



Season's Greetings
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Dec. 24 - 10 am-10 pm
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Father Mark Curtis at Trinity Sunday

BY MAGGIE
PETRUSHEVSKY
The New Tanner

In what is becoming a tradition, Rev. Mark Curtis came to Trinity United Church in Acton for the last concert of his year-end tour.

Sunday's performance was the end of a string of 36 concerts in Canada and the

U.S. since November 8.

Among his selections were the title song from his latest CD, *Angels Still Sing*. It was written for three children he knew through his association with the Rose Cherry hospice at Speyside. One of that trio was leukemia victim Peter Sladek, son of rural Acton residents Vlad and Linda Sladek.



SERIOUS FUN: Rev. Mark Curtis accompanied himself on guitar for a number of the songs he performed at a concert at Trinity United Church Sunday evening. The Acton appearance was the last in a series of fall concerts and the third time he has entertained area residents at the church at Christmas. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Curtis mingled familiar numbers such as *The Huron Carol* and *O Holy Night* with his own songs and encouraged audience participation in traditional carols like *Silent Night*.

He also gave the 150 in attendance a preview of his next album with a performance of one of his new songs, *Bridges to Us All*.

The standing ovation at the end of the evening was clear evidence of his audience's appreciation for both his musical talent and his Christmas message delivered with large dollops of humour

and unmistakable sincerity.

Nominated for a Juno award for his latest CD, *Angels Still Sing*, Curtis has been combining his love of music, both writing and performing, with his ministerial career for more than a decade. A Hamilton native, he now lives in Milton and is assistant pastor at St. Simon's Anglican Church in Oakville and pastor/chaplain for St. Mildred's Lightbourne private girls' school in Oakville. He and his wife Rita are on the board of directors for the Rose Cherry Home.

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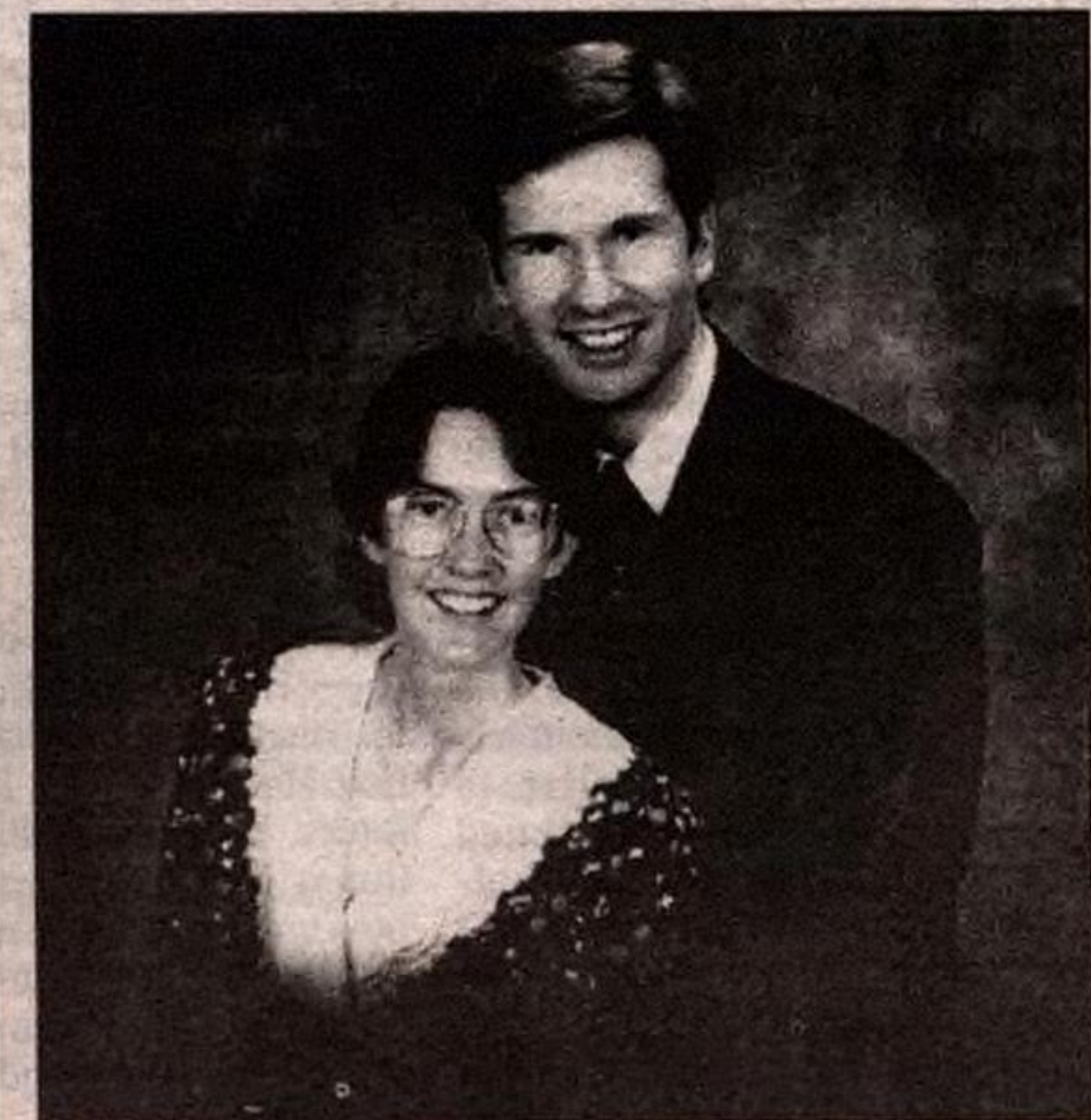


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