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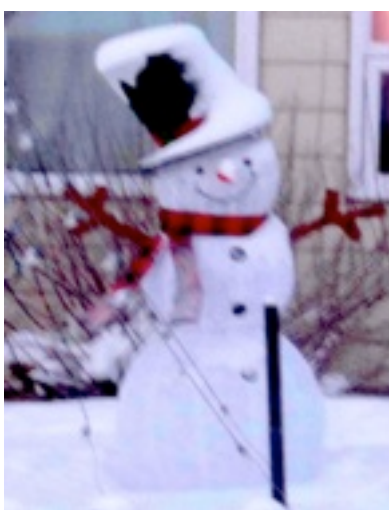
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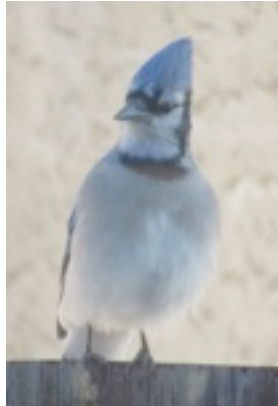
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On Jasper Avenue



In the backyard



On 108 St and off Jasper Ave



At the Legislative ground

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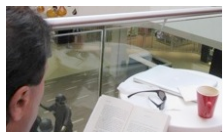
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CHRISTMAS MAGIC IN THE AIR



Editor: Another year is coming to an end and many people across the globe are living in fear due to covid, the lockdowns, loss of work and not knowing what the future holds for them and their loved ones.

Fear is everywhere

Across the world people are losing their lives, jobs and businesses. It gets very depressing. Some or many have already taken their lives, not being able to cope. I find that reminiscing on those golden backhome days awaken joy from within me. Recently, instead of having cereals, hash brown, toast or eggs for breakfast, I have been having backhome Guyanese style breakfast such as okra with roti, or cabbage curry chicken with roti - I never thought I would have curry for breakfast. On Boxing Day, pepperpot which is an Amerindian (American Indian) dish made with casreep sauce, with bread for lunch. Next it will be bake and saltfish for breakfast.

People are longing to return to the good days, the days what we refer to as normal. But that normal is gone! Gone forever! Both the vaccinated and unvaccinated are dying and many are being injured and their lives are being destroyed. Our lives have changed forever, and so will humanity and our DNA. It's much more than just being jabbed. Bill Gates spoke about population reduction. Many changes are coming for humanity!

Many are becoming spiritual and defeating fear

I've noticed, just from reading some comments on YouTube videos that many people are becoming more spiritual. Becoming spiritual means that we are spending more time on an elevated or spiritual plane where our focus is often on the creator of the worlds, to nourish our souls, instead of spending all of our time in worldly affairs and feeding our desires, ego, body and urges by chasing after worldly possessions that brings about more sufferings.

The CDC reporting system known as VAERS (the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) reveal that thousands of Americans are dying and are being injured after being vaccinated. A recent youtube video called 'Dr Peter McCullough Exposes VAERS Vaccine Safety Issues To Joe Rogan & Millions' published on Dec 14th, 2021, at link below, discuss the VAERS report.

***This video is located at the following link:** <https://odysee.com/@TimTruth:b/Mccullough-vaers-joe-rogan:4> (Copy & paste link into your webpage URL; remove extra characters). At the beginning of this video, Dr. McCollough says, "Remember the vaccines originally were just offered. **The vaccines are research. They are all investigational research and so nobody can encourage somebody to take the vaccine by the way. That violates the Nuremberg code.** Can't do it. Research is neutral. **As a doctor I can never tell somebody they should take the covid 19 vaccine. Why?** Because same reason why I can't tell them, say, listen, you should be in my research study. You should take my research pill for diabetes. You know if I told them that you should be in my research study I'd be sanctioned by the IRB. I'd be call by the FDA..."*

At minute 4:50 in the video, the doctor showed the **VAERS report data** for up to Dec 3, 2021. Rogan said, "This is just the VAERS which is under reported." Many researchers say only about 1% of events are reported into the VAERS system. Dr. McCullough said, "The red box events comes up once a week, and certified by the CDC. That means all of these events really happened." The numbers on the red boxes show **19,886 deaths, 32,644 people permanently disabled**, along with other important information. If events are being under reported, then what are the actual numbers? It's important for each person to review videos like this one to understand the information, which the CDC puts out for the public to view and review.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!
CHRISTMAS IS HERE AGAIN



Having a jolly good time and a happy new year



CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gobble Gummies

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Young entrepreneurs making waves

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SweetPeaches



Sour-Treasure-Keys

How it all started - We are 13 year old, Canadian entrepreneurs and we love candy – Especially gummy candy! Growing up in Canada many of the halal gummy candies that we ate were brought in from different countries outside of Canada. It was hard to find fresh, halal certified, Canadian made candy that we could enjoy. So, we decided to offer our very own yummy, fresh, Canadian gummy candies. We experimented, searched, and tested....finally over time, Gobble Gummies was born! Our candy gives you a soft, chewy, flavourful premium gummy that is made according to Canadian manufacturing standards. We are proudly Canadian and want to share great premium Candy with the world!



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CHRISTMAS

Put up a tree
turn on the lights,
there's magic tonight
Have a merry little Christmas,
and a happy new year

All the best and success
All the good things life brings

Follow your passion, with a New Year resolution
Put up a tree, turn on the lights

I'll always remember, Christmas day
Those moments we share and treasure, the things we do together

Taking rides on Santa's sleight
To see the lights on Candy Cane Lane

Smile with me, Shout with glee
Put up a tree, turn on the lights

Christmas day we celebrate our love,
On Christmas day we celebrate

Light up my life, light up the world, lets celebrate
It's the love we share, the love that gets, so high and higher

All the best and success, All the good things life brings
Sing a song and clap along, here we go under the mistletoe
Smile with me, shout with glee, put up a tree turn on the lights
Christmas we celebrate our love, On Christmas day we celebrate
Christmas day we celebrate our love, Christmas day we celebrate

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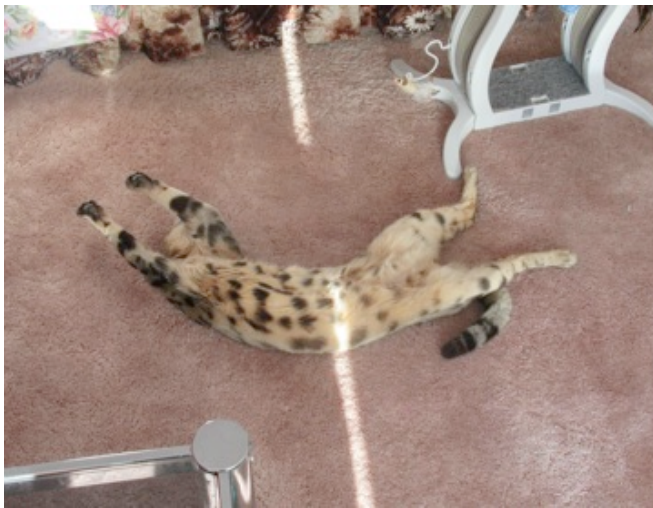
PUT UP A TREE, TURN ON THE LIGHTS
ENJOY YOUR PRECIOUS HOLIDAYS!



Fried rice made by F. ally
See recipe section

Taking some stretching lessons from Furrari

Not only is this cat fast, but Furrari also stretches everyday. Something I should be doing. Now that we are indoors, and can't go bike riding, walking or enjoying other forms of outdoor activities, I'm taking some lessons from this cat, and also spending more time stretching and exercising...F. Ally



Getting a good back, hand and leg stretch



Now relaxing on the couch

GUYANA 1978

THE JONESTOWN MASSACRE

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PART 1 - THEIR LEADER, JIM JONES, HAD BETRAYED HIS WHOLE COMMUNITY BY MURDERING MOST OF HIS PEOPLE WITH POISON - 918 MURDERED, INCLUDING AROUND 300 CHILDREN

Jonestown, located on the north east of Guyana, South America, just east of the Venezuelan border, was once an agricultural settlement, which today is deserted and still haunts many. Just over 42 years ago, in the summer of 1977, a charismatic leader of the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, Jim Jones, had moved his followers from California to Guyana with over 900 followers, promising them utopia, after he was faced with accusations such as fraud and abuse of his members in California. About a third of his commune was children age 17 and under and the rest were women and men.

The murder of children, women and men

On November 18, 1978, the biggest mass suicide in American history at that time had taken place on Americans Jonestown, Guyana, which Jim Jones had called a 'revolutionary suicide', where he had ordered his followers to ingest poison, made from 'cyanide-laced Flavor Aid' (1). 'Many of Jones followers willingly ingested a poison-laced punch while others were forced to do so at gunpoint. The final death toll at Jonestown that day was 909; a third of those who perished were children' (5). The poison was first administered to children and then to the women and men. Around 300 children lost their lives. To be more accurate '304 were minors' (6). Not long before the genocide, on that same fatal day, five people were gunned down at the Port Kaituma airstrip, which was six miles from Jonestown; one of the five men was Californian, Congressman Leo Ryan that had recently arrived in Guyana to investigate the Peoples Temples. Ryan and his team had taken a chartered plane from Georgetown to Port Kaituma. The killing spree continued, where after the mass suicide and gunning down of Ryan and the others, four other members that worked at the Temples' headquarters in Georgetown were murdered. Thus, a total of 918 people had lost their lives in Guyana, South America - all American lives.

Jim Jones and his movement in the United States of America

Peoples Temple was a Christian group that began in Indianapolis in the 1950s by Jones, where he began 'preaching elements of Marxism and communism' (2). He preached against racism, which attracted many 'blacks'. 'At the time he was not affiliated with any particular denomination and had no theological training' (7). Although the members were from a mixed group, a 'large proportion of them were urban black, many from the ghettos' (3), whereas Jones

was 'white'. There were also many elderly that had social Security benefits, which benefitted the Peoples Temple. 'In 1965, he moved the group to Northern California, settling in Ukiah and after 1971 in San Francisco. In the 1970s, his church was accused by the media of financial fraud, physical abuse of its members and mistreatment of children' (5).

Negotiating land in Guyana, South America

Due to the accusations Jones was facing, in 1973, he began looking for places to move to. He looked at places such as Canada, Barbados, Trinidad, and Guyana (6). He chose Guyana for various reasons, since Guyana was multicultural, has a 'black' community, and is known as an English speaking country in South America. Although Guyana is in South America and is known to be an English speaking country, a large part of the population speaks 'Creole Patois' which is not easy for an English speaking person to understand, nor is proper English easy for many Guyanese to speak. However, proper English is spoken through the news media in Guyana since the country was ruled by the British prior to independence in 1966, and before areas in Guyana were also ruled by the Dutch and French. 'In October 1973, the directors of the Temple passed a resolution to establish an agricultural mission there' (6). At that time Guyana's government was socialist where the Prime Minister was Linden Forbes Burnham, and in the past, since Guyana had close ties to Cuba, the PPP party leader, Cheddi Jagan, was accused by the American government of being a communist - Jagan denied being a communist; he was no doubt a socialist. As stated earlier in this report, Jones was 'preaching elements of Marxism and communism' (2) and thus Guyana being a socialist country was another reason moving to Guyana had appealed to Jones. In 1974 Jones and some of his members had visited Guyana to negotiate an area that was over 3,000 acres, which was all bush, and would later be constructed to become Jonestown, and which was 150 miles from Georgetown (6). This area was near the Venezuelan border, and also this part of the world has many Amerindian (American Indian) communities, from north to South, all the way down to the Brazilian border. Not only was Guyana once ruled by the British and where many areas were also once ruled by the Dutch and French, but there has been an ongoing dispute for centuries now in Latin America where Venezuela still claims that most of Guyana is their land, including the land where Jonestown was built.

Land was granted to the Jim Jones for his settlement, and the construction of Jonestown had commenced, and in 1977 Jones and hundreds of his members had made their new home Jonestown, where Jones had promised them utopia, their paradise in the green tropics. Homes were built surrounding the area, along with a main pavilion where services and meetings were held. In Guyana, the Peoples Temple head office was located in the capital city of Georgetown, where some of the Temples' members worked.

Problems within the commune

Through long hours, hard work and working six days a week, members had developed an amazing agricultural settlement with chicken, vegetables and other products. Many of the members worked hard had hopes for a good future in Jonestown; Jim Jones had promised them utopia, a land of paradise. But as the months went by, there were many challenges with their leader. Jones was controlling. He was married and had mistresses, along with other affairs. People who wanted to leave the settlement couldn't leave. They had no communication to the outside world. Jones controlled his followers by pitting them against each other and dividing them. He also carried out long meetings during the night with his followers, where he also had

rehearsals for 'The White Night' if it comes to pass.

'The White Night'

Not only was Jones accused of fraud and mistreating his members, including the children, while the Peoples Temple was still in California, but relatives and ex-members back in America were concerned about what was taking place at the Peoples Temple in Jonestown. Jones' mental health was deteriorating. He was addicted to drugs and was paranoid. He 'was convinced the U.S. government and others were out to destroy him. 'He required Temple members to participate in mock suicide drills in the middle of the night' (5). He would get everyone out of bed from around the settlement using loudspeakers to meet at the pavilion where he would have them rehearse drinking poison; this time was referred to as 'The White Night' (3), when the 'revolutionary suicide' would take place, if it comes to pass.

California Congressman, Rep. Leo Ryan arrived in Guyana to investigate Jonestown

While life went on in Jonestown, back in California, some of the former Temple members and relatives were concerned as to what was taking place in Jonestown. U.S. Congressman Leo Ryan, a Democrat of California, became involved in the discussions and in human rights issues; he was asked to carry out an investigation of Jonestown.

Ryan and his team, along with some relatives of some of the Temples' members arrived in Jonestown on November 17, 1978 at the Port Kaituma airstrip, which was six miles from the settlement. On the first day, the NBC cameraman filmed Jones being interviewed by the NBC anchorman. The meeting went well and there were no problems. Everything looked okay, at least for now. The following day while Ryan and his team were leaving, several members from the settlement wanted to leave with Ryan and return to America. Jones was upset about Ryan taking his members away and he took immediate action, where "...one of Jones' lieutenants attacked Ryan with a knife. The congressman escaped from the incident unharmed' (5).

Ryan and four others were gunned down before boarding the plane

Shortly after, Ryan and his team, along with some of the members from the settlement were leaving, and heading for Port Kaituma airstrip. While at the airstrip, gunfire opened on Ryan and his team, gunning them down. Ryan, the NBC cameraman, the NBC anchorman and two other men were murdered in the small South American country, Guyana.

'The White Night' had come and it was Jim Jones calling to execute his 'revolutionary suicide'

After the attack at Port Kaituma airstrip, 'Jones commanded everyone to gather in the main pavilion and commit what he termed a "revolutionary act." What Jones had rehearsed and planned was ready to be executed where **'...parents and nurses used syringes to drop a potent mix of cyanide, sedatives and powdered fruit juice into children's throats. Adults then lined up to drink the poison-laced concoction while armed guards surrounded the pavilion' (3).** Later in time, after the massacre, people began referring to the poison consumed in Jonestown as 'Kool-Aid.'

Speculations of Jim Jones death

There were speculations as to what had taken place during the massacre, whether Jim Jones had killed himself, or was 'his nurse Annie Moore fatally shot him before she killed herself in the same manner' (4). Annie Moore was one of Jones' mistresses and she wrote in her suicide note: "We died because you would not let us live" (1). Jonestown turned out to be a living hell, and not the paradise promised to the Peoples Temple members. A former member of the Peoples Temple, Laura Johnston Kohl, said, "We – all of us – were doing the right things but in the wrong place with the wrong leader" (4).

The day after the massacre when Guyanese officials arrived at Jonestown

The following day, Guyanese officials arrived at Jonestown where the dead bodies were lying around the pavilion. Due to the heat, the bodies were beginning to decompose and the bodies had to be identified; member (s) residing in Georgetown were brought in to the settlement to identify the bodies. 'Many people had perished with their arms around each other. A few residents managed to escape into the jungle as the suicides took place, while at least several dozen more Peoples Temple members, including several of Jones' sons, survived because they were in another part of Guyana at the time' (5). When the massacre was taking place 'a People's Temple basketball team that had included a number of the People's Temple security people that was in Georgetown to play a basketball game with a Georgetown team' (3). The killing had spread to Georgetown, where the People's Temple representative and her children were killed; there are speculations as to who had killed them.

Charges laid

One man was charged for the shooting of Ryan and the others that were gunned down. While Ryan and his group and some members from the settlement were leaving for Port Kaituma airstrip, one of Jones loyal member, Larry Layton, had accompanied them, pretending to be one of the defectors amongst the ones that wanted to return to America. As reported, at the Port Kaituma airstrip, Layton had open fire on the Ryan and his team. Larry Layton was charged in Guyana and was in prison for a time, but was acquitted. 'Back in the United States he admitted that he had in fact shot these people...Layton was tried twice on four charges related to the shootings, including conspiracy to kill a Congressman. He was released in 2002 after having served 18 years in prison' (3).

Jonestown Today - This 'remote Amazonian village' (8), Jonestown, is located at the northern tip of Guyana, near the border of Venezuela is abandoned. A sign at the top of two posts over the road entry to Jonestown says: Welcome to The People's Temple, Jonestown. The once agricultural settlement is now overrun with tall bushes. "As I picked my way through the chest-high bushes growing in the area where the pavilion once stood, what struck me most was the silence. No birds, no bugs, nothing," Julia Scheeres wrote (8). Jim Jones was a leader that betrayed the people of his community by having them poisoned, murdering most of them. The memories of Jonestown still haunts many today.

Disclaimer: The writer has used public information from the internet, where the information varies, and thus may not be inline with all reports. If there are discrepancies and or incorrect information, once this is brought to the writer's attention. He will investigate and resolve issues.

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A KISS GOODNIGHT

Music and Lyrics by Faisal Ally, Copyright 1990s to present

Everyone wants someone to hold them tight and make things right

Everyone wants some one to kiss goodnight

Everyone needs a friend, they can count on to be around

Everyone wants someone to kiss goodnight

A kiss goodbye in the morning, to hold you tight in the evening

Everyone wants someone to kiss goodnight

With some tender love and tenderness, a hug and a kiss goodnight

When the night gets too cold, it's good to know that someone cares

Everyone wants some one to say goodnight

With some tender love and tenderness, a hug and a kiss goodnight

Everyone needs someone to lean on, when life gets them down

Everyone wants someone to show they care

Everyone needs a friend they can count on to be a round

Everyone wants someone to be their valentines

A kiss goodbye in the morning, to hold you tight in the evening

Everyone wants someone to say goodnight

With a kiss goodnight

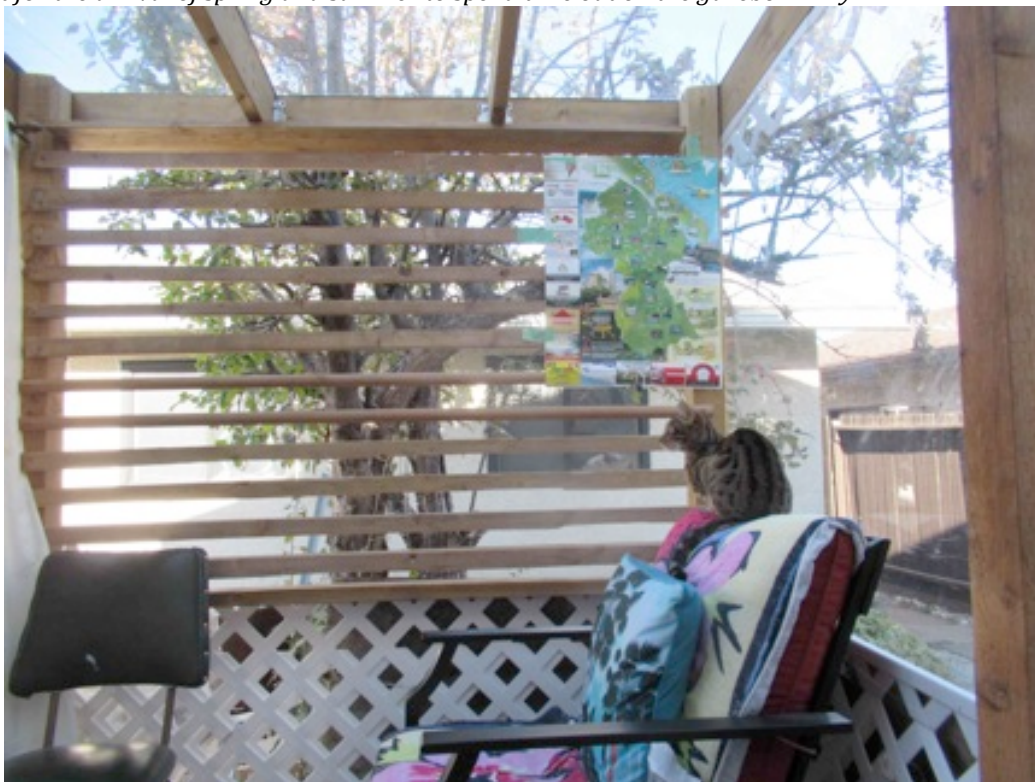
A kiss goodnight

(A) kiss goodnight

Furrari, out on the enclosed gazebo watching the blue jays



An enclosed gazebo is great for your pet, where you know he/she is safe, and thus can enjoy the outdoors, experiencing the birds coming by and hanging out on the apple tree. My mom also enjoys her time out on the gazebo on warm days, which is healthy for her as she copes with her illness. Having Furrari is good company; we can't wait for the arrival of spring and summer to spend time out on the gazebo-F. Ally





Pepperpot Club - Donating used clothes

During the year clothes have been collected and donated to the needy. Very often some of these clothes and other items such as running shoes were never worn, or may have been worn a few times.



**IT'S FLU AND COLD SEASON
GET YOUR VITAMINS, NUTRITION
AND EXERCISE**



CAN'T WIND DOWN OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Is your mind too busy



Meditate to quiet your mind and to focus. Too much to do during the holidays and you just cannot wind down? Meditation is one way to transcend a busy mind. Often our thoughts are automatic, and they trigger all kinds of biological processes, and we have no clue why we become so anxious and behave the way we do.

Focus your thoughts on a mantra/phrase or on your breath. Use a mantra/phrase such as Om shanti shanti, Bismillah, Subhanallah, or one of your own. There are many on the internet. If your mind and thoughts are on such a phrase then your thoughts are not on with trivial matters or overloaded and stresses you out. Get things off your chest by writing them down and prioritize them to complete them

Start repeating your mantra/phrase. Your thoughts will drift, so catch yourself and start focusing and repeating again. Slow down the phrase and let the silence between the phrase widen, and as you repeat your phrase let the silence grow until the phrase fade and you are in a state of silence. Remain in silence as long as possible. Your thoughts will return. Start repeating your phrase again. Continue for about 20 to 40 minutes a day.

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BAKING A CHRISTMAS CAKE

Neisha's (Naz) Kitchen

(This article was first published in the Christmas 2018 Diverse City Magazine edition)



NEISHA'S KITCHEN - BAKING A CHRISTMAS CAKE

(This recipe was published in the Christmas 2018 Diverse City Magazine)

Using 1 lb each of prunes, raisins, current, butter (or margarine), flour

Preparation time: 3 hours; baking time: 1 1/2 hours



Weight out 1 lb of prunes, raisins, current



Using a mill for grinding



Cut prunes into quarters



Add raisin to mill and grind, then add raisins and grind, and then current



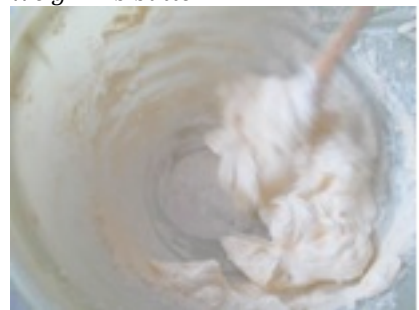
Weigh 1 lb butter



Mix butter in 1 cup water



Weigh 1 lb flour





1 dozen eggs



Blend eggs using blender



Mix eggs and butter



1 lb flour



Get pans for cakes



1 lb flour



Add prunes, raisin and current to butter



Mix



Mixing



Add 2 tbl brown sugar



NOTE: You can burn brown sugar and add and mix and this will also turn the cake black, but this step was not carried out, or also use molasses



Add browning to give it a darker brown color



Cut out non-sticky wax paper and place in pan, covering the sides also



Check mix to make sure it's not too soft



Add mix to pan a



Turn oven to 205 degree Celsius and will bake for approx. 1 1/2 hours. After 40 mins check cake. By now it will have a nice brown color but still too soft. Lower to 175 degrees Celsius and bake for 20 mins. Lower to 115 degrees Celsius and bake for another 35 mins - check to make sure its not too soft

To make the cake black, you can add molasses or burn the brown sugar and then add it to the mix.

Cultural diversity

A story of baking a Christmas cake

(This article was first published in the Christmas 2018, Diverse City Magazine)

An excerpt from the novel *Signature with Love* (edited) by F. Ally

Based on a true story from the mid 1900s. Parts of this story was posted previously in the *Diverse City Magazine*

La Penitence, British Guiana, South America

The Christmas feelings

The Christmas feelings were everywhere, through many households across British Guiana, regardless of religion and ethnicity. From Nani's kitchen window on the second floor, tea was brewing and the scents of aloo *potatoes* and roti filled the air. They were having breakfast. Nani was a woman of light complexion and green eyes and she had owned a few properties and this house was one of them. Her name was Marium Rossamond and her husband was S. Boodho; nobody remembered what the S stood for—he was known as Nana. *In the Indian tradition Nana is male and Nana is female.*

Nani lived upstairs and she was busy cleaning. She opened the front door and the cat scurried through the door.

"Get back here—inside! Inside!" she exclaimed, her head sticking out the door, waving a broom; the cat lunged down the stairs, and took a spot on the lower steps where her grand children sat.

It was almost time for baking the Christmas cake

La Penitence

The children and their parents lived downstairs on the main level of Nani's home. It was the Christmas holidays, and the girls were busy making crepe flowers from paper. They also made lollipop flowers, and waxed them, so they become hard like artificial flowers. Mustapha was busy polishing the furniture, while their mother, Hamidan, and the girls were changing the curtains. Hamidan was one of Nani's daughters. After that they put up the Christmas tree, or at least what they called a Christmas tree. Not everyone could have afforded a Christmas tree; some used a branch from a tree. The children had lots of fun decorating the tree and the house.

Although they were not Christians, the children believed in Santa Clause and the fairy godmother. They believed that Santa Clause would come through the chimney with presents. They hung their stockings on the tree. There were other celebrations during the year, but Christmas day was the big treat of the year—that was when Hamidan made chicken curry, dhal purri, ginger beer, mauby, Christmas cake, and all kinds of Guyanese sweets.

The children were in the living room hanging out.

"I could already taste the Christmas cake," Ashar said cheerfully with a bright smile.

Naz rubbed her palms together. "Me too. I can't wait—I can't wait to get a pinch of the Christmas cake," she said, joyfully. "And a taste."

"I want Christmas cake, now," Rose said. She was only four-years old.

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“And you will soon,” Mustapha said with a smile. He had just turned sixteen. Ashar was thirteen and Naz was eleven. The girls looked up to him, being the eldest sibling in the family. They knew that he was going to make sure they get their treats.

Their mother entered the living room and gave the children a serious look. “Eh, eh!” her voice filled the air. She looked at Ashar. “You can taste the Christmas cake already and you haven’t done those extra chores, yet!” She turned away and then turned back to them. “Maybe we don’t deserve a Christmas cake this year!”

Children getting their chores done before Christmas

The girls remained silent, with frowns on their faces. Hamidan turned to Mustapha. “Did you polish the floor?” Mustapha cleared his throat, but remained silent. She turned to Ashar and Naz. “Did you weed the garden and pick fresh vegetables?” The girls remained silent, pouting. Hamidan headed back to the kitchen as the children sat in the living room glancing at each other. During the holiday season, Hamidan always gave the children a few extra chores ahead of time, getting ready for Christmas day, Boxing Day and New Years; on those days, they could relax, eat and play all the wanted to.

Mustapha exchanged glances with the girls and noticed their sad little faces, pouting with furrowed eyebrows and watery eyes. He had a plan. He huddled the three girls together and had a little discussion. After the discussion, he became busy polishing the floor, and the girls were weeding the garden. The girls even completed a few extra chores—sweeping and mopping the floor. After that, they hurried out the door and ran upstairs to help out Nani with some of her chores. While Naz and Rose gave Kitty a bath, Ashar massaged Nani’s aching shoulders. The following day, the girls picked fresh vegetables, washed them and cut them up, while Mustapha trimmed the trees, forked up the earth, fed the chickens and goats, and took out the garbage. He also helped out Nana and Nani with some items. He then went to La Penitence market to do all the shopping for his mother, and in the afternoon, he delivered some of his father’s tailored made clothes to his customers.

Their mother arrived home and entered the door. She wore a serious face. The children exchanged nervous glances, thinking they were in trouble. But a sudden smile rose on Hamidan’s face, and her smile grew broad, and she started to laugh.

Getting the ingredients ready for baking

“If we’re going to have a Christmas cake, then we better hurry and get the ingredients ready,” Hamidan said. The girls exchanged glances with Mustapha and they began to laugh and clap. The children already knew, that regardless of the situation, there was always a Christmas cake at Christmas time; not even Hamidan could have gone through the Christmas season without baking, and missing out on the fresh scents of the Christmas filling the air.

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Ella's new oven

Having an oven for baking was rare. Hamidan always baked at home, but that year, one of the neighbors in La Penitence, named Ella, had purchased a new oven. Friends and neighbors in La Penitence were excited after hearing about Ella's new oven. Ella had invited them to use her oven to bake their Christmas cake. A schedule was made to use Ella's new oven.

The girls getting the raisins and cherries ready for baking

Christmas was only a few days away and Hamidan and the children got the fruits ready for the Christmas cake: raisins and cherries. Hamidan had already arranged to use Ella's oven. The following morning, Hamidan walked over to Ella's place, which was only a few houses down Middle Road, La Penitence carrying a basket with her ingredients for baking.

Two baskets filled with the Christmas cakes

Later that day, Hamidan returned home with two baskets filled with Christmas cakes. She had baked enough for Christmas and New Years. She opened the door and entered. And when the children saw their mother entering carrying the baskets, their face lit up as the smell of the fresh baked cakes radiated through the house. The children's taste buds went wild. They got off their chair and followed their mother into the kitchen. And as Hamidan took the cakes out and laid them on the cupboard the children became excited. Hamidan then cut the Christmas cakes into squares, and placed them into the baskets. The children's mouth watered as they watched their mother hung the baskets on the hooks hanging from the ceiling.

Christmas was still a few days away, and the children were getting restless, waiting to taste the Christmas cake. The waiting seemed long. The girls also threw paddy seeds in little pots, and waited for them to sprout.

Their mom took the children window-shopping in Georgetown

A couple days before Christmas, as the humid Atlantic Ocean breeze wafted through this South American country, Hamidan took the children window-shopping in Georgetown. They walked along the lively and busy streets laid during Dutch colonialism with Dutch architecture looking at the lights, decorations, toys and clothes displayed in the store windows. Their faces lit up. They were laughing, talking and enjoying the fun. Hamidan was also having a nice time, enjoying the fun with her children. They stopped at the ice cream store and the children had their treat: ice cream cone, soda and tennis roll with butter and cheese.

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Finally, Christmas Eve arrived, and the children could hear the masquerading band making their way down Middle Road, La Penitence.

“Open the window, open the window,” Ashar’s voice rose with excitement. “Open the window, open the window.”

Naz ran up to the window. “I want to see. I want to see.” She climbed up on the chair and the girls unhooked the latch and Mustapha came and pushed opened the window and hooked it so it stayed opened. He then opened another window.

The Christmas carols grew loud

The girl’s were peering through the windows, waiting for the masquerading band to arrive. The band was next door and the singing of Christmas carols grew loud with the beating of drums. Ten minutes went by and the band reached their yard. The children faces lit up with bright smiles. Their mother and father joined them. Mustapha hoisted Rose, while Hamidan held Hassan who was just a baby.

“Samuel is playing masquerade,” Ashar said, smiling. The children’s faces lit up as Samuel opened the gate to their yard, jumping around and dancing as he entered. He was a tall slim built man of African descendant and always wore a bright gleaming smile. He was good a carpenter and did a lot of good work for the people in La Penitence, and he was well liked. He always came around on Christmas Eve with the masquerading band to cheer up the children. The beating of drums and the blowing of the trumpet grew loud as the other masqueraders jumped around in their Christmas costumes. The children and their parents stood at the window with broad smiles and bright gleaming eyes. The band stopped at their window and started to sing Christmas carols. The children joined in singing. It was fun for the whole family. The masqueraders entertained them for another ten minutes and then continued onto the neighbors, as the children stood by windows listening.

Finally, it was Christmas Day

Christmas morning had arrived. Finally, the waiting was over. As the golden Demerara sun blazed at the horizon, the children crawled out of bed, earlier than usual. They couldn’t wait to see their Christmas presents. They rolled out of their beds and ran into the living room and over to the Christmas tree. Their mother and father were already up—the children were eager, reaching into the stockings. And when they pulled out their presents their faces lit up. Each child received one present, and they cherished what they got. They didn’t get bored with it, nor tossed it aside. They appreciated everything they got and took good care of them. Dolls were few, and they were kept them for years.

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The big treat - Christmas cake and cream soda, plus a tasty meal

It was time for the big treat: cake and cream soda to start off with. The children sat together, cross-legged on the living room floor, and enjoyed their Christmas cake and cream soda. Then they had chicken curry and dhal purri. Dhal purri was similar to a big roti with grinded up dhal *peas* between the two layers.

Neighbors greeting each other, celebrating Christmas

Their Christmas festival continued, and during the day, the neighbors greeted each other, and they exchange cakes and dishes. The cat, Kitty, was with the children, also enjoying some snacks. She was a smart cat and got double her share, so did the children, when they went upstairs to visit their grand parents and got more Christmas cake, which Nani had baked.

During the day, the children played with their toys and they admired the sprouts from the paddy seeds they had thrown a few days before Christmas. After Christmas day, the girls had to put away their dolls for the other holidays, and as the holidays continued, the girls would peek at the dolls.

RECIPES

Neisha's Kitchen

Curry Cabbage with chicken and potatoes by Neisha



The recipe below was taken from Neisha's Kitchen Recipes by Neisha on page 35
This recipe was slightly modified for this edition. Nisha had made a big pot of cabbage curry with chicken and potatoes for the 2021 Christmas holidays.

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: approx.. 1 and 1/2 hour

Serve with either roti or rice

Serves 5 to 7

The roti in the picture was bought from India Bazaar located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Ingredients

1 chicken, 5 cloves garlic sliced, 1/2 tps. Salt or salt to tastes, 3 Tbsp. oil, 1 Tbsp. curry powder, 6 potatoes

(this batch includes lots of potatoes and thus will serve more people)

Cooking instructions

Cut up chicken and season with black pepper, paprika,

Can add other spices such as ginger...

Peel 5 or 6 potatoes and cut into small pieces and wash

Make the curry paste as shown below

Set stove to Hi and add 3 Tbsp. oil to pot

Add 1 Tbsp. curry powder and mix

Add 1/4 cup water to curry paste

Add the seasoned chicken and mix into the curry paste

Add garlic

Add 1/2 tps. Salt or salt to taste and stir

Cover and let it cook for approx.. 3- minutes

Add 1/4 cup water to curry paste

Add potatoes and continue cooking for 15 minutes

Add half of the cabbage and mix, then add the rest of the cabbage and mix

Cover and set stove to Medium and continue cooking for 25 minutes

Stir, cover and continue cooking between Medium and Lo4 for another 40 minutes



MAKING A QUICK DISH WITH LEFT OVER RICE

EGG FRIED RICE WITH VEGETABLES, SHRIMP AND SALTFISH by F. Ally



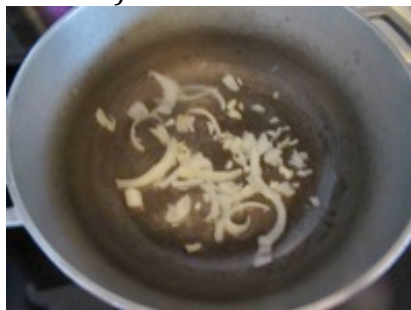
Serves 4

Time 30 minutes

Ingredients: A bowl of left over rice, cut up broccoli (you can add other vegetables such as celery and green pepper, 4 or 5 eggs, 3 cloves of garlic sliced up, 1/4 onion, 1/2 red pepper sliced

Add 3 Tbl oil to pot, turn stove to Hi, add garlic, and onions and let it cook for a few minutes. Then add 4 or 5 eggs and mix and let it cook, then add the rice and mix it in, and then add the broccoli. Mix it up and let it blend, and then cook on low for 15 minutes to steam broccoli

The fried rice is now complete - See below to add saltfish and shrimp (this step can be omitted)



Add oil, then spices



Left over rice



Add rice and veggies and mix in with eggs

Will mix the above made friend rice with saltfish and shrimp

Will need a bag of boneless saltfish and shrimp

Wash saltfish a few times to remove most of the salt. Wash shrimp

4 cloves of garlic sliced and 1/4 onion sliced

Add 3 Tbl oil in pot and set stove to Hi and then add garlic and onions and let it cook for about two minutes

Add salt fish and shrimp to pot and cook on hi for 10 to 15 minutes; cover after 2 minutes

Then cook on low for about 5 minutes



Add oil, then spices

Happy Holidays!

PRECIOUS HOLIDAYS

The good times fly,
Another year gone by,
There's magic tonight,
So have a precious holiday
and a happy new year

All the best and success
All the good things life brings
Follow your passion,
with a New Year resolution
The good times fly, another year gone by

I'll always remember, the good times
Those moments we share and treasure,
the things we do together
Like taking rides on Santa's sleight
To see the lights on Candy Cane Lane
Smile with me, Shout with glee
The good times fly, another year gone by

Light up my life,
light up the world, lets celebrate
It's the love we share, the love that gets,
so high and higher

All the best and success
All the good things life brings
Sing a song and clap along,
here we go under the mistletoe???
Smile with me, shout with glee,
The good time fly, another year gone by

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AND GOOD AT GANG STALKING AND
THEFT*

A hacker at work, hacking you - he is wicked, deceitful and two-face. He resonates with wickedness. He is a deceiver, thinking that he will never be held accountable for his wickedness, but he's the one that has been deceived...

***YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE CONNECTED
TO ANYTHING
AND YOUR WHEREABOUTS OUT IN THE
WORLD
CAN EASILY BE TRACKED
THIS TECHNOLOGY EXISTS ALTHOUGH
MANY ARE NOT AWARE***

***THEY DO NOT CARRY OUT THEIR
CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES TO GET CAUGHT***

They secretly scheme and plot against you. They carry out their wickedness and they will shift the blame on you and have you framed. But they've been deceived all of their lives, even though they are afraid to admit it. Illegal activities like conning the elderly out of their life savings, stealing people's invention, literature, songs, music and having our work and ideas published before the owners (we) do and then they scheme to frame the owners for plagiarism out of their evil and wickedness.

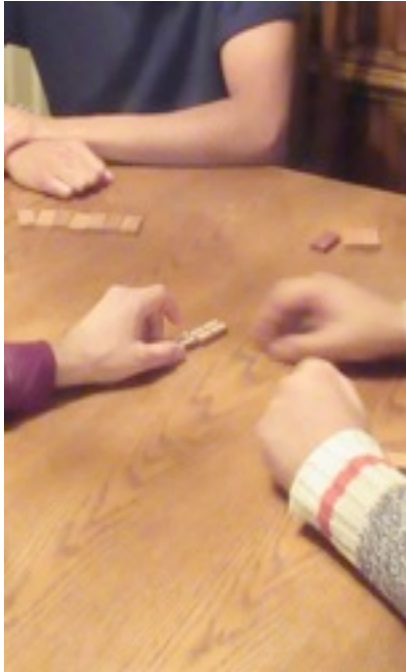
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