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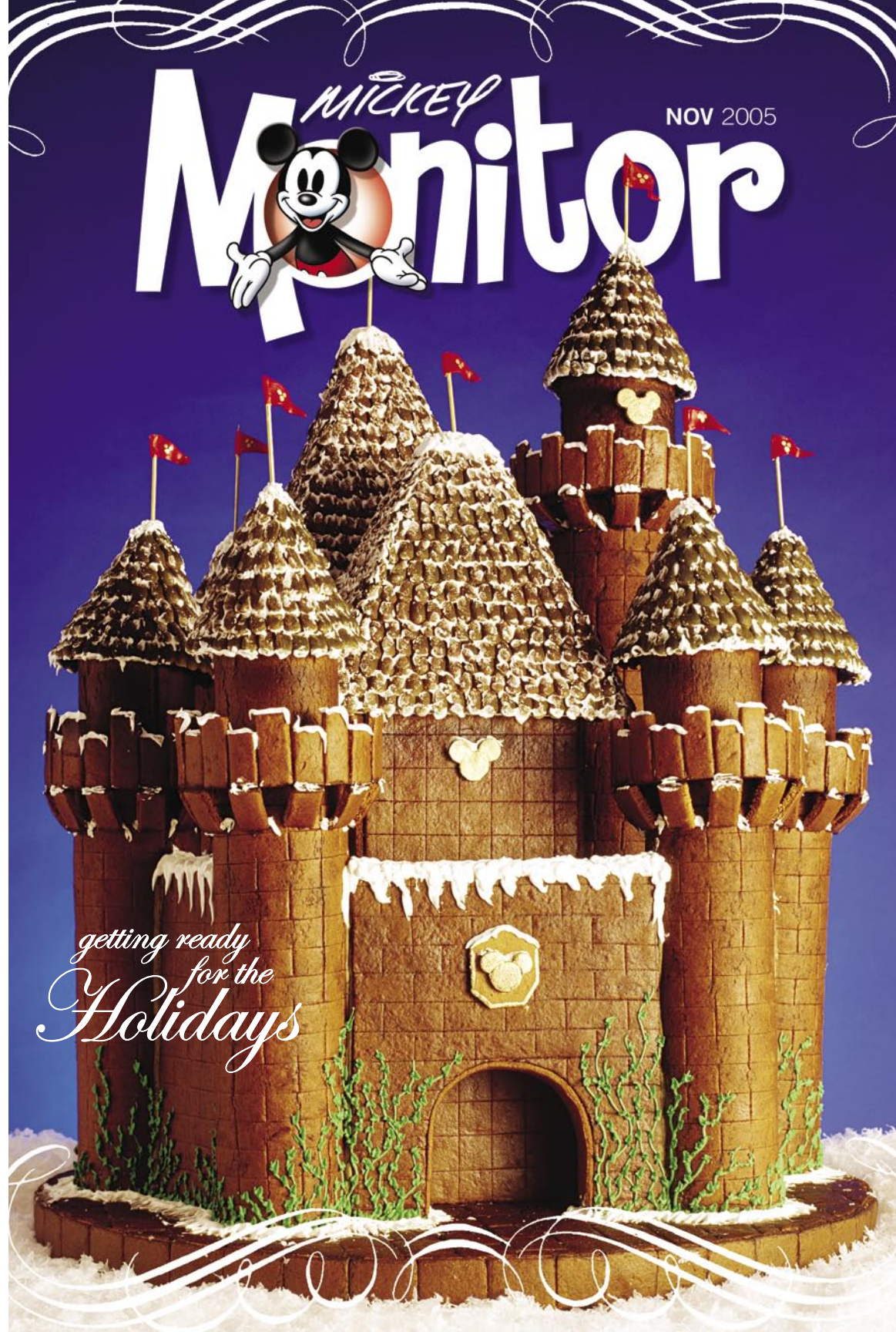
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*getting ready
for the
Holidays*





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Register Your Email for some exciting news!

Do we have your email address? If not, take a second and register it online today. We will be announcing some very exciting Passholder news (via email) about Expedition Everest™ at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park. So go to disneyworld.com/passholder and register your email address today. Or if your email has changed, be sure to update it.

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Learn secret facts about our new attractions.

The holidays put extra *joy* into the Happiest Celebration On Earth

The holidays are always a special time around the **Walt Disney World®** Resort. But this year they're certain to be even more magical. As we mark 50 years of Disney Theme Park magic with the *Happiest Celebration On Earth*—the biggest celebration in Disney history—it only seems fit to recognize the special place the holidays have had in that half century.

Here in Florida, where there's not even an outside hope for a white Christmas, many of our most devoted Guests turn to Disney to put them into the Christmas spirit.

So bring your friends and family as you enjoy classic **Walt Disney World** holiday traditions along with the new shows and attractions we've introduced for this celebration year. During this special season, the *Happiest Celebration On Earth* is bound to turn into the *merriest* celebration on earth.



Decking out the *Walt Disney World* Resort for the holidays is much more than a weekend job! It takes a team of decorators a year of planning until the moment comes to put up 150 truckloads of decorations, drape 17 miles of garland, hang 3,500 wreaths and dress more than 1,500 trees of all sizes.

Baking a "home" for the holidays

The secrets behind the Walt Disney World gingerbread houses

Among the most popular traditions at the **Walt Disney World®** Resort hotels are the whimsical and gigantic gingerbread houses that are displayed during the holidays.

Several Disney chefs have traditionally taken part in wowing us each holiday season. Their magnificent creations include the Santa's Workshop display at *Disney's BoardWalk* Inn, an African village at *Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge*, a complete gingerbread village at *Disney's Contemporary* Resort and the life-size Victorian gingerbread house at *Disney's Grand Floridian* Resort & Spa. Other gingerbread creations can also be seen in **Epcot®** at *The American Adventure*.

Recently, we caught up with Stefan Reimer, who leads the team of culinary wizards responsible for creating the gingerbread carousels that have been on display during the holidays at *Disney's Yacht and Beach Club* Resorts since 2000.

"I was born and raised in Germany and I grew up smelling, eating and creating gingerbread," Stefan told us. "Gingerbread is part of our culture and a very big



deal. When I was a little boy I always had a gingerbread house under our Christmas tree."

If you'd like to bring a little bit of the holiday aroma of gingerbread home without doing it yourself, stop by the Beach Marketplace at *Disney's Beach Club* Resort, where you can pick up a pre-constructed miniature gingerbread house made by Stefan's team.



Stefan's advice for would-be gingerbread builders? Use a gingerbread recipe that contains lots of honey. And make your royal icing with cream of tartar—that makes it dry faster.



Stefan and his team bake the stuff that dreams are made of.



How to display millions of lights in five easy steps!

Let's just say you'd like to create the biggest holiday light display imaginable, right on your own block. How much fuss could it be? We asked Walt Disney Entertainment Producer Chris Pieser how the *Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights* is created at **Disney-MGM Studios**.

STEP 1. Get millions of lights.

"We order our lights far in advance," says Chris. "Every year we replace 50% of our rope lights, and all of our twinkle lights." They do this shortly after they take down the previous year's display (so you have some catching up to do at home). When the lights arrive, they're sorted and assembled for the set pieces and buildings.

STEP 2. Prepare your buildings.

Let's assume you have your own cityscape

with two-story structures suggesting streets of New York and San Francisco (and who doesn't?). You'll need to install the "infrastructure" for the lights and displays—like steel mountings, wire cables (to hold up things like those 100 angels) and 12 miles of extension cords. Disney's crew already started this in July.

STEP 3. Hang up everything by Nov. 14.

Gather up your 15 miles of rope lights and begin hanging! You'll need 30,000 red lights for your San Francisco Street canopy and over 50,000 for the 70-foot tree on Chicago Street.

It takes 24 Disney technicians 14 weeks to meet their deadline, with the help of lots of carpenters, welders, painters, and maintenance folks. Whew!

STEP 4. Flip the switch and everybody say "Ooooooh."

Chris remembers when he first saw a test lighting last year, when the **Disney-MGM Studios** had first moved the display to the city buildings: "Our crew stood us on one side of San Francisco Street and flipped the switch. It was amazing to see how big it was, all the detail, and the number of lights. It was truly awesome to stand underneath it. It far surpassed our vision of how it was going to look. I've been in this business 30 years and I don't get goose bumps very often, but this was a very special, emotional moment."

STEP 5. Skip steps 1–4 and visit Disney-MGM Studios instead.

Why do it yourself when you can enjoy the *Osborne Family Spectacle of Lights* at

Disney-MGM Studios? We've even added extra days this year, from **November 14 to January 8**. Leave the extravagant decorating to us!



LOOK FOR THE LITTLE DETAILS:



On San Francisco Street, there's a TV set running holiday specials in one window.

Last year there were roughly 19 Hidden Mickeys, which change a bit each year. How many can you spot?

Enter the enchanted world of Narnia

On December 9, Walt Disney Pictures' and Walden Media's epic motion picture becomes a new **Disney-MGM Studios** attraction with the opening of **Journey Into Narnia: Creating The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**. And you can be among the first to experience it, as often as you wish.

Soundstage 4 on Mickey Avenue will be transformed into a behind-the-scenes walk-through experience, with a mysterious wardrobe cabinet as its portal into fantasy.

"One of the most magical moments from the story is when little Lucy goes through the wardrobe and finds herself in Narnia for the very first time," explains Walt Disney Imagineering Show Producer Theron Skees. "So here at **Disney-MGM Studios**, you'll of course start out in sunny Florida, then walk through that wardrobe and be immersed in a frozen forest scene, walking around 25-foot trees, in a dimensional representation of a region of Narnia called 'The Lantern Waste.'

"We've taken Guests in ride vehicles through forests on attractions like **DINOSAUR** or **Universe of Energy**, but this is the only one of its kind where you walk around."

The icy forest scene is the threshold to your exploration of the creative process in bringing the C.S. Lewis classic to the screen. It will feature actual props, precious artwork and even some of the amazing creatures that populate Narnia. Sounds like it's going to be really "cool!"



Step through a magical portal into a behind-the-scenes look at *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. ©Disney/Walden



New fireworks show makes spirits bright at Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party



Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party at **Magic Kingdom**® Park has always represented everything we love about the holidays with a generous dose of Disney fantasy. But this year marks the premiere of a brand-new reason to attend the beloved annual event.

A very special holiday surprise awaits everyone attending the big event—an all-new fireworks extravaganza called **Holiday Wishes: Celebrate the Spirit of the Season**. The spectacular show features narration from Jiminy Cricket weaving a Yuletide tale around some of the world's favorite traditional holiday songs. And it's exclusive to party Guests through December 20.

Of course, party ticket holders will also be treated to two showings of the all-time favorite *Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Parade*. There's plenty of special holiday entertainment on hand including live Disney character stage shows and the chance to exchange holiday greetings with the Disney characters throughout the Park. Plus to get us all in that jingle bell spirit, there'll be snow on *Main Street, U.S.A.*® and complimentary cookies and hot cocoa.

What completes the fantasy? Unlimited use of some of the most popular **Magic Kingdom**® attractions, of course. There's no better way to put yourself in the holiday spirit.

The special holiday event takes place from **7:00 p.m. to midnight** and is scheduled for **November 27, 29, December 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, and 20**.

Some popular dates sell out fast, so buy your tickets today to make sure you get the night you want. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling **407-560-PASS (7277)** or by visiting **disneyworld.com/holidays**.

SPECIAL PASSHOLDER DISCOUNT NIGHTS

These tickets are available when purchased in advance at **disneyworld.com/passholder**. Passholders enjoy a special discount for the following nights:

- November 29
- December 4
- December 1
- December 13

Discount prices for these special nights are:

- Ages 10 and up.....**\$32.95** (plus tax)
- Ages 3-9.....**\$25.95** (plus tax)

Entertainment offerings subject to change without notice. Admission to Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party is not included in any other type of admission media. Tickets valid only during specific dates and hours.



BE PART OF CHRISTMAS PARADE TV MAGIC

Ever wonder who is lucky enough to be on *Main Street, U.S.A.*® while the ABC TV cameras are capturing all the star-studded holiday magic for the *Walt Disney World*® *Christmas Day Parade* broadcast? It could be you.

Portions of the parade show are pre-recorded in early December, and Passholders are welcome to be part of the World's most magical audience. Once again this year, Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa will host the two-hour extravaganza. In past shows, Clay Aiken, Mariah Carey, Enrique Iglesias, and Wynonna have given memorable performances—so who knows who you might see this year?

For dates and details about the tapings, check **disneyworld.com/passholder**. To find out when to tune in on *Christmas Day*, check your local TV listings.





Holidays Around the World offers a sleighful of surprises at Epcot®

Candlelight Processional is a holiday must-see

As we mark 50 years of Theme Park magic in this special year, it's easy to see how the original **Disneyland®** Park laid the foundation for Florida magic. But did you know our own **Candlelight Processional** is a tradition that stretches back to **Disneyland** Park in California? Back in the sixties, Walt Disney would invite

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 of 400 voices. This year, that tradition boasts a roster of both new celebrity voices and returning favorites. (At right.) Catch it **November 25 through December 30 at 5:00, 6:45 and 8:15 p.m.** at the America Gardens Theatre.

A LEGENDARY STAR PREPARES

When **Eartha Kitt** receives the advance script for her return to the **Candlelight Processional** stage **December 10–12**, the Grammy®, Tony®, and Emmy®-nominated entertainer intensely embraces the narration's feeling in order to convey it to the audience.

"These are not just words to me," she says in her crisp, unmistakable voice. "Therefore the understanding I express through the reading is that these words are very, very important."

Ms. Kitt further hones her interpretation at **Epcot** rehearsals with the choir and orchestra. "It's going to be a great pleasure to be doing this event again," she says. "I enjoyed it so much last year.

"It becomes part of you, and you impart that personal feeling to the audience—whether it is a song, recitation or role. That's the way I feel about everything that I do. I believe in what I am doing, therefore I have to believe in what I am reading."

More Epcot holiday magic at a glance

Just for the holidays, there's an extra surprise in store for Guests watching **IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth**. A unique holiday finale featuring the voice of veteran newsman Walter Cronkite and a stirring rendition of the song, "Let There Be Peace On Earth," offers a special message of peace and good will along with an indescribably warm holiday feeling in your hearts. Nightly at 9:30 p.m.

Every evening, the Disney characters are on hand for **Mickey's Tree Lighting Treat**. It's performed daily at 6:00 p.m. at the *World Showcase* Plaza tree stage.

Each year, kids and adults alike love to hear the tales of **Storytellers from Around the World**. Discover (or rediscover) the colorful traditions of the Three Kings (Mexico), Père Noël (France), La Befana (Italy), and Julenissen (Norway), among others. Kids really get a kick out of the Monkey King in China. His mischievous 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. The thousands of miniature lights are choreographed to illuminate favorite holiday music.

The **Voices of Candlelight Processional 2005** offers a new roster of celebrities to narrate the Christmas story.

Narrators	Dates
Rita Moreno.....	11/25 - 11/27
Phil Donahue.....	11/28 - 11/30
Haley Joel Osment.....	12/1 - 12/3
Cicely Tyson.....	12/4 - 12/6
Jaci Velasquez.....	12/7 - 12/9
Eartha Kitt.....	12/10 - 12/12
Lou Diamond Phillips.....	12/13 - 12/15
Harry Hamlin.....	12/16 - 12/18
Marlee Matlin.....	12/19 - 12/21
Jim Caviezel.....	12/22 - 12/24
John Stamos.....	12/25 - 12/27
Steven Curtis Chapman.....	12/28 - 12/30

Entertainment is subject to change without notice.

PASSHOLDER TIP

Candlelight Processional Dinner Package
There's no better way to catch this stunning holiday gala and sample the tastes of the world. This package includes dinner at select **Epcot®** restaurants and preferred seating to the **Candlelight Processional**. It's available in three tiers starting at \$30.99. Call 407-WDW-DINE (3463) to make a reservation. We suggest sooner rather than later. The most popular dates tend to sell out.

What's up at the Downtown Disney area

Catch the holiday spirit
Nov. 25–Dec. 25, 2005



During the *Festival of the Seasons* at **Downtown Disney**® area, you can really get into the holiday spirit! Here, you can find a wonderful world of unique holiday shopping. And if you need some great gift ideas, try these on for size:

For the all-in-one electronics, movie and Mickey fan ... wrap up a 7" Mickey Mouse portable DVD player from Once Upon a Toy. (Toss in a couple of DVDs from the Virgin™ Megastore.)

Real men wear fleece. So grab him one featuring Santa Mickey from the *World of Disney*® Store.

Plus, if you need a little something for someone with a sweet tooth—head to the new *Goofy's Candy Co.* And the *Disney Tails* pet store has just the thing for your furry friends. Where else can you have this much fun filling your wish lists?

In addition to the **Downtown Disney** shopping, you'll find a ton of festive holiday décor, spectacular window displays, live musical entertainment, a magnificent Christmas tree and lights galore. And if you want a picture with the "big guy," then head to Santa's Chalet starting November 19.

Two great ways to ring in the New Year

An Island-wide party

Pleasure Island-wide to be exact! And with the special Passholder discount, one great price gets you one unforgettable evening. You'll get to rock out with live, top-name musical talent like *Smash Mouth*, *S.O.S. Band*, and jazz star *Paul Jackson, Jr.* You'll have access to all the clubs. You'll be part of a huge street party. And when the clock strikes twelve, you'll enjoy an extra-special fireworks display and a sparkling champagne toast. All for just **\$79*** (plus tax)! Call **407-560-PASS (7277)** to get your tickets today.

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*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. Tickets are nonrefundable.

A special show for a special night

Every masterfully scored performance of the Cirque du Soleil® show, *La Nouba*™ is an absolute marvel. But on New Year's Eve, there's that extra-special something in the air. Whether it's the bubbles popping from your glass of champagne or the special grand finale surrounding you, a Cirque du Soleil New Year is a happy one, indeed. Especially when you get a commemorative souvenir program to go with it. Tickets are only \$22 more than the base price*! Get yours by calling **407-939-7956** or visiting the Cirque du Soleil box office at **Downtown Disney** West Side. But get them soon. This special event sells out every year!

*Base prices are as follows—
Category 1 admission: \$109 (ages 10 and up) and \$87 (ages 3-9).
Category 2 admission: \$97 (ages 10 and up) and \$78 (ages 3-9).
Category 3 admission: \$81 (ages 10 and up) and \$66 (ages 3-9).

New holiday merchandise arrives at DOWNTOWN DISNEY®

- Santa Stitch** \$150
- Belle Deluxe Dress** \$85
- Holiday Tinker Bell** \$150
- "Mistletoe Kiss" Mickey & Minnie** \$175
- Mickey Santa Hat** \$15
- Mickey Watches from Wittnauer®** \$625 each
- Holiday Coffee Set** \$10 (4-pack)
- Cinderella Castle** \$65
- Santa Mickey T-Shirt for kids (short sleeve)** \$24
- Happiest Celebration Golden Train** \$75



'Tis the season at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park

Mickey's Jingle Jungle Parade returns

Nov. 14, 2005–Jan. 8, 2006

Back for its second blockbuster holiday run is *Mickey's Jingle Jungle Parade* at Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park. After some wrestling around with boxes in the attic, and some time spent untangling the lights, Mickey and his pals are ready! And in order to *really* get into the spirit of the season, they've ornamented themselves with the merriest of accessories! Even the safari vehicles are sporting some festive flair of their own.

You'll see that every part of this high-energy jammin' parade-turned-jinglin' spectacle has been magically infused with the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feelings of the holidays—complete with special seasonal music and classic favorites. Come on out and make this new Disney tradition one of yours, too.

Holiday treats at Donald's Breakfastosaurus

Naughty meets nice when Donald Duck and Santa Goofy join in a special holiday version of **Donald's Breakfastosaurus** at *Restaurantosaurus* in *DinoLand U.S.A.*® For reservations, call **407-560-PASS (7277)**.

More festive fun

A towering 65-foot Christmas tree decorates the Park's entrance as carolers welcome you in.

Santa Goofy and pals show off their holiday attire at *Camp Minnie-Mickey* while campfire carolers sing in "toon."

More fun holiday décor than you can shake a pine-needled branch at!

We've made the best even better

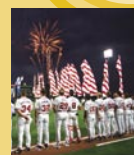
Since we introduced the **Passholder Best Rate Program** in the August *Mickey Monitor*, we made it even better:

Now you can book a *Disney Resort* with the Program as close as **60 days before** your arrival (instead of 120 days out), currently available through 2/15/06!

Visit disneyworld.com/passholder to learn more about the Passholder Best Rate Program and make your reservations. Our rooms can fill up fast, so book now!



PLAY BALL



The crack of the bat. The roar of the crowd. The gigantic hot dogs with all the fixin's. You guessed it! It's Atlanta Braves Spring Training at **Disney's Wide World of Sports**® Complex, March 2006. Tickets go on sale January 7 through *Ticketmaster*® and the sports complex box office.

LITTLE CHICKEN ... BIG STAR



In celebration of his new movie, *Chicken Little* (along with his Ugly Duckling pal Abby Mallard) will be making fine-feathered appearances at *The Magic of Disney Animation* for meet-n-greets with fans.

TARZAN™ ROCKS! ROLLS OUT



After years of jammin' in **Disney's Animal Kingdom**® Theme Park, the high-energy **TARZAN™ Rocks!** show will be ending its wild run in early January 2006 to make room for an exciting, new offering. So make sure you swing by the Theater in the Wild to catch the live band, the acrobats, the in-line skaters and characters while you can.

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EXCITING CRUISE NEWS

This fall, **Disney Cruise Line**® will offer a treasure trove of new excitement for Guests! Beginning October 2005, a thrilling, new *Stingray Encounter* will be available at *Castaway Cay*. Plus, the **Disney Magic**® will feature outdoor movies on a jumbo-screen and an expansion of the *Vista Spa & Salon*.



XTREME GOLF MAKEOVER

"Fore" the love of championship golf! After a summer-long renovation, *Disney's Magnolia Golf Course* is now bigger and better than ever. It was lengthened to 7,516 yards (making it the eighth-longest course on the PGA TOUR), ten holes were expanded, all greens were resurfaced, and the tee boxes were rebuilt and laser-leveled. Go to disneyworldgolf.com to book a tee time online.



KING OF THE JUNGLE TURNS KING OF BROADWAY

In May 2006, Disney on Broadway's newest musical, **TARZAN**®, is slated for its world premiere. And as a Passholder, you have the chance to buy tickets before the general public (who may buy theirs beginning November 19, 2005)! So if you're planning a trip to the Big Apple this spring, plan on being one of the first to see **TARZAN**. Visit disneyonbroadway.com/tarzan4passholders for information on how to get your priority access!

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Disney's Visa® Credit Card from Chase

The Deal: Since you're a Passholder, you can now share the *Happiest Celebration On Earth* with a friend! Here's how: When you apply, are approved and use *Disney's Visa®* Card, you'll get a complimentary* **Walt Disney World®** 1-Day *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket¹ that you can give to the lucky person of your choice. Plus, as a *Disney's Visa®* Cardmember, you'll get a Cardmember-exclusive Character Meet-N-Greet with a keepsake photo²—a perfect benefit to use during the celebration! As for the card itself, there's no annual fee, and you can earn *Disney Rewards*^{SM/3} on everyday card purchases. Apply today by calling **1-800-940-7596** or by visiting **www.disneyworldfriendfree.com**. Don't forget to mention offer code: **6TRQ01**.

The Ins & Outs:¹This offer is limited to a one-time award of one 1-Day *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket valid for admission at one of the four *Walt Disney World* Theme Parks upon approval of your application for a *Disney's Visa* Card and first use of your 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 may not be eligible for other new cardmember premiums. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery of your ticket after your first purchase, balance transfer, convenience check or cash advance. Tickets may not be sold or transferred for commercial use and are not redeemable for cash or upgrades to other admission media. Other restrictions may apply. Must use your *Disney's Visa* Card by 6/30/06 to be eligible for this offer. Subject to change without notice.

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The new pin is in!

Director Mickey makes the cut

In this Limited Edition Passholder-exclusive celebrating **Disney-MGM Studios**, it's Director Mickey who's calling the shots! And he says that the pin is available for purchase beginning **November 15, 2005 for \$10.95** (plus tax). But only 7,500 are being issued, and there is a limit of two pins per Passholder per day!

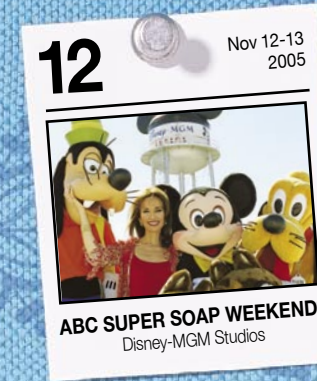
ON SALE AT:

- Disney-MGM Studios** – Sorcerer Hat Shop
- Magic Kingdom®** Park – Uptown Jeweler's on *Main Street, U.S.A.*®
- Epcot®** – Pin Central
- Disney's Animal Kingdom®** Theme Park – Island Mercantile
- Downtown Disney®** Marketplace – Disney's Pin Traders

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Valid Passholder I.D. required at time of purchase

For more information about Disney Pin Trading and collecting, visit www.DisneyPins.com.



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SEASONAL BLOCK OUT
DATES: Dec. 22, 2005-Jan. 5, 2006; April 8, 2006-April 21, 2006; June 10-Aug. 17, 2006; Dec. 22, 2006-Jan. 5, 2007

