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1981 REVISITED... JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS GOING AWAY

At the beginning of this year, I resolved to make my contribution to Foundation 25, by reminding all Brain Damages of what happened to the world in the ensuing twelve months. Since Triple Zed employees are not exempt from memory loss, this involved keeping a record of events in my diary... a project which involved some bizarre entries, like "November 12th - Dentist's appointment (mine), Birthday (Ayatollah Khomeini's 83rd)." I've just begun the task of making sense of all of that, as well as a year's worth of newspaper clippings, and many miles of tape. It's not a pretty sight, but it should all be sorted out and ready for your ears by New Year's, or thereabouts. In the two weeks around Christmas, when even the newsmakers go on holidays, and most newsmakers serve up a mixture of silly stories and the road toll, we'll be closing down to clean up, tidewater sleep, and edit the '81 extravaganza.

Of course all those other newsmakers will also be putting together their version of the year, but ours should be just that little bit different. For a start, we probably won't even mention the road toll, and I can guarantee we won't be featuring "Tania Fraser Looks Back in Anger". We will, of course, be reminding you that the Queen Mum was a fascinate of a green echidna on her head to the Royal Wedding, as well as taking you back to the black day of pig fancier Colin Fitzwater's unfortunate accident in the pig paddock at the Ekka (he's much better now), and to the world of the rich and famous, as recorded by our roving foreign correspondent, Christopher Plimoli.

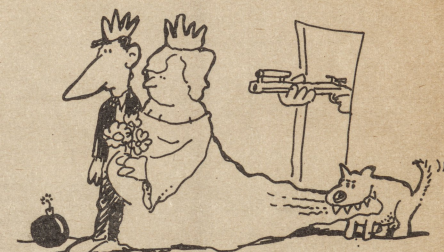
There should also be the odd smattering of facts, although our shortage of funds and tapes means that desperate journalists have at times sacrificed history and recorded over it. If you've already forgotten 1981, here's "The Simple Person's Guide to Small Talk for December 31st".

January: The hostages came home, only to find that their absence had helped put Ronald Ray-gun into the Whitehouse. Joh Bjelke Petersen turned seventy, and, as a birthday present, received the news that the state Labor caucus decided against a change of leadership.

February: Ex-National Party, Glenister Sheil announced that social security only encouraged poverty, and that more people would be killed if we make it worth their while. Coroner Denis Barrett announced that Azaria meant "lunch" in Dingo. Prince Charles announced his intention to take an honest woman of Lady Di.

March: Rupert Murdoch turned fifty (he'd celebrated the month before, by buying the London Times). The Australian media decided that Prince Charles should be Governor General, and that the public should deal with union bashing. Accordingly, they imported Tania Harris from New Zealand and taught her how to sing "Come on Aussie c'mon", and started rumours of royal pregnancies planned to come to fruition in Yarralumla. John Hinkley decided that if he couldn't have Jodi Foster, then neither could Ronald Reagan. He took appropriate action. Ronnie didn't notice at first, but then decided to be brave about it, and announced that she carried a "tiny little gun". The Harrisburg clean-up crew celebrated another year together.

September: Melbourne hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), and the Conference to Help Unemployed Groups Mobilise (CHUGM). The Victorian police obliged security for both, without acts of God, parliament, or extremism. God got into the act anyway, and put the Festival of Light's Reverend Fred Nile on the top of the ballot paper for the New South Wales Upper House. He got elected, but so then did Neville Wran. The Northern Territory Police revealed that Azaria meant "Piece of Skylab". In Esperanto, and brought in a forensic expert from Britain.



April: Ronald Reagan decided to stay in bed for a while, and tell bad jokes. The youth of Britain decided to burn down England. The Rix Gang sharpened its blade, and suggested it was only fair we give TAA to Rupert Murdoch. Rupert said he had other plans.

May: Irish Hunger Strikers started dying like they were going out of style. Maggie Thatcher said they were. Malcolm Fraser had a birthday, but didn't invite Andrew Peacock to the party. France elected a socialist president, we all thought about moving to the Riviera. The International Association of Amateur Assassins and Near Misses decided it was the Pope's turn. He noticed straight away and decided to be forgiving about it. Flo and Joh Bjelke Petersen celebrated 29 years together.

June: The New Guard of Queensland's ALP won the court case for the right to be the Queensland Labor Party and pay the bills. The party conference celebrated by adopting a policy to decriminalise marijuana. The Amateur Assassins set a young Briton to their ranks, creating a special merit award for those who use blanks in attempts on the lives of Monarchs and Church Fathers. The World Council of Churches came to Australia, and were told to go back to Russia, and take their Aboriginal activists with them.

July: Lady Di made an honest man of Prince Charles, by turning twenty. Gough Whitlam turned 65. Malcolm went to Washington to meet the president, and hoped the White House would get his name right this time. Di and Charles went to the altar, and she got his name wrong. The Springboks went to New Zealand, and had a fun time getting to know their security guards.

August: Don Chipp had a heart attack, Malcolm's lungs were playing up (the media set their hopes on cancer), the Queen Mum turned 81, and Queensland wasn't feeling too well either. This was the month we first heard about Russ Hinz's plans for the Commonwealth Games. Aboriginal Activists wished they had gone home with the World Council of Communist Propagandists.

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October: An extremist member of the Near Misses Association scored a direct hit on Egypt's President Sadat. Ronald Reagan decided not to go to the funeral. He sent three former presidents, but they came home without so much as a scratch. In Canberra, Liberal supporters began noticing that Andrew Peacock had a better tan than Malcolm. Ronald Reagan announced a vision of a limited nuclear war being won by the United States. Martin Tenni suggested that alternative communities in North Queensland might be a good place to start. The Anro-Asia moved to Caloundra.



November: Doug Anthony told journalists to forget the killing of five of their colleagues in East Intelligence agreed that that might be a good idea, since it looked like Soeharto was playing a nuclear device. John Gorton called for the decriminalisation of marijuana. Joh Bjelke Petersen replied "John who?". The media revealed that "Azhn who?" "The Story That Would Not Die" in journalism, and accordingly, that the inquest was to be reported. Buckingham Palace announced that Di was pregnant, and that the corps were being sent off on a tour of the Empire until the baby had learned to run. Ian Sinclair denied rumours that he'd planned to move the national capital to Lord Howe Island because his father-in-law was feeling lonely.

December: You'll have to cope with this one alone... watch out for the road toll and sideways pictures of Lady Di.



NO BUDDHIST HEAVEN FOR OPPRESSORS!

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Most subscribers should by now be aware that 4ZZZ-FM's licence is up for renewal this month. The public hearing will be at:

The Conference Room
Over Island Cane Growers' Council
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190 Edward Street
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Our hearing starts 9.30am on Friday 18 December and members of the public are invited to attend the hearings.

The one issue that is likely to take up much of the time of the hearing is the extent to which our programming has been in compliance with the Broadcasting Program Standard of the Tribunal.

Following the announcement of the Licence Renewal Hearing many listeners took the opportunity to write to the Tribunal to express their opinions on this matter. I think we can take heart from the number of letters, but didn't invite Andrew Peacock to the party. (C) Considering that very little was done

to generate this response other than occasional on-air mentions, many of us were happily surprised by the volume of letters received. The contents were all intended to be in our favour although this might be open to doubt.

One letter encouraged the Tribunal to be less in inhibitive with the exhortation that this is not a request but a "fucking demand". Warning to this attack it went on,

"WAKE UP YOU TURDS
Thanks for nothing - you middle-class creeps.
Get ready to die you creeps
May you all hallucinate frogs testicles for eternity.
No Buddhist heaven for oppressors."

Not surprisingly there was no return address on that one. Also it was initially a little off target as it was directed to the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

While there were a couple of irate letters supporting our broadcasting controversial songs by Marianne Faithfull and the Dead Kennedys, most were more diplomatic. They tended to stress the fact that we usually warm listeners if something a little out is coming up. They mostly supported the line that listeners had



the freedom to choose what they listened to. We had quite a range too. From one Qld. policeman right through to the Prisoners Action Group.

If you've got time why not come along to the hearing and see it for yourself. Could be the cheapest show in town and well worth the bus fare.

... AND THEN THEY SAID ...

Look you must be dumb... I don't want to be rude to you, but does anyone with more intelligence want to ask a question? ... The judge is dumb? ... The Minister for Everything (except Women's Affairs), Russ Hinz, deftly fielding a question from Shaun Hoyt, why police were conducting an inquiry into alleged gambling, if there wasn't any in Brisbane.

"He'd just raise more bulls, and more bulls and more bulls" ... Tania Fraser, on the question of whether there's life for Malcolm, after politics.

"The attack on President Sadat came during a military parade, when a group of soldiers leaped out of a jet... I'm sorry, leapt out of a jeep" ... Triple Zed's own Lindy Woodward with a new angle on the assassination.

"They're well fed, well treated, and jolly nice people too" ... Aboriginal and Islander Advancement Minister Ken Tomlin, explaining that Aborigines had a lot to thank the State Government for.

"North Queenslanders know more about the Reef and the sea than the peanut farmer from Kingaroy" ... Opposition leader Ed Casey, accordingly, that the Premier was right to sign the boundaries, and was now doing that in the local government elections.

"Will I repeat for you what I said? ... Years ago, when I was a backbench member, I got up in the house, and I said, look Joh, if you want the boundaries rigged, give it to me, and we'll stay in government forever. I'd be a specialist at it. I said I'd learnt from the ALP."

Premier Joh again, explaining that the Prime Minister could declare a crisis section of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park if he wanted, but that it wouldn't be accepted: "You can take a horse to water, but you can't make it drink".

And again, the Premier shows an uncharacteristic concern for civil liberties, when explaining his demands that Queensland should control a three nautical mile off-

shore stretch along the Barrier Reef coastline: "It will be three miles of freedom, where people won't need to be looking over their shoulders, worrying about being arrested, before they pick up a shell" ... and, the Premier short-circuiting when he relates the restrictions to be placed on Queenslanders by the Marine Park: "It's worse than the Bill that Russ Hinz is talking about bringing in for the Commonwealth Games, you can be arrested on suspicion alone in this thing, if they think that you've been out on the reef and done something you shouldn't, they can confiscate your boat and you haven't got a show, they can sell your boat, there's a whole stack of things, there's a fine for five thousand dollars, fine five thousand dollars, fine five thousand dollars, one thousand dollars, one thousand dollars, you, you, you read the, you read the, you read the regulations they've got and this other one down here on the Capricornia".

The Award for Freudian slip and inappropriate cliché of the Month goes to the observer who described Deputy Premier Llew Edwards as "pouring oil on troubled waters", in his role as an intermediary in the Bill versus Canberra war over the future of the Great Barrier Reef.

THE COST OF SUBSCRIBING TO CHOCOLATED



Since the 1974 Federal Labor Government, funding to the Australia Council for the arts has been cut in real terms by 39%.

In 1982 Brisbane's La Boite Theatre will receive no support from the Australian Government. Over many years La Boite has provided alternative entertainment - producing new works by Australian playwrights and devising its own shows. The subsidy money received from the Government has enabled the Theatre to put on free performances during a play's run for the unfinancial and enabled it to run holiday programmes for less than \$1.00 per child. The Theatre Board of the Australia Council is responsible for the distribution of money among the professional and semi-professional theatre groups in Australia. It has decided to cut alternative companies in each state.

La Boite is determined to maintain its artistic and community policies. From January to June next year it will be presenting Australian plays with music. "THE QUEENSLAND GAME", opening on New Year's Eve, takes a light-hearted look at characters from Queensland's country towns. The music, lyrics and script are written by David Pyle, Sean Mee, Chris Burns, Kym Lynch and Tony Pellan.

Information about the Campaign to reinstate Federal funding and the new season of plays in 1982 is available from Theatre by phoning 36.1622. 4ZZZ subscribers will still get a concession on tickets to La Boite shows.

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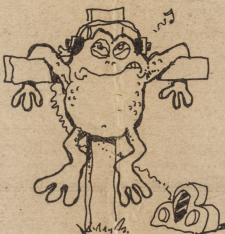
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THE DAY ZZZ WAS BORN AGAIN

futuristic horror by mark creyton



It is Xmas morning and all through the house no one is stirring, a few are moaning and one is sobbing. I tentatively put a foot out of bed, feeling like a Tom Waits-meets-Joy Division concert would sound. It's not the hangover (well, not that much) but rather my reaction to Xmas cheer. Xmas - a joint venture between christianity and capitalism, disguised as a baby story. My stomach churns.

As I gradually drift into consciousness, vivid flashes of 'the night before' spin through my brain. Epiphanies of stupidity. "It is physically impossible to do what I think I did last night... isn't it?" I am in desperate need of some 422Z.

I turn on to find Phil Cullen and Ian Nicolson chanting a slow Lord's Prayer in their semi-prince 'I've been there and back' accents. Those guys are really sarcastic. Until... they don't stop! As the day progresses I come to the realisation that the staff of 422Z-FM 102.1 mHz have been converted. Some of the highlights of this catastrophic day are:

One Nehl mumbled "Christ is the Way" as he plays a string of Mitch Miller carols.
 The ZZZ editorial - titled "Santa Menacingly Creeps Around the Christ Child's Manger"
 The Women's Radio Collective does a special called "Reassessing Immaculate Conception - What We Lost in Our Fall From the Pedestal".

Matt Mavson's latest book gets a mention: "The Gentle Art of Christ's Suffering" - 777 drawings of Our Saviour on the Cross.
 The Black Assassins promise to do a church benefit.

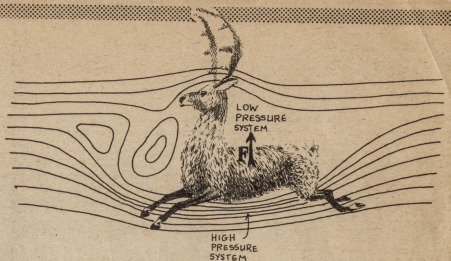
Anne Jones proclaims Australian films to be obscene pinko propaganda and later burns her collection of Mental as Anything discs to the chant of "rock is the music of the anti-christ".

The newsroom runs the Pope's and the Queen's Xmas messages... unedited. Lindy Woodward gives a strong reminder of the Pope's infallibility.

Brisbane Graffiti finds Haydn giving the times and themes of every church service in South East Queensland.

AND everyone forgives the Broadcasting Tribunal, while cane toad bashing is definitely out as Shaun Hoyt declares the toad to be one of God's most beautiful creatures.

I turn off as she begins an intense interview with a local cane toad spokesperson. And I wait... and wait... and wait to wake up!!



THE PROLIFERATION OF ERIC FJORD

by John Haag

Much of the tradition surrounding the celebration of Christmas in modern times stems from obscure legends, pagan rites, cake decoration pamphlets etc. Christmas Day was originally a Roman festival to commemorate the Unconquered Sun. Emperor Nutritious, the Edible, changed it to the feasts of the Unconquered Son and it became Christmas.

The original Santa Claus was believed to be a generous bishop in Turkey but from what I have unearthed he was a carpenter in Sweden. He made a fortune in early life by making the only clogs in the Baltic with inbuilt odoraters. Every Christmas he used some of the money to buy kiddies in the Laplands a colourful pompon hat each, to keep their ears warm and packets of ice cream sticks to make junior dog sleds. To the older Swedes he gave tubes of skin coloured clearers. His business expanded even further when he won a contract to strip the hulls of two Roman Timers. It took two years of full time sailing to complete the task and so everyone called him Santa Claus which is derived from the Swedish 'Sanda Kona' meaning course sandpaper. His real name was Eric Fjord. He eventually amassed a sufficient fortune to become a full-time Father Christmas. However, to reach all the children of the world he needed faster transport than his many dog team. It was he who first recognized the aerodynamic potential of the reindeer.

After preliminary flight tests he hand-picked 7 reliable flyers and began an arduous training programme of quick stop and starts on top of the Oslo gasometer. Seven reindeer were used to pull the sleigh and one, Rudolf, followed backwards behind it with a brake-light fitted to his nose.

The first Christmas was marred by several unforeseen mishaps. Three Din Din head-hunters were killed in Swaziland after Eric crashed through the roof of their grass hut. Later that evening he found himself stuck for three hours in the flue of a kitchen stove while trying to deliver a grand piano. He realized that certain groundrules had to be laid down:

The Din Din collapse factor.
 The probability of stopping at any given house is directly related to its means of support;

The Teflon® Law of Distribution (based on the Kinetic Theory of Grand Planos);
 The size of any given present is proportional to the chimney cross-section.

By some astounding quirk of coincidence, the houses that met these conditions seemed to all lie in certain areas of the world known as Western civilization. Western civilization is so called because the people who live there worship cowboys. This localization of delivery made Santa's task much easier and he had no problem at all in providing a reliable service. But, the Father Christmas Fund was not an inexhaustible sum; it was destined to run out sooner or later and it did. A small group of nostalgic old men quickly took up the baton. They were known as the American Chamber of Manufacturers. It was with their help that Christmas survived its near extinction and became what it is today. No longer was Santa snowed under all summer with unpaid accounts. It was his first opportunity in centuries to relax from the rigors of work and watch the migration of the Arctic Snow Ant or listen to the gurgle of a mountain stream as it tumbles and rushes ever onward towards the waiting paddies of the Rejkanid Hydroelectric plant. But there were two things he dearly wanted to do. One was to watch his figure skating lessons and to breed like a rabbit. He was so successful at the latter that by 1975 there were 9,256 Santas in New York alone.

Santa had the hearts of millions in the palm of his chubby hand. During this period, however, a few critics appeared in his image: accidents maybe - easily forgiven, but not forgotten. Most unfortunate was his leading role in the film Blockwork Sugarplum. Also, while riding out a pocket of air turbulence on his way to Florida during the Christmas of seventy-eight his sleigh was upended and 2,000 G.I. Joe dolls fell on Cuba. It caused an international furor. Also during this period two of his reindeer, Blitzen and Dancer were shot by illegal duck hunters. They were replaced by Chichi and Rocket.

With these events flickering on the news-reels of every sleazy flicket cinema in the world, Santa decided to keep as much as possible away from public scrutiny. This only renewed speculation about his hidden lifestyle. Some people claim that he spent summer at a nude beach in France. Others believe he attends a Chinese monastery, achieving inner peace through the teachings of Monkey magic. My suspicions are that both these claims are far from the truth. Study this evidence:

1) A man who goes by the name of Claude Santana was recently appointed as Chairman of directors for Consolidated Gift Emporiums International.
 2) Consolidated Gift Emporiums have recently invested 27 million dollars in a Lapland pom-pom hat factory.
 3) While sorting through the annual report of the company I found this signature:

Claude Santana

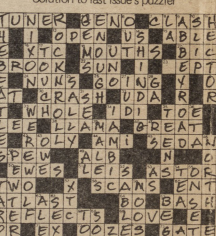
Now compare this -

Santa Claus

*Aldous Teflon invented the non-stick stove pipe.

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Solution to last issue's puzzler



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