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You Said It! Passholder Views

Wishes is a Passholder's dream come true

The new **Wishes**™ nighttime spectacular is such a feast for the eyes, ears and emotions, Passholders Karen and Clint Griffin wanted to make one point very clear: *Wishes* is much more than just fireworks.

As Clint explained, "The fireworks are part of the show, but they're not *the* show."

"It's so much more!" Karen told us. "It's the music, the lights, Tinker Bell flying, and how it all comes together. I guess I'm programmed from typical fireworks shows to just look up at the sky, but at *Wishes*, I was trying to look at lots of places at once!"

Wishes is the first **Walt Disney World** nighttime spectacular in which the fireworks, lights and effects actually "perform" as they burst, dart and shimmer—not just over Cinderella Castle, but across the full **Magic Kingdom**® horizon.

"Your whole peripheral vision is just filled as you watch," Karen adds. "The sky is filled with spirals, fireflies, sparklers, all in different colors and shapes. At the very end, there are these big, huge, waterfalls of light."

But what really touched the Griffins was what was happening to Guests around them. Besides the customary "oohs" and "aahs," Guests expressed reactions as deep and vivid as the colors and music swirling before them. Misty eyes and gentle sighs of overwhelming joy were not uncommon.

And in the tradition of truly great Disney creations, *Wishes* is so rich in detail, you don't really experience it to the fullest with only one viewing. So now all Karen wishes for is to see *Wishes* again. "I'm anxious to go back another time to see what I missed the first time!"

That's an easily granted wish when you're a Disney Passholder!



Moving? Have you changed your address or phone number? Call us at **(407) 560-PASS (7277)** and don't miss a single issue.

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Winners

Congratulations to Susan Hollifield of Rural Hall, NC. She's the lucky winner of a pair of Premium Annual Passes. Winners are selected at random from our current list of Passholders. Who knows? Maybe you could be next!

Stitch Mickey Monitor



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Stitch's Great Escape! means Magic Kingdom madness

As you might guess, when an uncontrollable, uninhibited, indestructible little alien named Stitch gets his own **Magic Kingdom**® attraction, all chaos breaks loose!

"But it's fun chaos," Disney Imagineer Kevin Rafferty assured us. "Stitch is a fun-loving little guy. He has no rules except to make everything he sees, fun."

Why has the world embraced the six-armed, toothsome little terror? Let's face it, Stitch does outrageous things we wouldn't dare to do, but might wish we could. You'll experience this firsthand at **Stitch's Great Escape!**,™ a zany, lighthearted new *Tomorrowland*® adventure.

Kevin calls it a sort of "prequel" to the movie story, with members of the original voice cast and a peppy new musical score. The action takes place at the Galactic Federation Prisoner Teleport Center. Stitch (then known as "Experiment 626") seems so harmless, he is left alone with the "Security Recruits" (that's us, the Guests). Big mistake. Stitch bounces all over the chamber, talking to us individually, spitting to confuse DNA-tracking plasma cannons and having the time of his anarchic life.

We won't spoil the ending by revealing where Stitch ends up. As you may recall from the last few *Mickey Monitor* issues, we're never quite sure ourselves what he's going to do next. But that's all over now ... we think.



Passholder Preview Get the details online!

You're invited to be among the first on your planet to experience *Stitch's Great Escape!* before its Grand Opening. For more information, including dates and times, just visit disneyworld.com/annualpass and click on Special Offers. Be sure to have your Pass handy, you'll need your I.D. number.

A limited edition of 5,000 Stitch bobble-head pins will be sold during the preview at Mickey's Star Traders and Merchants of Venus for \$10.50 each plus tax.

Valid **Walt Disney World**® Passholder I.D. is required for entrance to the attraction preview, and at time of pin purchase. Limit of two pins per day per Passholder.



How to spot a Stitch invasion

As a public service, here are the telltale signs Stitch has made himself right at home:

1. Blue hair in the sink, even though Grandma hasn't visited in weeks.
2. New issue of *Alien Living* arrives every month.
3. Teeth marks on your toes each morning.
4. Chunks of wall, side moulding and sconces missing.
5. TV always inexplicably set for Disney Channel.
6. Nosy neighbor claims she saw a monster in your living room window.
7. Don't seem to have to take out trash as often.
8. Car makes growly noises even when turned off.
9. Elvis records somehow moved out of the attic.
10. "Has anybody seen Fluffy?"

Welcome!

Eegalagoo!

Cowabunga! Tooki-bah-wobbah.
Achi-baba. Maka maka! Sasa! Feeboogoo!
Ekatah! Ekatah!

Remember. Ohana means family.

Takka,

Stitch

Stitch
Alien-In-Chief

{Editor's note: Stitch just wanted to tell you he's very excited. He's been that way ever since we announced the new *Stitch's Great Escape!*™ at **Magic Kingdom**® Park.}

Pass It Along!

Hey-hey, it's JoJo's Circus!

The arrival of the stars of TV's *JoJo's Circus* at **Disney-MGM Studios** continues a great Disney tradition. It began when a young Walt Disney marveled at the circus parade in Missouri, and was celebrated with big top wonders in *Dumbo*, "Circus Day" on the original *Mickey Mouse Club*, and other three-ring Disney fun. So it's fitting that the stars of *JoJo's Circus* have become part of the **Disney-MGM Studios** showbiz excitement.

Now JoJo herself, and her pet lion, Goliath, are appearing in person for autographs and photos on Mickey Avenue. They're also greeting all their fans as they roll down Hollywood Boulevard in the Disney Stars and Motor Cars Parade. They've joined the parade with friends from *Bear in the Big Blue House*,™ *Rolie Polie Olie* and others from the popular *Playhouse Disney*

children's shows seen every morning on Disney Channel.

JoJo's Circus is another smash success from the talented producers and artists who brought Disney's *Doug*, *PB&J Otter* and *Stanley* to TV screens. The new series encourages the kids watching at home to get up and dance, jump, bend and wiggle as they watch the adventures of JoJo and her friends in Circustown. It's a big top blast!



The Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights is "on" again!

November 24, 2004–January 2, 2005

The lights that were too big for Little Rock, Arkansas will have a new home at **Disney-MGM Studios**. This year, **The Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights** is back, and looking more elaborate than ever in the most spectacular setting anyone could imagine.

"It's bigger than ever," Show Director John Phelan explained, "because they've moved from a residential setting to a grand cityscape."

John referred to the newly renamed "Streets of America," the former New York Street area, now transformed into a salute to great cities. The first city to be added is San Francisco, with a "forced perspective" scene that is already in place.

It is over this vast canyon of idealized urban glory that millions and millions of lights, carousels, sparkling bells, holiday characters and bold kinetic sculptures will be festooned. Just imagine the breathtaking effect of this towering vertical "canvas," as the "snow" lightly falls amid the sparkling colors! It will be like seeing the entire magical display for the first time.

"We're mounting the lights and decorations on a much higher,

grander scale," said John. "So it will definitely have a more dramatic feel. Now you'll be able to walk under the giant glowing globe."

As a key figure in the project since the beginning, John will never forget the very first night the lights display opened. "We were walking behind a family and suddenly the mother put her arm around her 12-year-old son," he recalls. "She stopped, looked at him and said 'Merry Christmas.' I can still hear the tone of her voice.

"It's great to be able to bring that feeling back this year, in a whole new way."



Food & Wine Festival features new tastes

October 1–November 14, 2004



This year's **Epcot® International Food & Wine Festival** is destined to take the annual gastronomic gala even further, with new flavors of every kind.

Due to popular demand, the ninth-annual festival is extended this fall by more than two weeks, giving you ample opportunity to come back for seconds, thirds, and fourths.

As always, the tasty action will take place at more than 25 international food and wine marketplaces around World Showcase Lagoon, each of which offer appetizer-sized portions, priced from \$1.00–\$4.50 plus tax. This year, Guests are also treated to new special exhibits, concerts featuring top-name performers of almost every musical genre, plus culinary demonstrations and wine seminars every single day.



Party for the Senses returns

For the ultimate food and wine experience, Passholders can't miss Disney's popular "Party for the Senses" dining experiences.

The event begins with VIP seating at the 5:45 p.m. performance of the "Eat to the Beat" concert series. Then it's all about the food, featuring flavors from 23 eminent chefs and more than 50 wines and beers. As an added surprise, you'll also enjoy dazzling performances during the event from members of the **Cirque du Soleil®** show, *La Nouba*.™

It's an evening featuring the very best in international cuisine and entertainment—the premier food and wine event of its kind anywhere. Party for the Senses will be held each Saturday at World Showplace Pavilion, only during the Festival. Tickets are \$95.00 per person (including gratuity, plus tax, Park admission required).



Check out the tasty additions

- **"Australia: Discover Down Under"** returns with a new "outback" feel. Don't miss the Wine-Walkabout, where you can sample five wines representing the diverse regions of Australia.

- **The New England Fair** features traditional crafts, foods, and entertainment in this special new exhibit. Grown-ups will want to check out "The History of Beer in America" presented by the makers of Samuel Adams® Boston Lager.

Must be 21 to consume alcoholic beverages. Valid photo I.D. required. Additional charge for Wine-Walkabout.

Eat to the Beat concert series

Your favorite artists from the worlds of disco, rock, pop, and country music are on stage at the America Gardens Theatre. Take in nightly shows at 5:45, 7:00, and 8:15 p.m.

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| Oct. 1–5 | Kool & the Gang "Celebration" |
| Oct. 6–10 | Starship featuring Mickey Thomas
"We Built This City" |
| Oct. 11, 12 | The Beach Boys "Good Vibrations" |
| Oct. 13–15 | Temptations Review featuring
Dennis Edwards
"Ain't Too Proud to Beg" |
| Oct. 16–20 | Taylor Dayne "Love Will Lead You Back" |
| Oct. 21–25 | Commodores "Brick House" |
| Oct. 26–28 | Three Dog Night "Joy To The World" |
| Oct. 29, 30 | Survivor "Eye of the Tiger" |
| Oct. 31–Nov. 4 | Blake Shelton "Austin" |
| Nov. 5–9 | Eddie Money "Take Me Home Tonight" |
| Nov. 10–14 | Chubby Checker & the Wildcats
"The Twist" |

Festival included with regular **Epcot** admission. Entertainment subject to change without notice.

Call us for all the appetizing extras

Log on to disneyworld.com/foodandwine for prices, dates, details, and an online festival guide. Or contact us at **407-WDW-DINE (939-3463)** to make reservations.



Perks

in your 2004
pass sleeve

To get the most out of being a **Walt Disney World**® Annual Passholder, remember to pick up your Pass Sleeve from any ticket window at any Theme Park. In it, you'll find a world of benefits you can enjoy all year long (also found on disneyworld.com/annualpass). Here are two special offers we're featuring this fall:

Water Sports savings!

Beat the heat and save. Passholders get 10%* off the regular rates on parasailing, waterskiing and wakeboarding at Sammy Duvall's Watersports Centre at *Disney's Contemporary Resort*. Reservations are required and certain restrictions apply. Call **(407) WDW-PLAY (939-7529)** for more information.



Relaxing rate at new spa

A new spa means a new Perk for Passholders. Now you can enjoy 10%* off the regular price of one treatment each time you visit *The Spa at Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort*. Reservations are required and can be made by calling **(407) 827-4455**. Offer good through December 2005.

*Benefits may only be used by a Passholder with a valid Pass unless noted otherwise, and cannot be combined with any other coupon or discount. Benefits exclude tax and gratuity where applicable and are subject to change without notice.

just For You!

Athens isn't the only place sporting world-class athletes

While the 2004 Olympics play out in Athens, you can bet that there will be a few Cast Members gathered around the TV backstage at the **Cirque du Soleil**® show, *La Nouba*.™

That's because many of them are champion gymnasts themselves.

The show, at **Downtown Disney**® West Side, features no less than 16 former gymnasts, all of whom either participated in the Olympics or World Championships at some point in their careers.

So if you can't make it to Athens this year, come see our own collection of Olympians. Passholders can save 25% off the regular price of Category 2 admission (select seats only) on performances now through September 30, excluding August 22–25. And you can bring one Guest along to enjoy the savings also. Tickets are available for sale 14 days prior. Call **(407) 939-7604**.



Discount is not valid on previously purchased tickets, gift certificates or with any other offer. Passholder must present valid Passholder I.D. at box office to receive tickets. Please arrive a minimum of one hour prior to show time. Advanced reservations required. Availability is limited and restrictions apply.

Hot rewards with Disney's Visa® Card

Earn *Disney Dream Reward Dollars*™ on everyday purchases like gas and groceries, then redeem them for Disney merchandise like DVDs and clothing, Theme Park tickets, Pass renewals, hotel stays, food and more! Use them in combination with other

money-saving offers without having to worry about block-out dates. And there's no annual fee.

Apply today: **1-877-245-0295** or magicalrewards.com. Use keycode **6NVB01**.

Cool backpack

Also with Disney's Visa® Card

For a limited time, if you apply for Disney's Visa® Credit Card from Bank One, you'll get a free, specially designed **Walt Disney World** Passholder backpack! After credit approval and your first card purchase,² of course. It features an embroidered Passholder logo, weather-resistant navy canvas, multiple compartments and a water bottle holder. Plus, it's a great way to show off your "members only" status.



¹*Disney Dream Reward Dollars*™ are subject to the terms and conditions of the *Disney Rewards*™ Program.

²This is a one-time offer for new cardmembers who have applied for the Disney's Visa Card, are approved for the card and use the card by 2/28/05. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks after your first purchase, balance transfer, convenience check or cash advance for your **Walt Disney World** Passholder backpack to be delivered. Subject to availability while supplies last. Void where prohibited.

Available to U.S. residents only, 18 and older, and subject to credit approval.

A World Of Special Offers

Coastal resort is a day-tripper's paradise

The beautiful beaches of Hilton Head Island are enough to delight anyone seeking fun in the sun. But the fall months are the perfect time to enjoy the area's historical charm.

Welcome to *Disney's Hilton Head Island Resort*, an architectural nod to the past, built to resemble a 1940s fishing retreat.

It's situated just a short drive away from two of our nation's most historical and beautiful cities: Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia.

Once you've headquartered in luxury, venture into Charleston and see the Fort Sumpter National Monument or the famed Magnolia Plantation & Its Gardens. Then traipse through Savannah, the hostess city of the South, with one of the largest historical districts in the United States.



Passholders save on a stay at Disney's Hilton Head Island Resort

If you hurry, you can take advantage of great savings on certain dates in October, November and December.

A stay in our spacious two-bedroom vacation home is just \$99 per night plus tax. You'll save \$66 per night plus tax based on nondiscounted rate for the same room. Available most nights 10/31-12/31/2004 (excluding 11/24 and 11/25/2004). Other Passholder rates may be available for earlier arrival

dates. Space is limited and at these rates, rooms go fast, so book by December 1, 2004. Call **(407) 566-PASS (7277)** to check for availability.

Additional per adult charges apply if more than two adults (18 or older) per room. Advanced reservations required. No group rates or other discounts apply. Rate is nontransferable.

New clubs abound on board the Disney Wonder®

Just when you thought we couldn't pack any more fun onto one ship, we added three new clubs.

Diversions, *Cove Cafe*, and *Aloft* will all make their maiden voyage on the October 17, 4-night voyage.

Diversions is a cross between a golf clubhouse and a neighborhood pub, while *Cove Cafe* is an adults-only

onboard oasis, perfect for reading and relaxing while sipping cool cocktails.

For teens who want to chillax at da flyest joint on the vess-izzle fo shizzle, *Aloft* is all that. (Parents: Don't worry if you don't get this part. It's not about you.)

Play computer games, watch videos and kick it with your new friends, or mix it up on the dance floor.

It's OK now, parents. Here is something that is definitely all about you. Passholder families receive a \$50 onboard credit on 3-night cruises commencing November 18 through December 16, 2004. Just call **1-800-370-3086** or your Travel Agent and ask for offer code **APC**.



Onboard credit good toward merchandise, spa treatments, shore excursions and other onboard activities. Offer must be requested at time of booking for new bookings only. The onboard credit is per stateroom for each stateroom occupied by an adult **Walt Disney World** Passholder. Must show proof of active **Walt Disney World** Passholder status at time of sailing. Any unused portions are nonrefundable and nontransferable. Ships' Registry: The Bahamas. **CST #1022229-50**.



The new pin is IN! "Where Magic Lives"SM Passholder Pin #3

This **Disney's Animal Kingdom**® Theme Park pin features Simba and friends, and is available for purchase beginning August 15, 2004 for \$12.50 (plus tax). But only 7,500 are being issued, and there is a limit of two per day per Passholder!

On sale at:

- **Disney's Animal Kingdom** Theme Park – Island Mercantile
- **Magic Kingdom**® Park – Town Square Exposition Hall
- **Disney-MGM Studios** – Sorcerer Hat Shop
- **Epcot**® – Pin Central

Remember:

- Valid Passholder I.D. required at time of purchase
- For more information, visit www.odpt.com—the Official Disney Pin Trading Website

Kids' love of Nemo bubbles over into Epcot fun

The enthusiasm of countless young Nemo fans actually inspired Disney Imagineers to find a way to really find Nemo at **The Living Seas**.

"We visited aquariums, and saw kids immediately run to the tanks and yell for 'Nemo!'" recalls Imagineer Kathy Mangum. "We knew we had to come up with ways for them to really find Nemo in person."

When you approach The Living Seas entrance, look for *Nemo's Garden*, inspired by the Walt Disney Pictures presentation of the Pixar Animation Studios film, *Finding Nemo*. Resembling the Great Barrier Reef Nemo calls home, this is where the star himself arrives for photos. It's like a mini-celebration, with bubbles and sea chanties floating through the air. You can also pose alongside charming sculptures of Dory and other beloved characters from the hit movie.

The fun continues inside *Sea Base Alpha* at *Nemo and Friends*. This is where real-life Nemos, Dorys and other creatures swim like, well, like fish. Fascinating graphics and the knowledgeable Cast Members are on hand to describe Nemo's world.

Kids *do* come up with the darndest things, don't they?



Renew your Pass in your PJs!

disneyworld.com/annualpass

What's with the jammies? We're just illustrating how convenient it now is to renew your **Walt Disney World**® Annual Pass. Meaning you can now do it online ... from the comforts of your own home ... in the comforts of whatever you choose to wear.

Just log on to disneyworld.com/annualpass and click on "Renewal Information" to lock in your renewal savings up to 30 days prior to your Anniversary Date (which is when your Pass expires). All you need is your current Pass number. And online

access, of course. Hey—you can even renew for friends and family members! Just make sure you have their Pass numbers handy, too.

Renewing has never been easier. Log on today!



BUZZ worthy

1. BUCSTRaining CAMP

Passholders get free admission to see Tampa's big boys practice at **Disney's Wide World of Sports**® Complex from late July thru August.

2. ECHOES OF AFRICA

This new art exhibit at The American Adventure in **Epcot**® will feature priceless African works from the world-renowned Disney/Tishman collection. Opens September 2004.

3. MOVIE NEWS IN '04

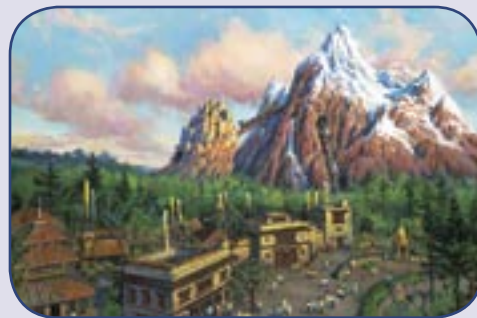
Our fourth Platinum Double DVD, *Aladdin*, is now on sale. And to prep for the November release of the Walt Disney Pictures presentation of the Pixar Animation Studios film, *The Incredibles*, some of the film's star characters will be making appearances at **Disney-MGM Studios** beginning in October.

4. WEST COAST CRUISE IN '05

Disney Cruise Line® is going Hollywood! Limited-time, 7-night sailings depart from Los Angeles and visit ports along the Mexican Riviera. Space is limited, so call **1-800-370-3086** for dates and availability.

5. EXPEDITION EVEREST™

As we count down to the attraction's 2006 opening, enjoy this construction update from **Disney's Animal Kingdom**® Theme Park: A bridge now connects *DinoLand U.S.A.*® to Asia, and the mountain is going vertical.



6. NEW SPA NEWS

It's a spa. It's new. It's at *Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa*. Which is also new. Features facials, massages and body wraps for ... what else? A new you! See page 4 for more.

All dates and events are subject to change without notice.

Key Dates

Night of Joy

September 9, 10 & 11, 2004 For tickets, call (407) 560-PASS (7277).

Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party

October 1, 3, 8, 12, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29 & 31, 2004
Call (407) 560-PASS (7277) or visit disneyworld.com to get your tickets today!

Epcot International Food & Wine Festival

October 1-November 14, 2004

FUNAI Classic

October 21-24, 2004 For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com.

The Festival of the Masters

November 12-14, 2004

ABC Super Soap Weekend[®]

November 13 & 14, 2004

The Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights

November 24, 2004-January 2, 2005

Festival of the Seasons

November 26-December 24, 2004

Holidays Around the World

November 26-December 30, 2004

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party

November 28, 30, December 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 17, 2004
Call (407) 560-PASS (7277) or visit disneyworld.com to get your tickets!



Don't forget your Anniversary Date!

Your "Anniversary Date" is the day your Pass was issued and it's good for one year from then. If yours is coming up, be sure to renew soon so you can continue the fun for another whole year! Just call (407) 560-PASS (7277) or visit any **Walt Disney World**[®] Theme Park ticket window.

Click on our Web pages for Passholders.

Log on to disneyworld.com and click on the Passholder link for access to our special Passholder pages. We've had a chance to post some great offers here as well as other useful information.

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