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NO MORE MILLENNIA FOR US. PLEASE!

We've decided to forego millennia from now on. What a year! Janet worked, potted, grannied, swam, skied, fit a 1001 things in between and ended up in hospital. George ended a prolonged hibernation with a production of (wouldn't you know it!) "Waiting for Godot". Corey worked his way out of unemployment following closure of the Giant Gold Mine. Then he sold the big red truck. Then Eva ended her relationship with him and moved out. Andrew worked steadily and now he owns the best car in the family. And Jackie! She has the gift of bringing sunshine into every life she touches.



Sailing

In July, off to Reliance once again to find some lovely new places and enjoy the people at the Lodge. We came upon John Hornby's cabin in a beautiful clearing in the bush but Janet

didn't want to stay too long because of nearby fresh tracks and fumets of bear(s). Most of July was too calm and too hot, with terrifying thunderstorms, so Janet flew home rather than chancing a long and slow sail back with George. You guessed it: the day after she got home the wind finally started to blow and he made it back before the end of August.



September: a Saturday half-gale blew us right out of our bay and of course the motor quit just as we were squeezing into a tricky little island

harbour. Good thing Cap't G. left the sails up. Sunday it blew 30 knots so we radioed home, snuggled up with our books and waited it out, sailing back Monday so Janet could get to work – at 4 p.m! And that's the only panic report we have for you this year despite logging over 1500 km. George seems to be losing his touch with rock and reef.



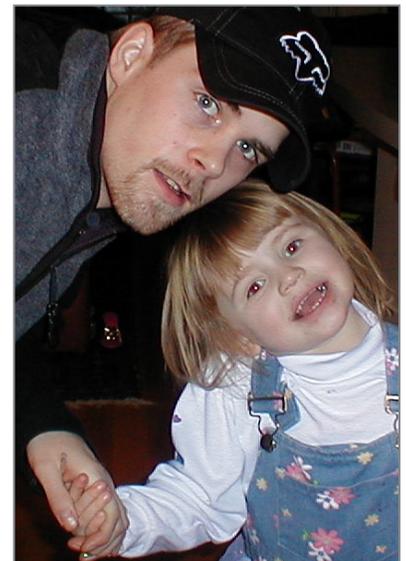
Hats off to Andrew & Catherine



... who like having us for dinner at their apartment, along with Grannie Alice and sister Chantal. Andrew works on and off for two janitorial companies and has some moonlight 'contracts' of his own, including Sunday night at the Potter's Guild. He's doing well and plans to start his own business in a few months. Catherine, who has the gift of writing, started the

year as a cub reporter for our newspaper then moved on to a great job with the North Slave Métis Alliance. Good

employers: not only did they give her paid leave for Christmas, but a ham as well! Yum ...





Janet now works in a glass cage, having moved to a brand new school: with goldfish- bowl rooms, 90 new

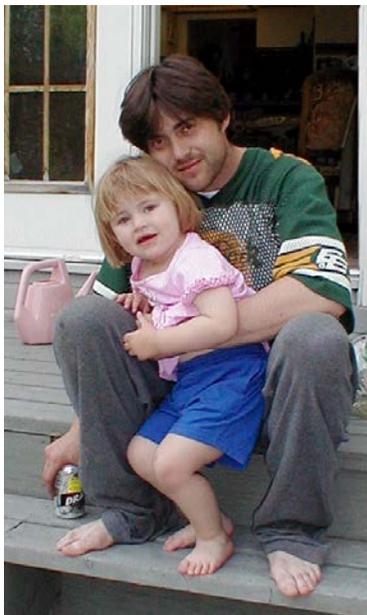
Imacs and 37 TVs for its 300 pupils, Weledah has become a “state of the art” school. But glass walls make for a busy and stimulating environment (*teacher jargon for “madhouse”*) so Janet’s new challenge is to create areas where kids can work in peace and quiet. She loves the easy access to the pottery room in the adjoining high school, where she gives two weekly classes. And as the quality and volume of her work continues to rise, fewer of her creations ever make it home: they get snapped up, hot off the kiln, by avid buyers in the staff-room! In fact her pottery sales did so well this year she used the proceeds to buy her latest *tjorrie* (Afrikaans for a beater).

She calls it her Potmobile!

Corey and Jackie

Corey and Jackie are the best of friends and Corey appreciates Jackie’s “help” whether it is shovelling the phenomenal amount of snow we’ve had, tidying their house or fixing their car. They visit often and we love having them over – especially whenever we too can use some extra hands!

Corey is now a second-year apprentice plumber, having decided that he needs to get a trade after the mine closed last year. He loves the work and has been getting valuable experience and increasing responsibility on the job. And, as a mutual friend said of him, “He’s an awesome Dad!”



Diamonds are a Girl’s Best Friend

Eva has an interesting job with de Beers, where she thrives on the variety of her work: in the office, in the warehouse, meeting South African geologists and engineers, organizing huge shipments of rock samples to SA, running around town, keeping company secrets and, once so far, visiting remote geologists’ camps.



She has own apartment now, close to work and downtown, where Jackie loves to visit and help decorate.

Southern Exposures

Andrew plans to head south to Lac la Biche, Alberta, where he wants to meet his natural mom and his stepbrothers and sister. It’s been great talking to them on the phone and e-mailing back and forth, but they haven’t got together yet since the excitement of finding each other. He’s also looking forward to meeting his natural father in Victoria. In March George will visit Susie in Florida, where he hopes to learn more about electile dysfunction. And Janet’s turn will come in the summer when she’ll be off to Toronto for her annual get-together with Susie and friends.



... and here’s George/Pozzo as director/actor in “Waiting for Godot”. He’s staging Beckett’s “Krapp’s Last Tape” now, to celebrate his 60th birthday. He’ll be Krapp!