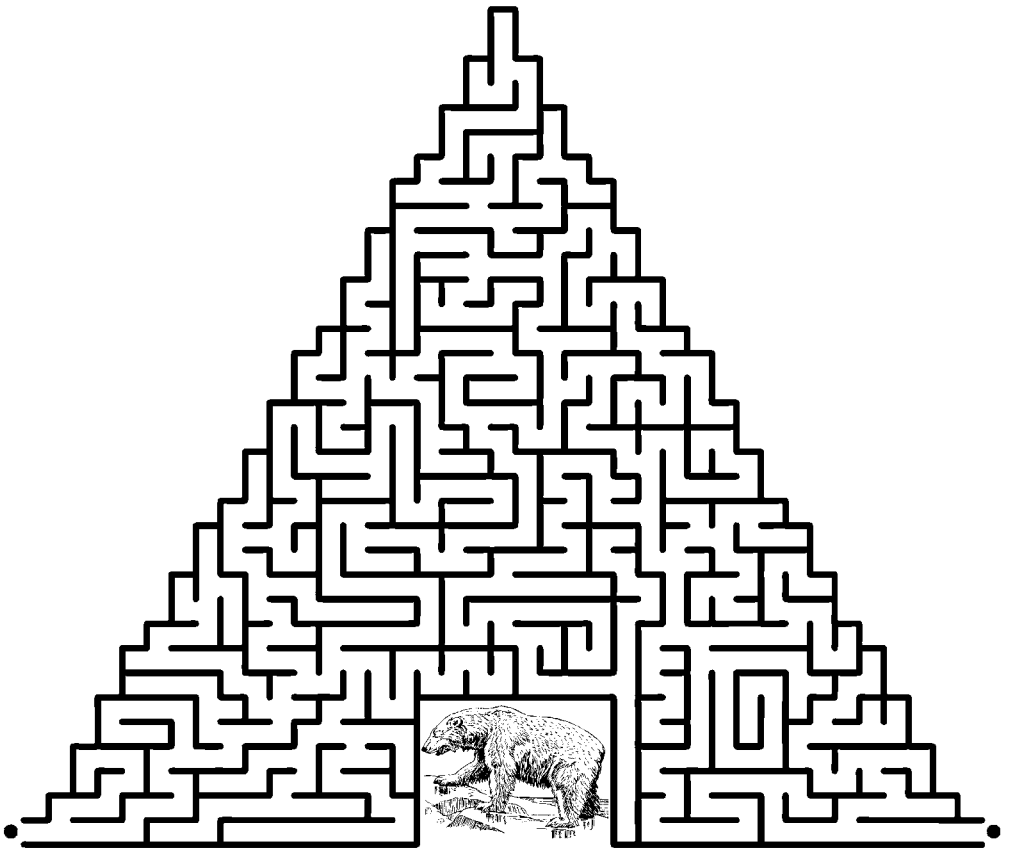

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— Ernest Hemingway

Ernest Hemingway's passport photo. In 1923, Hemingway lived in Paris and worked as a foreign correspondent for the Toronto Star Weekly. His novel ***The Old Man and The Sea*** *won both the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Nobel Prize in Literature 30 years later.*

ANSWERS

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Collecting

by Larry Cox

Beverage Set

Q: I have a seven-piece beverage set in pink: a pitcher with six goblets in the "Tea Room" pattern. I have examined it carefully, and I think it is in near perfect condition. It is not a reproduction and has been in my family since the 1940s. I have been offered $100 for the set, but thought I would check with you before I agree to the sale. -- Betty, Ogden, Utah

A: The "Tea Room" pattern is popular and desirable. The Indiana Glass Company of Dunkirk, Indiana, introduced it in 1926 and production continued until 1931. The pattern was issued in four colors: amber, crystal, green and pink. According to Warman's Depression Glass: A Value and Identification Guide by Ellen T. Schroy, your pink pitcher is worth about $135 and the goblets about $65 each. The offer you received is about $400 short of the set's value, per Ellen T. Schroy, an expert in antique glassware who has written several guides.

Q: Although I am not a serious collector, I enjoy going to estate sales and occasionally buy an item or two. Can you recommend a good general price guide that you trust? I am especially interested in kitchenware, glass, toys and jewelry. -- Connie, San Diego

A: There are dozens of price guides available, but one I find most helpful is The Antique Trader Antiques & Collectibles price guide edited by Eric Bradley and published by Krause Books. The 32nd edition has just been published, and the cover price of $22.99 is a bargain. This easy to use guide is the No. 1 selling reference of its kind and features more than 4,300 illustrations in full color. Although values can vary from region to region, this guide accurately reflects the antique and collectible marketplace.

Q: Is there a market for Reader's Digest condensed books? I have several dozen, mostly from the 1960s. — Hal, Dalhart, Texas

A: There doesn't seem to be. Most of the ones I've seen at garage sales and flea markets have been priced at about a dollar each. Even at that low price there isn't much interest. You might donate your collection to a charity.

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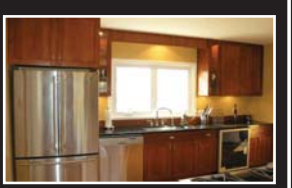
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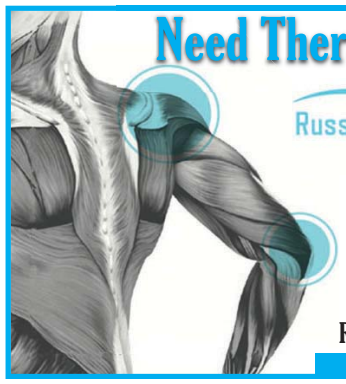

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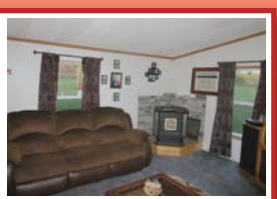

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