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THE SPECTACLE RETURNS

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A TEA PARTY FIT FOR A PRINCESS

Give her highness the royal treatment at My Disney Girl's Perfectly Princess Tea Party taking place at *Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa*. For more details, visit disneyworld.com/princesstea.



TURTLE-RRIFIC NEW SHOW AT EPCOT®

In mid-November, Crush, from the Walt Disney Pictures presentation of the Pixar Animation Studios film, *Finding Nemo*, will talk turtle at *The Living Seas*.



BRVES TICKETS ON SALE IN JANUARY

Atlanta Braves Spring Training hits full swing in March at **Disney's Wide World of Sports®** Complex. Get your tickets through ticketmaster.com before they're going, going, gone.

Bright lights move to the big city

Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights returns!



For some people, it happens in a mall the moment they hear "White Christmas" while they're shopping for a tie. For others, it's fruitcake.

Each year, there's a particular point in time when the spirit of the holiday season warms you up like electric orange candle bulbs.

But for Passholders who count the *Osborne Family Spectacle*

of *Lights* among their most cherished holiday traditions, and there are many who do, that special moment usually takes place at **Disney-MGM Studios**.

Now, after a yearlong hiatus, the millions of lights are back November 24 through January 2 and they've taken up residence in the heart of the big city, right on New York and San Francisco Streets.



Hang lights like a pro

The great thing about the Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights is that almost every inch of the display is comprised of holiday lights you can easily find anywhere. So we thought we'd ask the Disney experts who hang the lights for some light-hanging expertise to help the home light-hanger.

1. Invest in a 9-volt twinkle-light tester.
2. Use cable ties to help secure lights in place.
3. When hanging long runs of lights, use electrician's tape to keep the strands from pulling apart at the plug.
4. Space lights evenly to give them a clean look.
5. For a fuller look, run lights along individual branches, as opposed to over the whole tree.
6. Change colors on different architectural detail to give the building definition and depth.
7. Running lights vertically gives the illusion of height and also prevents sagging.



Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights facts:

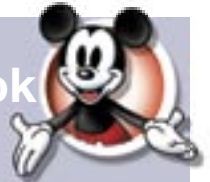
- It will take a crew of 18 electricians 14 weeks to hang the lights.
- Approximately 12 miles of extension cord will be used to light the display.
- Each building along New York Street will have its own "personality" in the windows. (You'll see.)
- The 70-foot tree is made up of 800 strings of lights and contains approximately 50,000 lights.
- The canopy, a "Spectacle" favorite, will hang high above the new brownstone-lined San Francisco Street.

We've got a brand-new look

Tell us what you think.

So how do you like the new

Mickey Monitor look so far? Of course, we're always looking for even better ways to get more information to Passholders. That's where you come in. And the Internet, too. Visit us at disneyworld.com/mickeymonitorsurvey and let us know your thoughts.





A SHOW WITH CHARACTER

The magic of Disney is coming to a town near you. See Mickey, Nemo, Belle, Stitch and more. Visit disneyonice.com for ticket information and show times.



ELEPHANT-SIZE FUN

Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park has a new 230-pound bundle of joy. Kianga, which means "Sunshine," now roams the savannah inside *Kilimanjaro Safaris*®.

THE MAGIC OF DISNEY ANIMATION AT DISNEY-MGM STUDIOS

Explore new animation experiences firsthand—from recording voices to taking a "personality test" to find which character you are most like.



Tune in to the Walt Disney World® Christmas Day Parade

It's a comfy Christmas tradition—to wear your warm fuzzies and tune in to ABC for the annual **Walt Disney World Christmas Day Parade**. This year promises celebrity guests, music and plenty of magical fun. It airs at 1 p.m. ET, 12 noon CT, 11 a.m. MT and 3 p.m. PT on your local ABC Television station.



Special Magic Kingdom® holiday shows

These special productions are presented for only a limited time, but you can catch them all at Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party:

Mickey's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

A musical version of the beloved poem.

Country Bear Christmas Jamboree Special

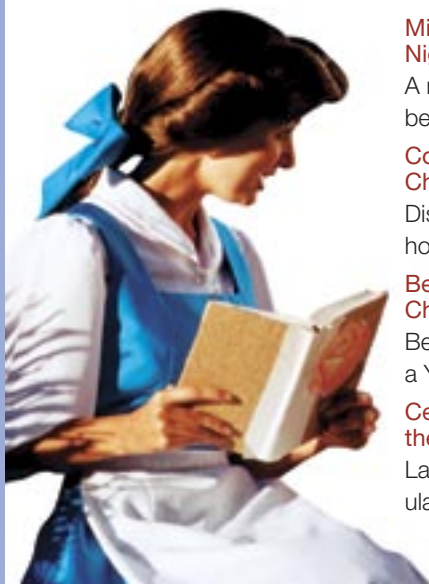
Disney's first *Audio-Animatronics*® holiday show.

Belle's Enchanted Christmas Story Telling

Belle invites kids to help her tell a Yuletide tale.

Celebrate the Season on the Castle Forecourt Stage

Lavish Cinderella Castle spectacular with your storybook favorites.





Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party

All things holiday in one incredible night.



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If you're not taking little tikes to the party, we suggest seeing the second performance of the parade. It's easier to get a good spot after the "early-bed-time" folks have gone home.

It's an enchanted event that enables you to enjoy all the **Magic Kingdom** holiday fun in one evening. You can see every live musical Christmas show throughout the Park (see sidebar), mingle with characters dressed in their holiday finery, meet Santa Goofy, pose for a photo to take home, and enjoy cookies and cocoa under flurries of magical snow. Plus, there's *Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Parade*, the *Wishes*™ night-time spectacular, and the most popular **Magic Kingdom** attractions, too.

Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is from 7 p.m. to midnight on November 28 & 30 and December 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 17.

Advance tickets are available through disneyworld.com/holidays or by calling (407) 560-PASS (7277), at \$36.95 for ages 10 and up, and \$26.95 for ages 3–9. Same-day tickets are \$42.95 for ages 10 and up, \$32.95 for ages 3–9.

Prices are plus tax.



"It's a tradition," Sue says. "We'd go with our three sons' friends, and later, their families. The tickets are their presents."

Sue enjoys the intimate feeling of the event and the shared joy of other Guests.

"There doesn't seem to be as many people," Sue says. "We seem to get on the rides faster. We all feel as if we have our own special place for the night."

"It really gets you in the spirit."

Passholder holiday tradition

Passholder Sue Kroll attends Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party every year.

Holiday music fills the air at **Epcot**[®]

From a time-honored Disney favorite to a new heart-warming holiday finale, the spirit of the season is alive and well at **Epcot**[®].

Candlelight Processional sparks holiday traditions

The *Candlelight Processional* is a tradition almost as old as the Disney Parks themselves. It stretches back to **Disneyland**[®] Park in the '60s when Walt invited Hollywood stars to come down to Anaheim and narrate the story of Christmas.

Today, the **Epcot** incarnation has become a holiday institution featuring music provided by a 50-piece orchestra and a glorious mass choir. This year, that tradition boasts a new roster of celebrity voices (see schedule, below). It's presented nightly November 26 through December 30 at 5:00, 6:45 and 8:15 p.m. at the America Gardens Theatre.



IllumiNations gets a new happy holiday ending

We think the new holiday finale of *IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth* has all the makings of another Yuletide favorite. For the first time in years, there's an extra surprise in store for Guests as IllumiNations brightens up *World Showcase* with a "holiday tag" at the end featuring a warm rendition of the song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The music, along with perfectly choreographed fireworks, left us with a holly jolly feeling in our hearts.



The voices of Candlelight Processional

2004 offers a new roster of celebrities to narrate the Christmas story.

Rita Moreno	11/26–11/28
Heather Headley	11/29–12/1
Kirk Franklin	12/2–12/4
Jim Caviezel	12/5–12/7
Marlee Matlin/Jack Jason	12/8–12/10
Joshua Morrow	12/11–12/13
TBD	12/14–12/16
Steven Curtis Chapman	12/17–12/19
Edward James Olmos	12/20–12/22
Gary Sinise	12/23–12/28
LeVar Burton	12/29–12/30

Celebrity Narrators subject to change without notice.



More Epcot holiday magic at a glance

Every evening, Mickey, Minnie, Goofy and more Disney characters are on hand for a musically merry **Epcot Tree Lighting Treat**. We love the way they've transformed the tree this year to make the holidays at **Epcot®** more family-friendly. The ceremony is performed daily at 6:00 p.m. at the World Showcase Plaza



Each year, kids and adults alike love to hear the tales of **Storytellers** from Around the World. Père Noël (France) pictured above, La Befana (Italy), and Julenissen (Norway), among others are all on hand. Kids get a kick out of the Monkey King in China. His pratfalls always incite giggles.



Designed by European craftsmen for the premier holiday celebration at **Disneyland® Resort Paris**, The **Lights of Winter** are an amazing sensory experience. Each of these thousands of miniature lights is choreographed to illuminate favorite Christmas carols.

Holiday traditions you can taste

At **Epcot®**, the Yuletide flavors go way beyond candy canes and eggnog. Celebrate the season—and give your appetite a gift—with a few of our favorite World Showcase customs.



In Norway, the holiday season starts on December 13, when the oldest daughter dresses in white, wears a wreath with seven lighted candles, and serves coffee and **kringles** (sweet candied pretzels) to her family. You can get a taste of them at *Restaurant Akershus*.



A holiday dinner in England often includes trifle, a delectable dessert made up of scrumptious layers of fruit, cake and cream. Sound good? We recommend the **traditional cherry trifle** at the *Rose & Crown Pub & Dining Room* for a taste of an olde English holiday.



Many families in the central and southern regions of Italy traditionally serve a variety of fish dishes on Christmas Eve. Often, the holiday menu will include **calamari fritti**. Give it a try at *L'Originale Alfredo di Roma Ristorante*.

New holiday fun at **Disney's Animal Kingdom®** Theme Park

**Parade goes from jammin' to jinglin'.
November 30, 2004–January 2, 2005**

Santa's elves took *Mickey's Jammin' Jungle Parade* and gave it a few new twists. And the result? *Mickey's Jingle Jungle Parade*—a new, feel-good tradition for the holidays. First, the safari vehicles were each given their own festive flair. Second, we found that the changes won't just be seen; they'll be heard in the music, too. And third, even the characters have gotten into the spirit—donning some seasonal accents of their own. Let's just say that Santa has gone a little Goofy... or Goofy has gone a little Santa. Either way, this parade rocks. And jingles. The proof is in the figgie pudding!



Donald's Prehistoric **Breakfastosaurus** “seasoned” to perfection

November 26, 2004–January 2, 2005

Find the perfectly magical mix of naughty and nice when Donald Duck and Santa Goofy play a part in a special holiday version of *Donald's Prehistoric Breakfastosaurus* in DinoLand U.S.A.® For Priority Seating, call (407) WDW-DINE (939-3463).





The joy of holiday shopping

Downtown Disney® Festival of the Seasons puts the fun back into finding the perfect gift.

Happy holidays begin on November 26 and continue through December 24 as the **Downtown Disney** area celebrates Festival of the Seasons. It's the best way for shoppers to fill their wish lists with treasures from some of the most incredible stores in the world. There are tempting restaurants for making merry, thousands of holiday lights lining the rooftops, and holiday music courtesy of strolling singers and starry-eyed school groups alike. It all comes together in a magical setting perfect for snuggling up to Santa. Oh yeah. He's there, too.



where to be when the CLOCK STRIKES 12?

(To avoid breaking the spell.)

PLEASURE ISLAND

**"We'll be hoppin'!" Ken Harris,
Manager, Entertainment
Operations, Downtown Disney**

Tired of "Auld Lang Syne"? Check out Cheap Trick, live at the West End Stage. Rap Godfather Kurtis Blow and Hip-Hop's "Wild Thing" Tone-Lōc will perform live in the club, *Motion*. Or enjoy tons of great holiday-themed music videos on screen. Feel free to roam around; the whole island is a big party. Single ticket gives access to all events. Only ages 21 and up. Entertainment subject to change. See page 12 for Passholder offer.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL®

Show, La Nouba™

Enjoy a glass of champagne while witnessing the perfect blend of vibrant live music, physical daring and awesome acrobatics. You'll also receive a limited edition New Year's Eve souvenir program to take home the memories of this special occasion. \$20 in addition to regular-price ticket.

WALT DISNEY WORLD THEME PARKS

"We go all out!"

**Angie Howard, Producer,
Walt Disney Entertainment**

New Year's Eve in a **Walt Disney World®** Theme Park is a night to remember for the rest of your life. The sky lights up in millions of colors and music fills up the atmosphere. And this year there is an unlimited array of surprises waiting for the clock to strike twelve.

Visit
disneyworld.com/holidays
for more details.



Enjoy music and a meal with the **Candlelight Processional** Dinner Package

It's the best way to see the show.

What a way to sample the tastes and sounds of the season. This package includes dinner at select **Epcot**® restaurants and preferred seating to the *Candlelight Processional*. It's available in three tiers starting at \$28.99. Call **(407) 560-PASS (7277)** to make a reservation.

Tier 1:

Adult - \$28.99 (plus tax)

Child (3-11) - \$11.99 (plus tax)

CHOOSE FROM:

- Garden Grill Restaurant - THE LAND
- Biergarten Restaurant - GERMANY
- Restaurant Akershus - NORWAY

Tier 2:

Adult - \$37.99 (plus tax)

Child (3-11) - \$11.99 (plus tax)

CHOOSE FROM:

- San Angel Inn Restaurante - MEXICO
- Restaurant Marrakesh - MOROCCO
- Nine Dragons Restaurant - CHINA
- Rose & Crown Pub & Dining Room - UNITED KINGDOM

Tier 3:

Adult - \$44.99 (plus tax)

Child (3-11) - \$11.99 (plus tax)

CHOOSE FROM:

- Chefs de France Restaurant - FRANCE
- L'Originale Alfredo di Roma Ristorante - ITALY
- Le Cellier Steakhouse - CANADA
- Mitsukoshi Teppanyaki Dining Room - JAPAN
- Coral Reef Restaurant - THE LIVING SEAS

(Does not include Lobster Entrée at Le Cellier or Coral Reef Restaurants.)



Candlelight Dinner Packages not available on December 5, 2004 for the 5:00 p.m. show. Packages must be picked up at Candlelight Dinner Package Pick Up at the Main Entrance of **Epcot**®. Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your scheduled seating time to pick up package. Package contains dinner voucher which must be presented at the restaurant at time of seating. Dinner packages do not include Park admission. Gratuity is included. Non-alcoholic beverage is included.



Looking for **SOMETHING DIFFERENT** —and distinctly Disney?

Here are a few gift ideas that anyone would love in their stocking. Just stop by the *Downtown Disney*® area.

1 This is for one of those people-who-have-everything people. A **Cirque du Soleil® gift certificate** for an evening of one-of-a-kind entertainment at the *La Nouba™* show. Hey, maybe they'll take you. Just stop by the *Cirque du Soleil®* store or call **(407) 560-PASS (7277)**.

2 Who wouldn't love to have a tiny **Disney monorail** zipping around their tree? You can find one at *Once Upon a Toy* along with scale models of the monorail Resorts. While you're in the shop, check out the new *Test Track* race set and the cool Disney-themed games. We got a kick out of the new pirate version of *The Game of Life®*.

3 Stop by the new *Disney Tails* shop for the perfect gift for your four-legged friends. There are lots of edible treats, neat collars and accessories—even this **Snow White dog costume** for your princess poochie.

4 We love strolling through *Disney's Days of Christmas* for ideas on tree trimming in very merry Disney fashion. **Heirloom ornaments** make a great gift that friends and family will remember season after season.

5 We're told that these **Mickey T-shirts** are all the rage, so go to *World of Disney®* store and pick some up for your fashionable friends. While you're there, bask in the world's largest selection of Disney merchandise and see if you can spot the next must-have Disney accessory. Oh, be sure you check out page 13 for details on your Passholder discount.

6 Peek into *Disney at Home* for great ideas on how to bring the magic of the Parks into your own house. We love this **Mickey Mouse waffle maker**. It's almost like having a Disney Character Breakfast in your own kitchen.

disney gift giving guide



Save on the Pleasure Island-wide New Year's Eve party!



The Deal: Passholders who want to ring in the New Year Pleasure Island-style will be happy to hear they can do so at a special rate—just \$74* (plus tax). That's \$10 off the regular price of admission! Call **(407) 560-PASS (7277)** to reserve tickets today.

The Ins & Outs: *Offer is valid for Passholder and one Guest. Valid Passholder I.D. number required at time of purchase. Valid I.D. and Passholder ticket required at time of entry. Guest must accompany Passholder. Must be 21 or older to attend. Valid photo I.D. required for admittance. Tickets are nonrefundable.



Disney's Yuletide Fantasy tour

See how the holiday magic comes to life.

From November 29 through December 24, discover how classic holiday stories and folklore have been woven into the decorations found throughout the **Walt Disney World®** Theme Parks and Resort hotels.

The Deal: Passholders just \$50.15 (plus tax) per Guest. 15% off the regular rate! For individual reservations, call **(407) WDW-TOUR (939-8687)**. For groups of 10 or more, call **(407) 566-2620**.

The Ins & Outs: Valid Passholder I.D. required. Guests must be at least 16 years old to participate. Due to behind-the-scenes access, a valid photo I.D. is also required. Theme Park admission is neither necessary nor included.



Perks in your Pass sleeve

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

DOWNTOWN DISNEY DISCOUNTS



On the holiday shopping

Now you can get all those holiday wish lists taken care of and save while doing it! Passholders get to enjoy a 10%* discount on merchandise in the *World of Disney*® store located at **Downtown Disney**® Marketplace. 'Tis the season, after all.



On the dining after the shopping

Work up an appetite after all that shopping? Then grab a bite at Wolfgang Puck® Cafe, House of Blues®, Planet Hollywood®, Rainforest Cafe®, Portobello Yacht Club or Fulton's Crab House and enjoy Passholder savings! Check out your Pass sleeve or the web for exact details: disneyworld.com/passholder.

REMINDER—Don't forget to pick up your 2005 Pass sleeve starting January 1!

*Discount not available on purchase of Disney gift certificates, Disney Dollars, videos/DVDs, food items, film and film processing, the Walt Disney Classics Collection and other select merchandise. 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.



Bank on a new backpack

Free with your first Disney's Visa® Card purchase¹. Roomy with plenty of compartments, designed and produced just for Passholders. We give it good marks after our test romp in the Theme Parks.

The Deal: Apply for your new Disney's Visa® Credit Card from Bank One, and receive your free backpack after your first card purchase. You also earn *Disney Dream Reward Dollars*^{SM2} when you use the card for your holiday shopping. Redeem your reward dollars when you visit the Theme Parks for items such as merchandise, snacks and dining, or even toward a hotel stay. Call **1-888-244-4425** and use keycode **6ZCG01**.

The Ins & Outs: ¹This offer is limited to a one-time award of a backpack upon approval of your application for a Disney's Visa® Card. You must use the phone number, website or application (if provided) contained herein to be eligible for this offer. New cardmembers applying for this offer will not be eligible for other premiums. 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. Must use card by 2/28/2005.

²*Disney Dream Reward Dollars*SM are subject to the terms and conditions of the *Disney Rewards*SM Program. Available to U.S. residents only, 18 and older, and subject to credit approval.



The new pin is in!

Where Magic LivesSM Passholder Pin #4

This **Disney-MGM Studios** pin features Ariel and Ursula from *The Little Mermaid*, and is available for purchase beginning November 15, 2004 for \$12.50 (plus tax). But only 7,500 are being issued, and there is a limit of two per Passholder per day!

On sale at:

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

Remember:

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



Psst! Hey Passholders!

For the most up-to-date information about special offers, including Resort discounts, just visit disneyworld.com/passholder.

And as a Passholder, you can be the first to receive important updates and insider information when you register with your email address.



Festival of the Masters
Downtown Disney® area
November 12–14, 2004

**Osborne Family
Spectacle of Lights**
Disney-MGM Studios
November 24, 2004–January 2, 2005

Festival of the Seasons
Downtown Disney area
November 26–December 24, 2004

Holidays Around the World
Epcot®
November 26–December 30, 2004

**Mickey's Very Merry
Christmas Party**
Magic Kingdom Park
**November 28, 30; December 2, 3, 5, 7, 9,
10, 12, 14, 16 and 17, 2004**

Seasonal block-out dates: Dec. 18, 2004–Jan. 1, 2005, March 19–April 1, 2005, June 11–Aug. 18, 2005

Mickey's Jingle Jungle Parade
Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park
November 30, 2004–January 2, 2005

Pleasure Island New Year's Eve
Downtown Disney area
December 31, 2004

Atlanta Braves Spring Training
Disney's Wide World of Sports® Complex
March, 2005

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.**

Visit disneyworld.com/passholder 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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