



By Cindy Hough

## Reno Snow Train Vacation

All of us had a fantastic time. It was my first time being on the Snow Train, which was nice to see the beautiful view as I was listening to my mp3 & At 12:00 was lunch time, I did eat my lunch. As soon as the train stopped, we got off & walked inside the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno. Our rooms were very nice, you can see the snow on the mountain. It was beautiful, we had our own key card to go in our room. We went into a beautiful buffet, it was so good. On a Wednesday night we went to El Dorado, it was good there. The food was excellent. Then we went to the Circus Circus to play the Arcade & also the show. When I was up in the elevator we were playing in the penny machines. But I didn't win anything on the penny machine. This Tuesday I hit the Jackpot like \$38.30. This trip was awesome! I

would like to come back to that trip or Las Vegas if I ever go there.

By Suzanne Mendoza

Last early Tuesday 8AM in the morning and everybody was at the Amtrak Martinez train station. We were at the train station waiting for our 9:00 train to Reno. We always having a wonderful excellent time and having fun with our friends and staff.

We saw a lot of beautiful views and meadows and also we saw a lot of snow everywhere on the mountains and towards up to Reno. And we did a lot of walking, gambling and shopping all over in Reno. We stayed at the Silver Legacy Hotel. And there are two hotels right by our hotel we stayed at. Their names are El Dorado and Circus Circus hotel. We saw a flying trapeze act show at the arcades at Circus Circus hotel. We had excellent food and drinks at both hotels. I saw my old best friend and also my old classmate from my old high school whose name was Miss Melanie Tumanasin and her parents who were there the same time we were there in Reno.

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## Passover

The Passover seder is a dinner that has different foods. Like matzo ball soup, lamb, and they also drink kosher wine. I can only drink one glass of it or I get light headed. Most of all, Passover is a Jewish holiday that comes once every year. Families read the Haggadah. The younger ones read ten questions that represent the ten plagues. And so they painted their doors red with the blood of the lamb. That is what Passover is about. I love this holiday very much. Most of all, Passover could be an interesting holiday. Passover is a wonderfully great holiday.

By Maurissa Monagin

*Title is my emotion of Passover. I went to my first Christian church and I have been there for a long time. It is a time for remembering and celebrating the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. We break bread and dip in the cup and my emotion is having faith inside with you and glory into your soul it always come to you, grace is fill in your sacrifice of loving with you and then compassion of reflection it always presence as beautiful as being just like you. And time for prayer dear lord it always have the bread and we break it to remember of Jesus love in us and the cup of Christ it always have courage in your grace inside with you.*

By Michelle Watts

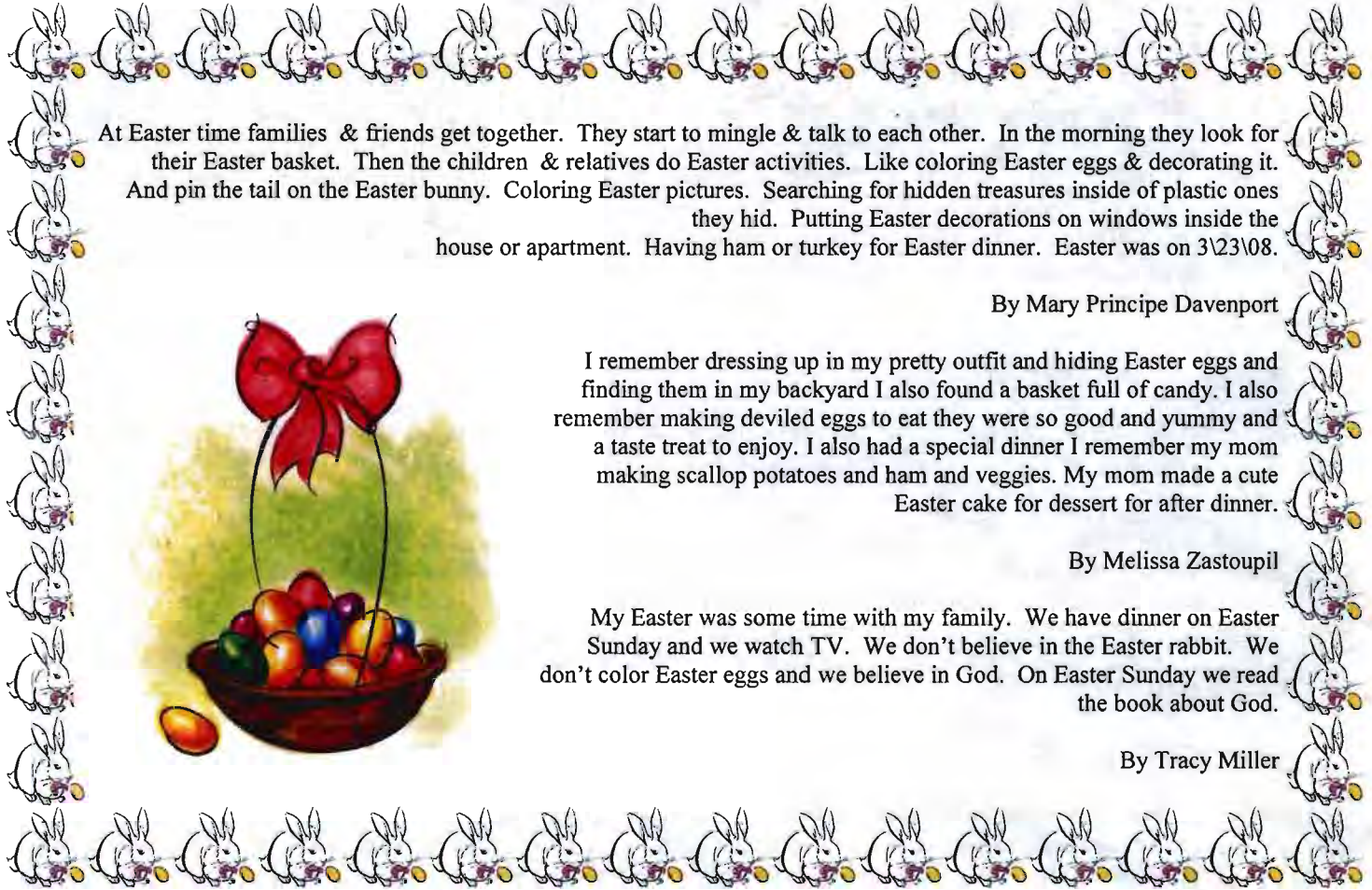
The Passover seder is a dinner that has different foods like matzo ball soup, lamb and the songs. I also like that families get together. I also like having different things to talk about, because I am open to any ideas with my family. They drink kosher wine and they read from the Haggadah. I don't know if we will celebrate it this year, we might.

By Tracy Miller



Seder Plate

*Easter Memories*



At Easter time families & friends get together. They start to mingle & talk to each other. In the morning they look for their Easter basket. Then the children & relatives do Easter activities. Like coloring Easter eggs & decorating it. And pin the tail on the Easter bunny. Coloring Easter pictures. Searching for hidden treasures inside of plastic ones they hid. Putting Easter decorations on windows inside the house or apartment. Having ham or turkey for Easter dinner. Easter was on 3\23\08.

By Mary Principe Davenport

I remember dressing up in my pretty outfit and hiding Easter eggs and finding them in my backyard I also found a basket full of candy. I also remember making deviled eggs to eat they were so good and yummy and a taste treat to enjoy. I also had a special dinner I remember my mom making scallop potatoes and ham and veggies. My mom made a cute Easter cake for dessert for after dinner.

By Melissa Zastoupil

My Easter was some time with my family. We have dinner on Easter Sunday and we watch TV. We don't believe in the Easter rabbit. We don't color Easter eggs and we believe in God. On Easter Sunday we read the book about God.

By Tracy Miller

*Reno Snow Trip, Cont.*

It was so cold and freezing at nighttime and daytime we went shopping at the gift shops around in Reno. We have a time of our Lives and we had a wonderful excellent time at the video arcades in the Circus Circus hotel in Reno. I won some money in Reno it was \$17.00 and \$6.00 jackpot at the Silver Legacy hotel in Reno, and I can't wait to tell all my friends from Washington D.C. when I get there this year.

Written and Editorial by Mary Knowles

I saw a comedy show in Reno, Nevada. I went gambling on the slot machines. I went to Circus Circus in Reno and I played hockey. I played the darts game at the arcades and I rode the racing car at the arcades. I had breakfast at the buffet at the silver Legacy Hotel at Reno, Nevada. I had melon, hash browns, scrambled eggs, cottage cheese, corn bread, bread, and bacon for breakfast.

Written by Cindy Hough

## *Dojo* By dragon Eliot Quintana

My sensei is a weight trainer, he's strong. My sensei is an actor, he gets paid for movies. His name is Jerrell Smith. My teacher is a high level, eighth degree black belt. I am a blue belt now, and I will get my green belt real soon. I am his trainer. I help with training other dragons. Everyone does not mess around it is serious stuff. We fight on the air, with ancient bags instead of opponents. We be slow to fight each other, we be gentle, so we don't hurt each other. That is the rules. Be safe on the street, only self defense fighters. Kick boxing is an unsafe sport.

Bruce Lee, before his death was very tough in karate. Chuck Norris uses a different style than Bruce Lee. Bruce Lee uses Chinese gung fu fighting and tae kwon do. Chuck Norris uses tae kwon do, tae soo do and kickboxing. He was the middle weight champion for kickboxing in 1967.



Chuck Norris doing high kicks.

## *My Super Karate Story* By Michelle Watts



*I went to the Walnut Creek center, I learn self-defense karate, and then my karate master is Preston Jones. He teach us to be safe and well balance move and then we do exercise and then we do our karate punch and karate kicks on the bags, we do freestyle karate and sparring in the center. My sidekick is Preston Jones and we do all the karate moves and air flips; my emotion for my karate is uplifting and exciting, having lots of fun.*

*My orange and white striped belt, this year I'm getting my green belt!*

*Our karate class is super fantastic number one best karate class in the world.*

## *Home is Where the Heart Is*

### **How it is to live in my own apartment.**

In order to stay at my apartment I have to have an ILS trainer. I have an ILS trainer, her name is Cookie. She helps me out a lot with my shopping, also she reminds me of any appointments that are coming up. She helps me look around for the item that best fits my budget and, if I can afford it, she lets me go to dances on Friday nights which are fun. We went to buy two new items that I really like. One of them is a new stereo and a new computer that I can play games and DVDs and CDs on.

By Melissa Zastoupil

### **What it's like to live in a group home.**

When I moved out of my parent's house it was scary because I wasn't used to it before, but now I like it. I enjoy my group home a lot. I get along with all of them. Most of all, I think that love is a beautiful idea for living in a group home. I'm sad



that I moved out of my parent's house. I was always having a rough time adjusting to living on my own with 6 women that I love with all my heart. I couldn't have had it any other way, I was pretty scared but now I have a chance to conquer my fear of living in a group home.

I still love my parents very much, I will never stop loving them. Depend on it. My group home that I live in is a two story like my parent's house.

By Maurissa Monagin



HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES IT  
TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT  
BULB?

**The light bulb has to  
want to change.**

What did the Mayo say to  
the Lettuce?

*Close the door, I'm  
dressing.*

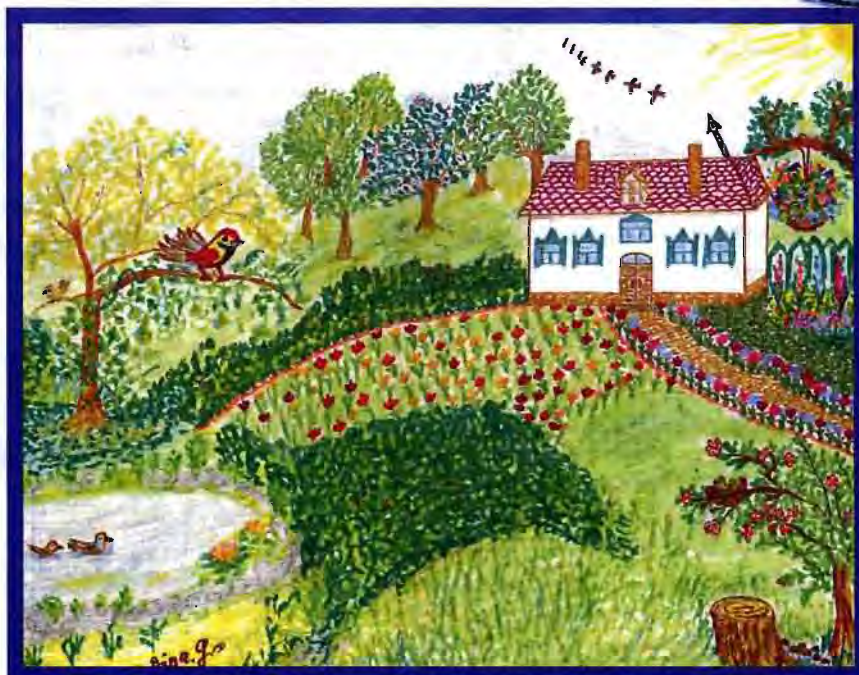
How do you know if an elephant has been  
in your refrigerator?

**He left his footprints in the  
butter.**

WHY DID THE STRAWBERRY GO  
TO SEE HIS ATTORNEY?

**He was in a Jam.**

Knock Knock.  
**WHO'S THERE?**  
Orange.  
**ORANGE WHO?**  
Orange you glad to see me?



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Newsletter Spring Art Contest 2008!

Submitted by Dina Greenberg and Sofia Greenberg