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## Belated wishes: Christmas card spends year in mail

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As a retired parole officer, Marion Ballard knows a thing or two about keeping tabs on people.

Christmas cards, however, have her stumped.

Last Monday, the long-time Markham resident received her mail. Included in the delivery was a Christmas card she posted 12 months prior. Despite the correct postage, recipient and return addresses, the mail went AWOL for a full year and was finally returned with a label suggesting the addressee had moved.

"I'm not complaining, just laughing and wondering where the post office would have stashed it for a year," Ms Ballard said with a giggle. "I figure they knew it was almost Christmas and they better return it."

"I was really surprised. I double checked the address and called the friend who I mailed it to. Obviously, she hadn't moved. We had a good laugh."

The intended recipient of Ms Ballard's seasonal greetings, Marjorie Douglas, lives only a few kilometres south of Markham. Both women got a chuckle out of the card's serendipitous detour, Ms Ballard said.

The situation is rare, Canada Post spokesperson Keisha McIntosh said.

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Marion Ballard  
sender of Christmas card, a year ago



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Marion Ballard had a Christmas card she mailed to a friend in Markham returned 12 months later.

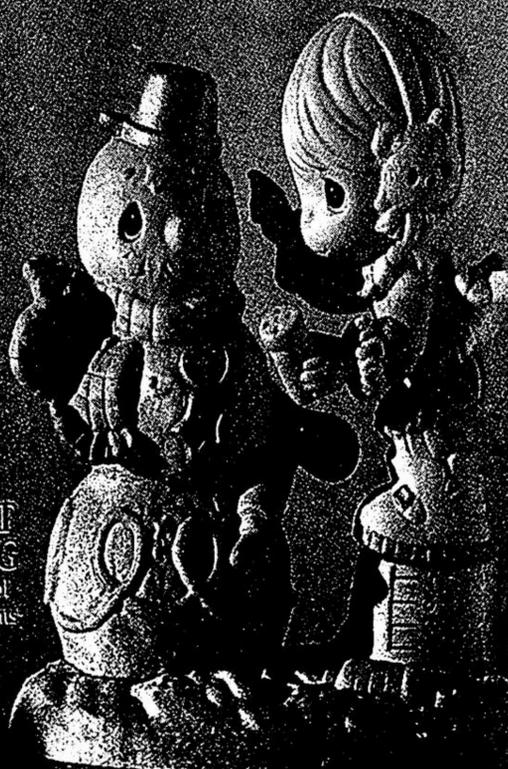
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The glitch that stole her Christmas card won't deter Ms Ballard from sending her traditional large batch of yule tide messages.

"I send a lot of them every year," she said. "I pick a special card for each person and I personalized it with a note. It takes me two days to write and send my cards. I just love Christmas and I really enjoy sending and getting cards."

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