

# COMMENTARY

## Less revelry, more relief

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Those of us in New Hampshire as well throughout this nation could considerably help the tsunami relief efforts by substantially scaling down the usual fluff and puff of the inaugural balls and related activities of incoming Governors, as well as the Presidential inaugural activities in Washington.

In New Hampshire and some states, tickets to the balls and other activities go for \$150 each; for the President's events admission costs \$2,000 and up.

The inaugural-related activities in Washington are expected to exceed \$30 million, and many state balls cost tens of thousands of dollars.

It seems to be such an elaborate waste that expensive inaugural balls — with the related expenses of rented tuxedos and limousines that make the balls unaffordable for most of us other than the wealthy or the influential — will be held in

most states and in Washington during January just to fill the political egos of a few.

It is an extravagance that will compare badly during the next three or four weeks with the news of tens of thousands of more people who are likely to die of disease and inadequate help in the tsunami-ravaged countries.

Much of that money instead could be given to the Red Cross or other agencies which could better use the funds to help save lives and contribute to recovery efforts.

As 2005 begins, the United States is at a moment where we can stand out as we usually do as the example for the world as a nation of compassion. By diverting monies that otherwise would go to needless celebratory inaugural activities of our state and national governments for something much more important, we would make a clear and well-received statement of our caring and leadership.

## WARM THANKS

To the Editor:

New Generation Shelter staff wish to thank the many companies, individuals, and community organizations who recently shared the holiday spirit with them.

New Generation, Inc., a non-profit shelter for homeless pregnant women and mothers with young children, was showered with gifts and donations of time and money to help their cause.

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a network of national service programs that matches Seniors' skills with community needs, presented our executive director with a bag of knitted items for the residents and their children. The sweaters, hats, and blankets were given to residents and will help them bundle up their newborns on cold winter days.

Flora Ventures of Newmarket donated a six-foot Christmas tree. The tree was promptly decorated by residents and sat in the center of the shelter's main living room during the Annual Reunion Party.

Santa Claus and his helper volunteered many hours to meet former residents and their children and hand out gifts during the

party. Santa Claus, keeper of all the presents, had a steady flow of curious children visiting him. Newborns to 10-year-olds enjoyed gifts under the Christmas tree, while their mothers shared food and conversation with staff and residents. It was an evening of joy and reflection for those who had moved on to permanent housing.

Three local churches — Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, the Church of St. Thomas More in Durham, and St. Christopher's Catholic Church in York, Maine, gave generously to residents and their children again this year with dozens of Santa-size sacks of wrapped Christmas gifts and year-round presents from members of their parishes.

William A. Berry and Son, Inc. of Danvers, MA donated a new dishwasher to the shelter's kitchen, which was installed in early December. William A. Berry and Son is a program management, construction management, and facility management company, that has donated annually to New Generation.

Bottomline Technologies of Portsmouth donated \$250 for the purchase of a commercial vacuum cleaner for Next Generation Daycare. The vacuum came just after new carpeting was installed in the daycare's infant room, a gift from Hoyt's Carpet and Tile.

We thank all who were a part of the holiday celebration, and look forward to a bright New Year.

For more information on New Generation, Inc. call (603) 436-4989 or visit [www.newgennh.com](http://www.newgennh.com).

Catherine Edison  
Fundraising Director  
New Generation, Inc.  
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## OUT OF TOUCH?

To the Editor:

After watching last night's (January 3) Hampton Selectmen's meeting I am convinced that they are out of touch with our taxpayers.

We are currently facing a budget, which if passed as sent to the budget committee, could result in a 22 percent increase in our taxes over last years (which does

not include Warrant Articles). This is following last year's (2002 to 2003) tax increase of 9.6 percent with the default budget. Heaven only knows what it would have been if the budget that was proposed had passed.

My point is that the board spent a good deal of time talking with Mr. Bambury and Mr. Olney relative to how best to construct the financing of a bicycle path from Exeter to Hampton Beach. All this, simply because Mr. Bambury has found another GRANT by which the federal government will provide some \$600,000, if Hampton will put up the balance of \$150,000 of the cost.

This bicycle path apparently provides a "yellow line" designating the portions of Exeter Road, Towle Avenue and Winnacunnet Road which lies within the yellow line and the curb (where there is one) as "the Bicycle Path". I can see nothing but narrower roads for automobile traffic, as well as unknown safety hazards (read that "liability") and maintenance costs to the taxpayers.

The proponents of the bicycle path cite reduction of automobile exhaust fumes and reduction of automobile

traffic which will be replaced with healthier bicycle traffic as the reason for this project. I submit that such reasoning is nothing more than a waist-high pile of meadow muffins to provide another unnecessary recreational activity for a few months of the year.

In light of such a dramatic, proposed increase in our taxes our board of selectmen should immediately cut off any further discussion of such a frivolous project and tell Mr. Bambury and company NO! We have more critical needs in Hampton at this time for the expenditure of \$150,000.

Supporting a bicycle path to Exeter at this time would be kind of like our helicopters dropping basketballs because they are available, to tsunami victims in Asia, who are desperately in need of food, clean drinking water and medicine.

I am too concerned with my ability to pay continually increasing taxes. A bicycle path to Exeter isn't even on my radar screen. In my opinion, this is just another example of our board of selectmen being continually out of touch with the concerns of our taxpayers.

Gerald M. Dignam  
Hampton



ON THE BIG SCREEN — State Street Discount Owner Renee Ledy (left) and Hamptons American Legion Post #35 Commander Ralph Fatello are pictured here with Anna Skye and her grandfather, Bob Chaikn (right). Anna was the winner of a 42" Sony Plasma TV, one of the prizes offered in Post #35's holiday raffle drawing. The other raffle prize was a freezer full of meat, courtesy of Joe's Meat Shoppe and won by Dave Lang.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Veterans.

To the Editor:  
On Monday, December 20, 2004 the American Legion's Post #35 in Hampton held their holiday raffle drawing. The winning tickets were pulled by Post #35's oldest and youngest

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Durham	4:05a	5:05a	6:35a	8:35a	10:35a	12:20p	1:50p	3:20p	4:50p
Dover	4:20p	5:20a	6:50a	8:50a	10:50a	12:35p	2:05p	3:35p	5:05p
Portsmouth	4:40a	5:40a	7:10a	9:10a	11:10a	12:55p	2:25p	3:55p	5:25p
Arriving at	6:00a	7:00a	8:30a	10:30a	12:30p	2:15p	3:45p	5:15p	6:45p

#### SOUTHBOUND TO LOGAN AIRPORT (EXETER-HAMPTON-SEABROOK)

Exeter	4:45a	5:45a	7:15a	9:15a	11:15a	1:00p	2:30p	4:00p	5:30p
Hampton	5:00a	6:00a	7:30a	9:30a	11:30a	1:15p	2:45p	4:15p	5:45p
Seabrook	5:10a	6:10a	7:40a	9:40a	11:40a	1:25p	2:55p	4:25p	5:55p
Arriving at	6:00a	7:00a	8:30a	10:30a	12:30p	2:15p	3:45p	5:15p	6:45p

#### DEPART LOGAN AIRPORT NORTHBOUND

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#### SOUTHBOUND TO LOGAN AIRPORT (DURHAM-DOVER-PORTSMOUTH)

Portsmouth	4:40a	6:10a	7:40a	9:10a	11:10a	1:10p	3:10p	5:10p	4:50p
Dover	5:00p	6:30a	8:00a	9:30a	11:30a	1:30p	3:30p	5:30p	5:05p
Durham	5:15a	6:45a	8:15a	9:45a	11:45a	1:45p	3:45p	5:45p	5:25p
Arriving at	6:00a	7:30a	9:00a	10:30a	12:30p	2:30p	4:30p	6:30p	6:45p

#### SOUTHBOUND TO LOGAN AIRPORT (EXETER-HAMPTON-SEABROOK)

Hampton	5:00a	6:30a	8:00a	9:30a	11:30a	1:30p	3:30p	5:30p	5:30p
Exeter	5:15a	6:45a	8:15a	9:45a	11:45a	1:45p	3:45p	5:45p	5:45p
Arriving at	6:00a	7:30a	9:00a	10:30a	12:30p	2:30p	4:30p	6:30p	6:45p

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