

COMING SOON to your LCNFC...

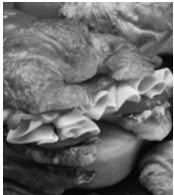
- Ice Skating Family Night (1-12)
- YES Comedy Showcase (1-13)
- LES Student/Staff Game (1-18)
- Traditional Easter Egg Hunt (4-7)

What Else in December?



FAMILY NIGHTS!

Monday, Dec. 4 – **Family Movie** at YES! Thursday, Dec. 14 – Children's **Make-a-Gift** Night (Space is limited! Pre-register!) Both at 6 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



EATING FOR THE PTO!

Thursday, Dec. 7, evening... Subway is donating a portion of their dinner proceeds to the Lincoln PTO! Dine at Subway and help our kids at Lincoln!



ANGELS OF LOVE

DISTRIBUTION! Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. at St. Peter's. If your children are registered for Angels of Love, don't forget to pick up their presents! Your children are welcome to attend!

○ kidscommons connection... ○

○ *Happenings at our children's museum downtown...* ○

○ Explore! Create! Collaborate! ○

FUN for the whole family? ○

YOU BET!!! ○

Hours! ○

○ Tuesday through Saturday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ○

○ Sunday—1 to 5 p.m. ○

○ Admission is \$6 per person for ages 1-99 ○

○ Call for more info and LOTS more activities at ○

○ 378-3046 or www.kidscommons.org. ○

Rudy's Soap Box...

Happy holidays everyone! I have a few things to say about why I am writing for The Downtowner and what I'll be discussing about for many issues to come. In my first entry (Oct. 06) I said that the common theme would be Asperger's Syndrome, a form of high-functioning autism. Before coming up with this month's entry, I was debating on whether I explain what it is and what not. Instead I am going to write about my experiences as an individual with AS as well as my opinions on mainstream society and those with AS. There is a wealth of information on AS on the web. You can go to Wikipedia.com and find an excellent article on it. For those without web access, fear not. You can receive information by calling the Autism Society of America, 1-800-3AUTISM. I would sooner write about my experiences and etcetera from this issue on because I want to show the breadth and complexity of my thoughts, thus showcasing the mind of an individual with AS.

As a self-appointed "goodwill ambassador" for those with the "disorder" (yes, disorder with quotation marks because some of those with it see it as an asset. I myself see it that way, to a certain extent.) I feel it's important to state the fact that we are warm blooded, sentient human beings like the person next to us, and our *raison detre* in this world is just as right as rain as everyone else's. By showcasing my thoughts, I believe, I will be doing my part in putting preconceptions and prejudices of those with AS to test and, finally, rest. I want Aspies (as some of those with AS refer to themselves as) and society at large to live and work together as harmoniously as possible. The time to address aforementioned matters is this very day and age. At the same time society is becoming more tolerant and understanding, there is a current of ableist attitudes on a gradual rise. Meanwhile, I'm taking a stand. Happy holidays and don't eat too much fruitcake. I myself am abstaining from it. Just kidding!

- Rudy Minton