Holiday Destinations

Walt Disney World is nice for Christmas. They have nice Christmas things, like big Christmas trees, everything decorated. Much bigger than normal trees. New York has snow sometimes for Christmas. In London, they sometimes have a very cold Christmas, according to the BBC report.
By Jake Trolan

We can go to the mountains. We can go hiking in the mountains. We can go swimming in the lake. We can go walking in the mountains; we can have lunch in the mountains. We can stay in the cabin.
By Catherine King

Christmas holiday, airports doing lights, trees round the airport. Family Disney parade show on TV. Concord Park lights, family home light contest in Concord. Great prize on family front/ back yard. Every day looks more beautiful. Christmas prize between white and green Christmas trees, in the yard, candy cane balls on the tree. Lots of trees from the area. Kids compete to see who got the most toys. Power Ranger, martial arts action figure fighting toys for boys, Barbie dolls for little girls. Video games, Xbox 360, Play Station war games, Call of duty, other nice toys.
By tiger Eliot Quintana

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES
BY JAKE TROLAN

The number seven right is “To be free and not in State hospitals”. Before we had the Lanterman act, if we had a disability, we had to go to a state hospital if we had no one to care for us. We had to live in the state run place, if we did not have anyone to live with. We would not have a nice time there because of all the work they would have to do on us, all the tests and all that.

The number seven responsibility is “To accept other places to live, and not act out on other people.” We can look for other places to live which are healthy places for us. We have to accept new places and new people, we cannot have a tantrum when we are unhappy, because it would be immature. We cannot let health care people tell us where we can live. We do not want to live in state hospitals. We do not like when others tell us what to do or where to live and how we should live.
IF I COULD CHANGE THE WORLD

BY MELISSA ZASTOUPIL

If I could change the world in one small way:
I would be the manager of the apartments
I would let the residents have pets
I would let them have movie night in the club room
I would let them use the club room for parties and pot lucks I would let them have sleep overs
I would let them have friends over
I would let them have a swimming pool
I would let them have a pool table
I would let them have birthday parties
In the clubroom. I would let them have BBQs in the courtyard. I would let them have families and guest over.

My Best Christmas Gift

The best Christmas gift I ever had. I got a Christmas skirt for Christmas. My mom gave it to me for Christmas because I like wearing a skirt in the winter. The skirt was green for Christmas. I like green for Christmas.

By Catherine King

The best gift I wanted is a boyfriend who isn’t an airhead like my ex was. I hope to never think about how he made feel, when I was with him. So now my Christmas gift to myself is a new boyfriend from Moraga. My holiday wish is to have him by my side every dance, and so that is my holiday wish for this year and next year. Because then my Mom and Dad would be proud.

By Maurissa Monagin

"If there’s one thing I hate, Oh the Noise, Noise, Noise!!"

CHRISTMAS MOVIE PICK

It is a true history and biography and documentary based on a movie and including on a hit Broadway musical hit play in New York when she lived. They have a lot of productions and Composers, Songwriters who do a lot of musical numbers in the play and they did write a lot of songs just like the hit movie if you see it on the History, biography and documentary channels on T.V. They have a lot of actresses who can sing and dance, act the same character of Annie. Her real birthday is on October 28th 1922 in New York City, NY. A long time ago I watched the Tony Awards on T.V. they mentioned 3 cities — Denver, CO and Chicago, IL and New York City, NY. They already published a lot of books about her life. Musical CDs are already on sale in stores, and DVDs are selling in the stores now.

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Mary Knowles
EASY GINGERBREAD COOKIES

2 3/4 CUPS ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
3/4 TSP. BAKING SODA
1 TBSP. GROUND GINGER
1 TBSP. GROUND CINNAMON
1/2 TSP. GROUND CLOVES
1/2 TSP. SALT
1/2 CUP (1 Stick) UNSALTED BUTTER, SOFTENED
1/2 CUP PACKED DARK BROWN SUGAR
1 LARGE EGG
1/2 CUP MOLASSES
1 CAN OF WHITE SQUIRT FROSTING
RED HOT CINNAMON CANDIES FOR DECORATING

1. IN A MEDIUM SIZED BOWL, STIR TOGETHER THE FLOUR,
   BAKING SODA, GINGER, CINNAMON, CLOVES AND SALT. SET ASIDE.

2. IN A LARGE BOWL, BEAT BUTTER AND SUGAR UNTIL SMOOTH.
   BEAT IN EGG, THEN
   MOLASSES. STIR FLOUR MIXTURE INTO BUTTER MIXTURE.
   DIVIDE DOUGH IN TWO
   HALVES AND WRAP IN PLASTIC WRAP. CHILL IN THE REFRIGERATOR FOR TWO
   HOURS.

3. HEAT OVEN TO 350 DEGREES. ON A WELL-FLOURED SURFACE, ROLL HALF OF THE
   DOUGH TO 1/8 INCH THICKNESS. THEN CUT SHAPES WITH ASSORTED SIZE GINGER-
   BREAD COOKIE CUTTERS. TRANSFER TO UNGREASED BAKING SHEET.
   RE-ROLL
   SCRAP, CUT AND REPEAT WITH REST OF DOUGH.

4. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 13 MINUTES. TRANSFER COOKIES TO RACKS TO COOL.
   DECORATE WITH CANNED ICING AND ASSORTED CANDIES.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BARGAIN GIFT IDEAS

If you are on a tight budget and
don’t have enough money, what
we do at futures — what I think is
really cool — is to make hats,
scarves and socks, and other gifts
that do not cost money. Some-
thing else you can do is when you
go shopping at the store to Buy
gift cards.
By Melissa Zastoupil

Gift ideas and bargains are secrets for
everyone in the family, like always
since the years before in the past
times of our lives. Ever since then,
we’ve been having company with us
each time, when Christmas time and
new years comes and goes. Every
time the old year ends and the new
year begins in January.
By Kevin Rodegard
LOOK BACK AT 2009

President Barack Obama sent the troops to Afghanistan. If the troops don’t go to Afghanistan, the Taliban would break loose and bomb the U.S. How can we stop the Taliban? Would you consider me? My number is in the phone book. By Alex Rivin

Barack Obama became the first black Native American to become the President of the United States of America at the inauguration at the white house in Washington D.C., in January 2009. Lionel Richie sang at President Barack Obama’s presidential inauguration, singer Stevie Wonder also sang and played his electric organ on the stairs of the white house. Singer Aretha Franklin sang on the stairs of the white house. President Obama watched the soldiers march down the road at Abraham Lincoln’s monument.


I went to Ardenwood historical farm in August 2009 with Barbara Townsend & many people in Futures Explored. We took a bus to Ardenwood historical farm to the picnic. I went to the Asian art museum in San Francisco in January 2009.

Arnold Schwarzenegger talked about the budget cuts in Sacramento in March 2009.

By Cindy Hough

A lot of people passed on, celebrities, people we know. Ted Kennedy passed on, including one of his family members and she is a founder of Special Olympics, Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Obama was president. The fires burned everywhere in California. I went on vacation with my trainer to Idaho. By Melissa Zastoupil

STRESS FREE HOLIDAY

People often around the holiday wanted to have a stress free holiday. But it never happens to be stress free because every holiday a baby is born. They even go to church on a Sunday. The holiday is a busy time because many people are flying. I sometimes think the holidays are stressful.

By Maurissa Monagin

Don’t think about it, stress next New Year Don’t make me upset, personal life get mad. Someone stress out from them and is stress in my life and something makes me nuts. Stress with others -- get a life and stay away from them and stay with them no more. Calling names no more means no more stressing out.
By Nancy Jane Hildebrand.