

PREDICTION

by Vera Blaine

My concern today is the belittlement of the fruitcake, a rich cake containing nuts, dried fruit or candied fruits and spices, often served during the holidays. People who dislike the dessert treat it with disdain, and you might hear a person describe someone in an awful way saying, "He's nutty as a fruitcake."

The worst case of mistreatment of this delicious cake is the annual Great Fruitcake Toss held in Manitou Springs, Colorado, after the holiday season. The event will celebrate its 16th year in January, and teams will compete to see who can toss their fruitcakes the greatest distance.

In the past the innocent fruitcakes have been hurled by individuals or launched by devices that continue to be improved each year. Prizes are awarded. Even children participate in this awful event that is the height of mistreatment of fruitcakes.

I predict that in the year 2011 there will be an uprising of persons who enjoy fruitcakes, and they will form an organization named the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Fruitcakes. I will support this movement as I love fruitcake.