



The Tome of Lummi Island

December 2025 - Volume 60 No. 12



Calendar of Events

Weekly

Sunday	Island Chapel – Grange Main Building	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Worship Service – Congregational Church Sanctuary	10:30 - 11:30 am
Tuesday	Island Chapel Ladies' Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	7:00 pm
	LIH&W Wellness Yoga, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
Wednesday	LIH&W Tai Chi, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
	Elderberries Lunch (12pm), Games, and Coffee – The Gathering Place	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Island Chapel Family Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday	LIFD Volunteer Firefighting Training (except holidays)	6:30 - 9:00 pm
	LIH&W Chair Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am
Friday	Coffee Shop and Games – The Gathering Place	10:00 - 11:30 am
	Qigong, Grange Hall	9:00 - 10:00 am
Saturday	Preschool Story Time at the Library - Through December 13th	10:30 - 11:00 am
	LIH&W Hatha Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am

Ferry Refueling: December 11, - 12:10 pm Gooseberry & 1:00 pm Lummi Island Runs Delayed

Monthly

1st Mon.	Emergency Siren Test - <i>Do not call 911</i>	12:00 pm
1st Tue	LICA Board Meeting - Library, Hanson Meeting Room	7:00 pm
1st Wed.	Grange Meeting - Grange Hall	6:30 pm
2nd Tue.	WCFD 11 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting - Fire Hall	7:00 pm
2nd Thur.	Civic Club - Grange Hall	10:00 am
	Resilient Lummi - Library, Hanson Meeting Room	5:00 - 6:30 pm
3rd Mon.	FOIL Board Meeting – Library, Hanson Meeting Room	6:00 pm
4th Tue.	Cemetery Commission Meeting - Grange Hall	4:00 - 5:00 pm
4th Wed.	WC FAC Meeting - The Gathering Place	6:00 pm
4th Thur	Library Book Club - Library, Hanson Room Canceled for December	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
4th Fri	Historical Society, Island Library	4:00 pm

Recycling: Mondays December 8, 22

December Events

Dec 2, Tue	Island Improv, The Gathering Place	6:00 pm
Dec 4, Thu	Paper Star Ornament Workshop, Island Library See Pg. 6	2:00 - 3:30 pm
	Fire Extinguisher Training, The Gathering Place	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Dec 6, Sat	Holiday Bazaar, Beach School See Pg 4	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Community Healing Circle Through Song with Amanda West, The Gathering Place	2:00 pm
Dec 7, Fri	Meditative Sound Bath w/ Jennifer Martin, The Gathering Place	4:00 pm
Dec 9, Tue	Parish Dinner - Tamales, The Gathering Place, See Pg 8	5:00 - 6:00 pm
	Camera Club, Grange Hall See Pg 5	6:30 pm
Dec 11, Thu	Let's Make Presents - For Kids, Island Library See Pg. 6	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Dec 12, Fri	Santa Ship, Ferry Landing & Beach School, See Pg. 3	7:10 Ferry
Dec 14, Sun	Yoga Nidra w/ Constance Drake, The Gathering Place	4:00 pm
Dec 15, Mon	Bob Talk, The Gathering Place See Pg. 8	6:00 pm
Dec 16, Tue	Island Improv, The Gathering Place	6:00 pm
Dec 21, Sun	Remembering During the Holidays, The Gathering Place	4:00 - 5:00 pm
Dec 24, Thu	Candlelight Service, Congregational Church, See Pg. 8	5:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Jan. 2, Fri	Blood Drive, Grange Hall	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Jan 21, Wed	LICA Annual Meeting, Grange Hall	6:00 pm

Check the Online Community Calendar for the most up to date information at OurLummiIsland.org



The holiday season is upon us and the LICA board wishes all of you well. With 2026 fast approaching, LICA and the Tome are looking for your financial support.

Please consider donating to keep the Tome coming to your mail box every month. Donation forms are available at the Post Office, Library and Islander.

With the new year, we have two openings on the LICA Board. Please contact any board member if you have any questions. We meet the first Tuesday of the month 7 pm at the library. Please join us and get us any questions or issues you might have for us. Our drop box is across the street from the post office.

David

Helpful Numbers	
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Free Notary Service	360-758-2559 Call David Thorn
Gathering Place	360-758-2060 info@ligatheringplace.com
Grange Rental	360-223-6225 Leslie Dempsey
Hazardous Waste	360-380-4640 For Info & Questions. Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri & 1st Sat of the month
Library	360-758-7145 Tuesday 1:00-7:00pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm
Parish Health Ministry	Ingrid: 360 220-5860; Joan: 360 739-0228; Lisa: 360 201-0830 and Jane: 360 389-6697 Durable medical equipment to borrow; food vouchers to the Islander for food emergencies; blood pressure checks upon request; rides to your doctor appointment if you need it (Please give a a week's notice if you can). Call our team for help.
Post Office	360-298-7584 Mon. - Fri.: 10:45am - 2:45pm, Sat.: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Lobby 24 Hours

Past Rainfall Totals		2024				
Location	May	June	July	August	September	October
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	3.65	1.30	0.75	3.30	2.18	6.60
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	3.04	1.49	0.83	3.26	2.14	5.96
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	3.32	1.60	0.94	3.56	1.82	7.81
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	3.39	1.95	0.95	3.46	2.00	8.28
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	2.81	1.52	0.84	3.09	1.89	5.96
Scenic Estates - Crawford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Current Rainfall Totals		2025				
Location	May	June	July	August	September	October
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	1.14	1.22	0.16	1.27	1.00	5.95*
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	1.66	0.92	0.17	1.17	1.03	3.97
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	1.45	0.80	0.10	1.26	1.08	6.44
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	1.69	1.16	0.12	1.72	1.43	4.52
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	1.46	0.80	0.13	1.02	1.02	4.41
Scenic Estates - Crawford	1.28	1.10	0.15	1.59	1.15	4.29
* West Shore reading was from 11/1						

Jean Kershner passed away at her home on November 23rd at the age of 95. There will be an obituary to follow in the January Tome. Donations may be made in memory of Jean to the climate protection organization 350.org, or with gratitude, to the Lummi Island Fire Department.

Beach School

By Tammy Immer



Thank you to all who attended our Veterans Day Brunch - the students, staff, Civic Club, and parents were pleased to honor and thank our Veterans for their service to our country. It was a wonderful time!

K-2 is finishing up with Community and Systems as 3-5 completes Government and maps. Next we move on to Plants and the study of Space.

December brings the Junior Vendor Holiday Hallway at Beach School (attached to the Grange's Island Bazaar) on Saturday, December 6 at 10 am - 2 pm. Come check out our students' wares for the holidays. Santa Ship is Friday, December 12 at 7:20 pm at Beach (Santa will be on the 7:10 ferry so cheer him on at the dock first). Santa Ship is put on by the Bellingham Lyon's Club, and they bring holiday joy, toys, and candy to children on remote islands in the Pacific Northwest. Funded by Island donations and BEPTO.

We thank our Island Community, Beach Elementary PTO, and LIFE for all their support and encouragement. We cannot do it without you!



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Holiday Bazaar

By Gayle Mitterer



The annual fun-filled Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Grange will be held December 6, 10 am - 2 pm, at the Beach School. There will be 25 artists and crafters offering you all of the best creations. This will be a great place to purchase holiday gifts and decorations. Come on out and support your local artisans, or just come by to visit.

Lummi Island Heritage Trust - Rooted in Harmony

By LIHT Staff



Happy Holidays from:

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Across

- 4. Former quarry now preserve
- 6. Preserve dedicated 25 years ago
- 8. Designation for those including LIHT in estate planning
- 12. Marine ecosystem shared by WA & BC
- 13. Pollinator
- 15. Coast Salish name for the Swainson’s Thrush
- 16. Beloved supporter of LIHT
- 17. Charitable gift

Down

- 1. One way to support a non-profit
- 2. Introduced species needing removal
- 3. Home to a grand vista
- 5. LIHT annual summer party
- 7. Conservation tool for landowners
- 9. Care of land
- 10. Source of wood for some whiskey barrels
- 11. John & Ortha’s surname, now a preserve
- 14. Lofty nest

Solutions:

17. donation 9. stewardship 8. heritage 6. to 7. easement 5. forest 4. stone 3. preserve 2. species 1. volunteer 10. oak 11. Curry 12. Salish 13. Shesha 14. Aerie 15. Salmonberry 16. Paul Davis 17. donation

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Camera Club

By



Fellow Islander Tom Philpott is bringing colorful images and stories from his meaningful return to Vietnam over 55 years after his first trip there. A heartwarming tour with new friends and ancient enemies. Tuesday, December 9th, 630 pm at the Grange.

Grange Matters

By Leslie Dempsey

There is a dance in the old girl yet... our venerable, historic Grange building is getting a makeover. You may have noticed workers taking out old and putting in new double paned windows, blowing insulation into the siding and putting new cedar shakes on the front and sides. Next there will be a new heat system installed, though the old one will be kept as a back-up.

The Grange-sponsored **HOLIDAY BAZAAR** will be held at Beach School on **Saturday, December 6th**, from 10 am to 2 pm. Join in the fun as Island artists and crafters bring their creations for sale. Unique gift ideas for family and friends are perfect for giving or keeping for your own enjoyment. Getting to see Island friends in a festive atmosphere is a true holiday bonus.

Your Lummi Island Grange has a commitment to enhancing life on our wonderful Island. By hosting events such as the Holiday Bazaar, sponsoring Scholarships for Island residents, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the Honky Tonk Dance, Salmon BBQ, 4th of July Pancake Breakfast, Island Library Auction, and the Camera Club, as well as providing a venue for the Lummi Island Civic Club and other Island events, the Grange continues to be an integral part of Lummi Island life. **Please join us at our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.**



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A Season of Warmth and Wonder

By The Island Elf

As the year draws to a close and the scent of pine and gingerbread fills the air, the holiday season arrives like a much-anticipated guest. It's a time when hopefully the hurried pace of everyday life slows down, inviting us to pause and appreciate the simple, profound joy of togetherness.

The true magic of the holidays isn't found in elaborate gifts or dazzling decorations, but in the flicker of candlelight and the shared laughter that echoes through a warm home. It's in the quiet satisfaction of watching snow fall, wrapped in a cozy blanket with a mug of something hot, or gathering around a festive table with loved ones. This season offers a beautiful reminder to reconnect: with family, friends, and the spirit of generosity that binds us. Whether you find comfort in cherished traditions or are making new memories, embrace the warmth, extend kindness, and allow yourself to be swept up in the season's genuine sense of wonder. May your holidays be filled with peace, light, and heartfelt moments that last long after the final ribbon is tied.

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The Island Library - It Belongs to You

By Erin Suda

Hours: Tuesday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm; Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Dec/Jan Upcoming Events

Island Storytime - For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. The fall storytime series ends on December 13th, so please join us for the last few sessions in December! It's an open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Meets every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from September 20th through December 13th.

Island Library Book Club - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club, which normally meets at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Hanson Room. The December meeting is canceled due to the holidays but stop by anytime to pick up our January title, *The Rooster House*. We read a mix of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-developed characters and rich settings. Library manager, Erin Suda, facilitates.

Upcoming:

Last chance to turn in your votes for the 2026 book list by **December 13th!**

January 22nd ~ *The Rooster House*: a Ukrainian Family Story by Victoria Belim

February 26th ~ *Solito* by Javier Zamora (2026 Whatcom Reads! book)

Island Teen Corps - We need teens with community spirit to help out with our winter programs. You'll support library staff with all the making and doing while hanging out with friends. Teens in grades 6-12 can register at the library

Paper Star Ornament Workshop - Learn to make two different kinds of beautiful paper stars. Library staff will demonstrate the steps to creating these lovely ornaments to enjoy for the holidays and all year long. Patience and care for detail are helpful for this craft. Materials provided. Space is limited; **registration is required**. Thursday, Dec. 4th, 2 - 3:30 pm

Kids' Let's Make Presents - We'll have all the supplies and ideas you'll need to craft beautiful, meaningful gifts for the loved ones in your life. For elementary-aged children. Drop in on Thursday, December 11th from 3 - 4 pm.



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Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W)

By Kellie Shepherd Moeller



December Note of Gratitude from Lummi Island Health & Wellness

As the year winds its way through the chilly and celebratory days of December, we at Lummi Island Health & Wellness can't help but feel immense gratitude for this vibrant island community. Every smiling face at a yoga class, every laugh at Improv, and every word of thanks after events like the Meditative Sound Bath, serves as a reminder of just how special it is to serve you, our neighbors and friends.

This past month, we've worked behind the scenes, making connecting with us—and with each other—easier than ever. Our event flyers and e-newsletter have a fresh new look and our small but mighty LIH&W team continues to grow, reaching more of you each day. The Lummi Island Health & Wellness website <https://www.lummihw.org> now features updates on daily classes and upcoming monthly events, from Yoga Nidra and Tai Chi to convenient Footcare. We invite you to check our **homepage** often—you'll always find the latest ways to move, connect, or simply care for yourself.

And for those chilly winter afternoons at home, you can join us on social media! From heartwarming photos of recent events, reminders about upcoming gatherings, or inspiring wellness tips, our pages on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **Nextdoor**, and even **LinkedIn** are full of island spirit. (Don't worry if you're not an expert—we're here to help you find us online.)

Community feedback fills us with joy. One resident recently shared, "Thanks for providing these beautiful offerings"—a sentiment that we hold as our guiding star. Your enthusiasm is what keeps our classes vibrant, our special events meaningful, and our commitment to wellness strong.

We continue to work hard to assure that our island neighbors have all the resources possible to stay healthy and well. This includes advocacy for support that will allow all of us to benefit from in-home health, hospice services, intergenerational activities, home safety, telehealth, aging in place, fitness, mental health, and much, much more. It is inspiring to see how new connections consistently address island needs.

A heartfelt thank you to all who attend, volunteer, support, and spread the word about LIH&W. You are the reason we continue to grow, evolve, and offer new opportunities every month. Be sure to join us for these upcoming special events:

The best way to stay informed is to sign up for our **e-newsletter** and visit our website often to see what's happening. Follow us on your favorite social channels, and stop by during office hours to see Julie or Kellie (Monday–Thursday, 9am–Noon) if you have any questions or simply want to say hello. You can also email us directly at lummiislandhealthandwellness@gmail.com.

Wishing you a season of wellness, gratitude, and community on this beautiful island we call home.



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Lummi Island Congregational Church

By *Rhayma Blake*

'Tis the season for New Mexico Tamale Company tamales. They will be featured at our **Parish Dinner** at The Gathering Place on **Tuesday, December 9th** at 5pm. Get a tamale (your choice of flavors), enchilada sauce, pinto beans, Mexican rice, and a Mexican hot chocolate cookie for dessert all for a suggested donation of \$15. Extra tamales and take-outs will be available to see you through the holidays.

Christmas carols and readings will be featured at our traditional **Candlelight Service at 5pm Wednesday, December 24th**. All are welcome to this special time together. If you'd like to join us on Zoom, please email office@lummichurch.com for the link.

On going events include **Elderberries** from 11-2 on Wednesdays **except not on December 24th**, the Wednesday before Christmas. Games, fun, and hot lunch at Noon. Thanks to the many cooks who help make this happen. Reach out to me if you can help.

Friday Coffee is open to all from 10:00-11:30AM. Coffee, tea, and treats with a chance to catch up with neighbors around the fireplace.

And, of course, **Sunday worship** happens weekly at 10:30am in the church sanctuary followed by coffee and refreshments.

Keep up with the latest at www.lummichurch.org or www.ligatheringplace.com. You can always email us at office@lummichurch.com or info@ligatheringplace.com or call (360) 758-2060. *Remember, no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



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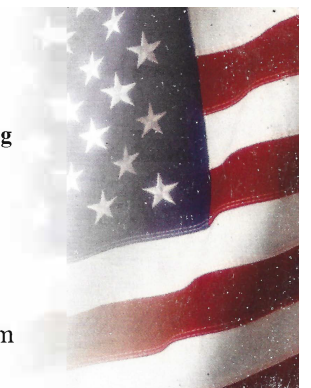
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The Gathering Place

By *Sahara Burton*

Bob Talk – An Introduction to AI

You may have lived through the entire history of AI. Surprised? "Artificial Intelligence" sounds new and complicated, but did you know the idea is as old as rock and roll? You may have witnessed its entire 70-year journey, from room-sized computers to the "magic" of today.

Join Bob (aka Robert Keller) for a "Bob Talk" on **December 15, 6:00 pm** at The Gathering Place to unravel the mystery. We'll bust the myths and discover that AI isn't a person, but a powerful tool.

You will learn the surprising history of AI, from 1950s concepts to its big comeback; understand what today's AI (like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude) actually does; see how AI impacts our world in positive ways, from personalized health to environmental monitoring; watch a live demo where we ask AI to create art and video inspired by our own Lummi Island living.

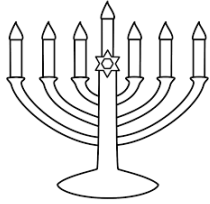
This is not a technical session—it's a story for the curious. Donations to The Gathering Place are encouraged, but the event is free. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are very grateful and honored that The Gathering Place and its commercial kitchen is so busy with all kinds of weekly events! But there are still plenty of open dates for your private event, meeting, fundraiser, retreat or reception. <https://ligatheringplace.com>

As you plan your year-end giving, we hope you will remember The Gathering Place and all it brings to the Lummi Island community. <https://square.link/u/sNpc6rGM>.



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LICA Blood Drive

By Molly Forman

I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in our recent blood drive on November 4, 2025. Thanks to your generosity and commitment to saving lives, our blood drive was a tremendous success. Your donation has made a significant impact on the lives of those in need within our community.

I'm thrilled to share the results of our blood drive with you:

- Total Number of Registered Donors: 32
- Total Units of Blood Collected: 27
- Total Number of First time-donors: 1

The selfless act of donating blood has helped ensure that patients in hospitals and medical facilities have access to the vital transfusions they require for recovery and healing.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable support. Everyone's willingness to give speaks volumes about your dedication to making positive difference in the world.

Our next blood drive is on Friday, January 2, 2026. If you have not had a chance to book your next appointment, you can still do so by registering through this link: https://donate.bloodworksnw.or/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/97345. Or you may also contact me directly!

Or you may also contact me directly! **Cell:** [206-310-4809](tel:206-310-4809) or **Email:** mlforman@comcast.net



Civic Club Twice Loved Sale and December Holiday Luncheon



It is a time for gratefulness and the Civic Club has lots to appreciate. We held our annual Twice Loved Sale on Sunday November 2nd at the Grange Hall and it was one of the most successful sales we have ever held. There was a great turnout by many islanders that scooped in early to get the best deals. We thank you all for your support of the sale either through donation or through purchasing items that day. A special thanks also goes to Debbi Barnes-Josiah and Robin Aspmann-O'Callahan for coordinating the event this year. We also could not have done it without all the wonderful donations by islanders and club members and for the helpers who were there that day to make the sale a success. All items not purchased were later donated to several of the valued charities we have in the Bellingham area.

All Island women are invited to attend the annual Civic Club Holiday Luncheon and meeting on Thursday, December 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the newly remodeled Grange Hall. This is a potluck event with a holiday gift exchange. Everyone should plan to bring something shareable to eat, plus a nicely wrapped holiday gift valued at \$20.00 or less for the exchange fun. Participation in the exchange is optional, but it is sure to get you in the holiday spirit! We look forward to seeing everyone there! Please bring any new island folks or those that have been shy about attending. Our group is a great way to meet other island women and get involved in fun, philanthropic and educational island activities. Also, if you need a ride to the meeting, please let one of us know and we can get that arranged!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any Civic Club Member. Or you may contact any of the board members:

- Carolyn Jewell-Jenkins, President
- Becky Crawford, Vice President
- Sandra Clavero, Treasurer
- Molly Forman, Secretary

The Lummi Island Civic Club, founded in 1916, is an organization dedicated to volunteerism and fund raising which support the charitable, educational and cultural services on Lummi Island. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September through June at 10:00 a.m. at the Grange Hall. All Lummi Island women are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Happy Holidays to you all from the Lummi Island Civic Club!

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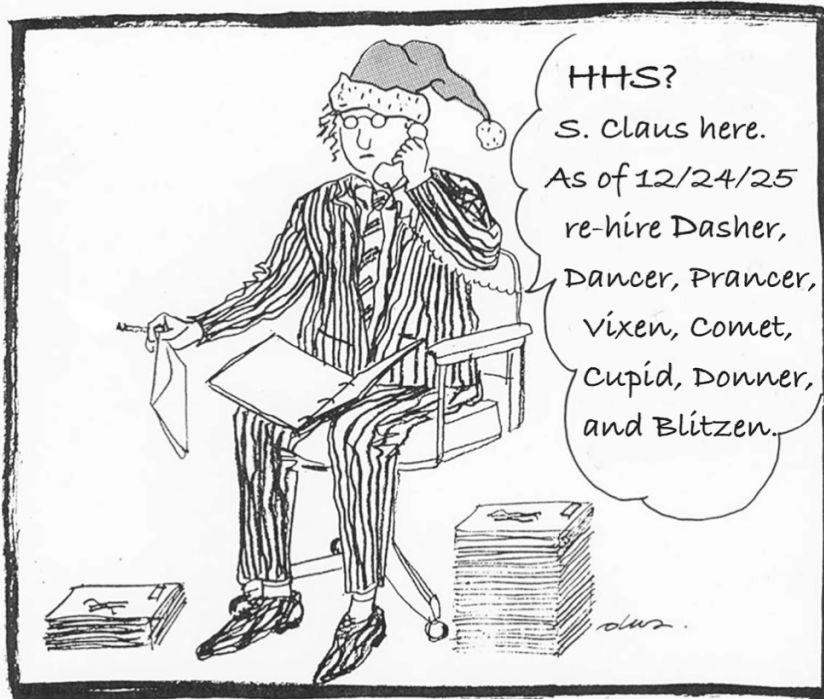
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