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CamPUS SPIN

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CONQUERING THE CRAZZIES:

01 SUSAN FINCHAM
Los Angeles - California

CONQUERING THE CRAZZIES:

If you are lucky enough to know your dream.. you have to hold on to that dream - in spite of the obstacles.

Got a new home.. dog loves pool. Am in Woodland Hills.. it embraces L.A. It's Fabulous! Travel? Just business. Pleasure-time is escaping to my cozy new digs, right here..My wish to the world: That there be a true and lasting Peace.

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02 GARY FREEMAN
Toronto - Canada

CONQUERING THE CRAZZIES:

It's not always easy. Life, is what you make it. Opportunities, are what you make of them. We need to alter our attitude, to be successful.. yes, the alteration of the attitude. Allow yourself the Vigil of: I live by today - which will bring about whatever happens, to-morrow! It won't happen over-night but, it'll be good.

Got a pretty normal life, you know. The fast pace of excitement, is in the past. Our 2 1/2 year old daughter Emily, is our special love at Xmas time. Christmas? We're just going to hang out... with food and great drinks, our daughter in our laps -admiring lights on the tree.

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03 YOUNGHEE YOUN
Seoul - Korea

CONQUERING THE CRAZZIES:

I had many strikes against me, along the way. Not enough money for school, finding jobs, so I could live.. but I clung to my beliefs and prayed to my God. It worked!

My life in Seoul is work, work. Normal! My family and friends fill me with love. This Christmas could be my last Holiday Season, at home in Korea ... immigrating to Canada! To everyone around the world - Merry Christmas!!

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04 CHRIS HEBERT
Toronto - Canada

CONQUERING THE CRAZZIES:

I grew up in Nova Scotia, Canada and although my life at home was inviting, it was a bummer, at other end of pendulum. School was 'really' tough.. it's tough being young. Nothing progressed as fast as I wanted it to. Not teachers, no one. Many stairs were climbed to get to where I am today.

What's new? Bought a 'condo' think I'll be clever rent it out not move in. Love my job - creative director/advertising At Marketing Magazine. Thinking about traveling to Asia. Alone? Not sure. Love life? Well you know it changes every Week. Gotta go. Merry Xmas!

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FEATURES

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Best Read Author List

San Francisco - California

Little Mark On Christmas Eve

By N. Lee B. Herbst Gruhn

It was an unusually hot day for December. Little Mark asked his mother; why some states across the USA have snow, but not San Francisco, where they lived?

He answered himself, snickering.. "I guess – because – we're in sunny California." His mother smiled, nodding in agreement.

Little Mark was familiar with snow, for he and his parents enjoyed many ski-resorts. It would have been 'fantasyland' for him - should he look out the window and see snow flakes covering the grassy ground, since it was, after all – Christmas Eve.

Night time fell. Little Mark was soon tucked into bed. He loved his parents, so much. His eyes however, would not close. His mind was joyously churning as he mumbled, "Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring not even a...WOW..." he gasped, realizing how very quiet it was. Should a mouse be around - it would 'certainly' be heard.

The fireplace in the living room flashed in his mind, for there – with care – hung three stockings to be filled with fun wishes. And in the middle of their simple little vestibule .. was the Christmas tree, adorned with presents and toys that he would so love to share with all the girls and boys who wouldn't be getting presents and toys this Christmas..



Little Mark was at that age when Santa Claus loomed in his mind, big as life, not only to fill a stocking.. but his heart, with joy. He sighed and began thinking of the children in the world.

Little Mark slipped into another dream. His face was aglow. He was reflecting the joyous smiles of the children in the entirrrrrr.....e world.

Suddenly he spraaaaang out of bed and turned on the light.. and went to a corner of his bedroom where this huge, oversized .. Globe of the World, stood.

Little Mark Turned The Oversized Globe

Best Read Author List

Little Mark On Christmas Eve cont.

Little Mark's father was most proud of his bright son and had advanced his brilliance by including a time zone schedule, next to the globe. It related time zones from San Francisco, across the U.S. and nations in the world. Little Mark scrutinized the schedule, noticing that some countries were one 'whole-day' ahead. Time zones, he knew, could be -- ahead or waaaay behind.

Next to the globe, was placed a list of religions.. "WOW.....!" he thought, as his eyes read; "Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shintoism, Sikhism, Jainism. They're kinda hard to pronounce – and that's only some of them."

Slowly, Little Mark turned the globe.. and his eyes widened .. "hummm" .. "I'm sure people everywhere in the world go to church and worship. They might even have nativity scenes and Christmas trees with lights and presents and stockings at their fireplaces, just as we do."

He felt everyone in the world celebrated Christmas in their own way.. and pointed to some of the European countries, thinking most were Christian, celebrating their Christmas with manger scenes and Old St. Nicholas. "England, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Turkey, Russia and – New Zealand and – Australia..

But...but..." he uttered on, "what about India, China,

Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Egypt, Greece, Persia, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Algeria, Libya, Nigeria?"

"I'm sure they celebrate Christmas.. maybe not like us..but little kids like me everywhere, need a Christmas to love! No one wants to be left out of this world celebration - with their own kind of Santa Claus."

Little Mark's face lit up like the sun - as he envisioned the Latin countries with their heavy celebration and their Latin music – so ALIVE!" He squealed, wiggling his bare toes.

His little finger now pointed to Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Panama, The Philippines, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Central America with Guatemala, Nicaragua and.. " Wheuuu there's a San Jose.

Well, Little Mark was flabbergasted. "How could the world be SO big? MEXICO ----- our neighbor was like a world unto its own! There was Mexico City, Chihuahua, Guanajuato, Guadalajara, Monterrey, Santiago and....and.. there - is a San Francisco del Oro. Oro, means gold you know" and he smiled proudly.

His little finger headed north on the globe.. Ohhh, there's another neighbor of mine – CANADA – with British Columbia and Alberta and as we head east .. Ohhh my, there's Ontario, there's Quebec, New Brunswick with Nova Scotia just over here.. so close. I'm sure they celebrate like us!

Our very own United States - with Alaska and Hawaii has colorful nativity scenes and buildings awesomely outlined in lights and trees on the streets .. all lit up with decorated pine trees in the windows of homes right across our land. Can the 'whole' world be this way, too? Imagine - Santa Claus saying, 'ho ho ho', and Christmas carols sung everywhere.. with the fun.. of opening Christmas cards and presents

TOMORROW - IS CHRISTMAS DAY. WOW!"

Little Mark began to yawn and flopped down on his bed, instantly falling asleep. He always dreamed and was lucky to remember them, since this particular dream would answer what, to him, had always been so puzzling: "How could Santa Claus make so many gift stops to so many homes throughout the world - in one night?"

And so his dream began with 'Jingle Bells' which always accompanied Santa Claus and his Reindeer. As they sailed across the Christmas Eve sky.. miraculous!, they entered – the Fantasy dimension! Gifts would be delivered all over the world.. Quicker than a flash or even .. the-bat-of-an-eye.

Little Mark slipped into another dream. His face was aglow. He was reflecting the joyous smiles of the children in the entirrrrrr.....e world. His dream visions were of the unique and glorious ways that all people celebrated their very own Merry – Merry Christmas! After all – it was Christmas Eve.

The End

FEATURES

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Childrens Stories

01 Author / MELISSA EGAN
 Location / Pickering - Canada
 Age / Age 13 \ Grade 9

I Don't Know You.. But Merry Christmas

By Melissa Egan

Christmas is an amazing time of year. It brings together family and friends to celebrate the holiday season. It wouldn't be such a special time, without them. Isn't it great that a lot of people have so much to share and expect nothing in return. That's what's so wonderful about Christmas.. the sharing and giving to those you love, and to those - who are in most need.

What makes Christmas so special to me .. is letting all the people, who are so amazing and kind to me know - that I care and love them so much. I don't expect anything in return .. because they don't even know how much they've already done for me.

Every Christmas morning, my sister and I waken so early .. and 'drag' my mom and dad out of bed. That's, something to manage! We then run down the stairs and with lots of love in our hearts .. our presents are opened in surprise - to see what Santa has given us. It's always such fun.

At night, all my aunts and uncles and cousins go over to my Grandma and Grandpa's house and have a huge turkey dinner - as we exchange wonderful presents with everyone. The noise and laughter are like a symphony. And my cousin and I are like these dancing elves that hand out all the wonders, from underneath the Christmas tree. The rest of the night - I eat so much, including the goodies that my Grandma gives me, that it holds me, almost.. for the entire year.

Christmas, in my opinion, is the best time of the year. It wouldn't be Christmas without snow. I love looking out the window after going to church on Christmas Eve and watching the snow fall. When I was little, there was always the added excitement of thinking about Santa and his reindeer. Having snow on Christmas makes everything complete and right to me. There hasn't been one Christmas without it and hopefully, it'll be the same for years and years to come. I think back to my eight years in Canadian elementary school - when all my friends would exchange presents with each other, on the last day.. before Xmas break. It was so fun , being so excited.

Now that I'm in High School, some of my original friends have gone different ways and we will not be keeping in touch anymore. I will definitely miss them and all the good times we had at Christmas. Today, I look forward, and to sharing and caring with some of my new friends, that I have met. Christmas is all about getting along with each other, Isn't it ? Family, friends and others.. and showing love for one another. It's the most special time to celebrate. I hope it remains that way.. because memories of the spirit of Christmas .. will never leave me. To everyone, for it doesn't matter that I don't know you .. I wish YOU a safe, peaceful and loving..

Merry Christmas !

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Childrens Stories

02 Author / ALEXANDRA EGAN
 Location / Pickering - Canada
 Age / Age 10 \ Grade 5

What Christmas Means to Me

By Alexandra Egan

Christmas means a lot to me .. because it is the time of giving and because .. everyone seems cheery and in the Christmas spirit. And I like that.

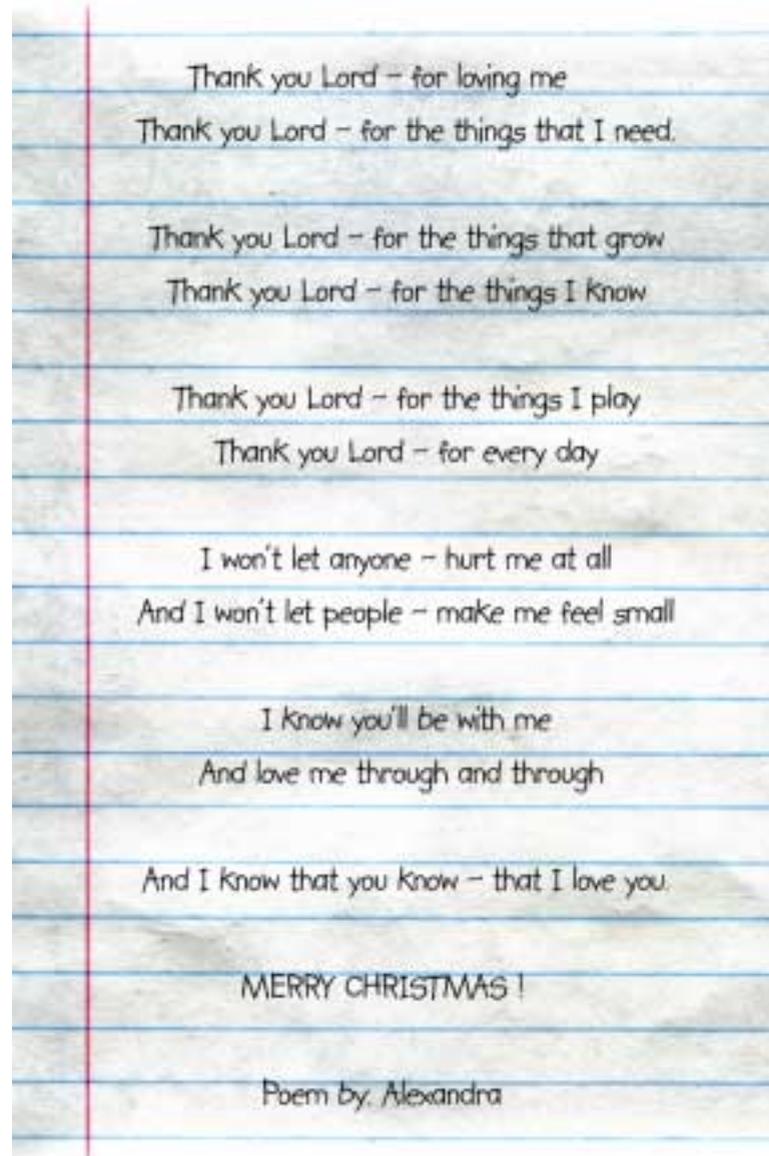
Why is it - that I can never wait to decorate our house or our Christmas tree? Maybe it's because I love the way our house smells when we fill it with a real Christmas tree. And do you know what decorations I want to get out right away ?

Our nativity set.. with little baby Jesus, the animals and the shepherds. I love to arrange the figures in their special spots. Most kids think that Christmas is just about presents but I like to put Jesus first and then presents. (but .. I am still hyper and excited for presents) I always want to get the stockings out early too, but when we do get them out, I can't wait for the treats that appear inside on Christmas morning.

I don't have any Christmas that was my favorite because every Christmas I've had, has been the best. If I ever got a present that I didn't want, I would still be thankful because I know it was given from the heart.

On Christmas day, we go to my Grandma's house and have a big feast with my family - with all my favorite foods - and swap presents. These, are some of the things, that make Christmas special for me.

On Christmas Eve we go to our church and the little children put on a Nativity play and we all sing. I feel happy and joyful because we are celebrating Jesus' birthday and I Pray:



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THIN'K'ERS CORNER

JO LEE

LEAD THIN'K'ER Carolyn Young

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to laura@yesintl.com**

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THE POLLUTION WE LIVE IN

Nahidah Malik – Managing Editor
From.. Nairobi, Kenya

Have you ever wondered what happens to the styrofoam cup that you throw away every morning after having your delicious coffee? Or that glass bottle of juice? Or that oil change from your car, that you poured in the corner of your lawn?

Everyday, millions of tons of waste materials are released into the environment, causing damage to the earth, its inhabitants and to we humans! Soil, air, water, light, noise pollution is at such a level, that if we don't take note and make drastic changes, this beautiful earth of ours will no longer be an inviting place for our children as well as all of the fascinating creatures and ecosystems that make it their home!

Ever hear of indoor pollution – pollution in your home and work, that may be making your family and you very ill? Go to www.yesintl.com to learn much more!!

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CRAZZY ABOUT R&D

Jo LEE

WE CAN'T HAVE CHILDREN. Why ??

Laura Trifan -- Associate Director R & D
From.. Brasov, Romania

To have or not to have children is the question for couples and everyone thinks, they have the right answer, which can be NO or a big and wonderful YES !

But, unfortunately, Mother Nature doesn't always go along with our plans and many couples try for years to conceive without success. Then, a desperate question appears: "We can't have children. Why ??" The answer is in this topic itself. It supports family - building through a variety of methods, explanations, physical support, appropriate medical treatments, understanding your options and solutions and it even considers adoption.

Until then, please check the topic "We can't have children. Why ??" You'll find your answer. E – Help CamPUS www.yesintl.com

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HYPNOSIS AND AUTOSUGGESTION

Camelia Ursu - R & D Analyst
From.. Sibiu, Romania

Hypnosis! and immediately our minds conjure up an image of a magician, swinging a pendulum in front of someone's face, back and forth, back and forth! We imagine, people under "the spell" and doing anything the magician wants.



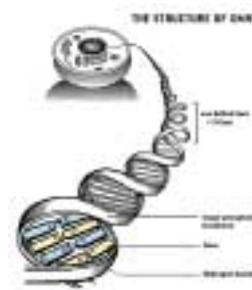
Well, not so any more. Hypnosis and autosuggestion are fast becoming a way of leading a better life. The power of our subconscious minds is a lot more powerful than we can ever imagine. The power to heal ourselves and lead a more fulfilling life is within us. We just have to tap into it.

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THE GENOME

Shirin Zahidi - R & D Analyst
From.. Isfahan, Iran



The HUMAN BODY! For centuries, scientists have been trying to understand the 'genetic make-up' of our bodies, for example, what determines the color of our eyes, hair, skin, shapes of our faces, habits we have, the diseases we carry and pass on to our children.

Today, with research and technology at its advanced stage, for the first time, Scientists are going to try mapping and sequencing the human body genome, hoping to understand this magic box and perhaps help us, especially in the medical field.

This is the genome project. We are now faced with ethical, legal and social issues, e.g., are we playing God? From what we know, we may not be far off in having to make decisions based on what is ethically and morally right! Be informed. this is the beginning of a new age in medical history!

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KUDOS & CELEBRATIONS

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Elizabeth Aqui - Seto / Kim Malhans / Shirin Zahidi .. WELCOME !

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The Biggest year - round applause to a group that mirrors the essence of true brilliance! IITI contribute to much of what YES! INTERNATIONAL stands for ..

Hosting The E - Help CamPUS / Biographies of the Month / JO LEE .

JAMES RAE, Badur Ramji, your Daniel Mayer and everyone at IITI.. What precision. What passion. What philanthropy. Thank You!

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December 2001. YES! INTERNATIONAL ushers in a new look at : www.yesintl.com It's the E - Help CamPUS ! Got a Problem ? Take a Peek !

The 'New Look'? Goes directly to YES!'s OnLine Producer \ Director .. ED AYOUB! Ed's creativity and design are nothing short of genius.

Several minds contributed to the Look. Two in particular - bravo! Associate OnLine Directors * Lalena Isa Bennett and Maxim Volkov. Hours of love !

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From everyone at YES! INTERNATIONAL .. we wish you, the world, the most Beautiful Christmas / Eid-ul-fitr / Hanukkah / Kwanzaa / and any other occasion you may be enjoying, this month. May the NEW YEAR ~ be your best ever!

Christmas

Celebrating the birth of Christ

Eid-ul-fitr

A day of festivities marking the end of Ramadan for muslims

Hanukkah

Important occasion for Jews, lighting the menorah, praying, food

Kwanzaa

African Americans celebrate heritage, pride, community, family

New Year

Bringing in the new year with festivities

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EDITOR AT LARGE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - R&D

Jo LEE

It is with such pride - that we, at R & D -
were chosen to bring you .. everyone around
the world ..

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landscape of successes for .. the greater our
success .. the finer our young minds will be!

Please allow me to congratulate our R & D
Analysts for their exquisite work and to thank
them for their sustained effort.

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