



Kim's Life in Japan

WELCOME to Kim's 1st Newsletter! Learn more about American culture. Read about music, movies, and Kim's travels.



Christmas Vacation

Christmas in America is BIG. It is the biggest day of the year! Many Americans travel long distances to spend Christmas with their families. I spent Christmas with my family in Wyoming, U.S.A. It was wonderful. I saw my mother, father, sister, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. On Christmas morning we opened gifts. I gave many Japanese gifts to my family. I received clothes and money. My aunt cooked Christmas dinner. She cooked turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, bread sauce, gravy, and pumpkin pie....Hmmm Good! I enjoyed my Christmas very much.



Photo taken Summer 2004:
My father, mother, grandmother, me, and grandfather

Vocabulary Words

- distance:** the space between two places.
- stuffing:** small bread pieces cooked inside turkey.
- gravy:** a sauce made of turkey juice and flour.
- culture:** traditions, celebrations, daily life



Snowboarding in Colorado



Photo taken Winter 2003

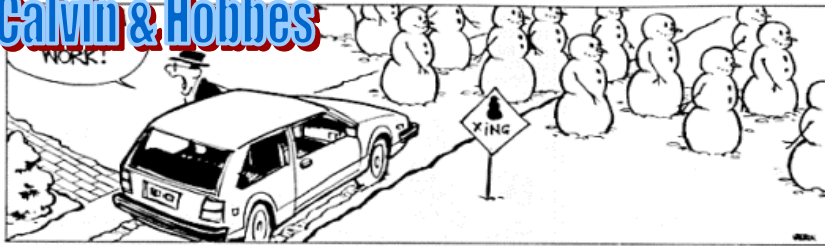
My friends and I went snowboarding in Colorado many times. It was awesome!

Boarding in Yogo Kogen:

A Review by Kim
Last weekend, I snowboarded at Yogo Kogen. It was my first time at the ski area. The day was cold and rainy. The ski area looked very small. I was not sure I would have fun. I rode the chair lift to the top hill. I put my boots on my snowboard. I began to snowboard down the hill. The snow was great! It was soft and smooth. No ICE! Snowboarders hate ICE! After 3 hours, I stopped for a rest. I drank COCOA and watched many snowboarders. The snowboarders are very good at Yogo Kogen. Yogo Kogen is small, but I like it very much. I want to return again soon.



Calvin & Hobbes



Calvin, a young boy, loves to make snowmen. His Dad is not happy, because he is late for work.



Year 2005



Kanye West

A Music Review

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(4 out of 5 stars)

Kanye West is a rapper from America. His new album is called "The College Dropout." It is the best hip hop album in 2004. His songs are smart and funny. If you like hip hop, you will love this album!

Happy New Year!

It's the year of the Chicken! I wish you all happiness and fun in the new year.

Many Americans celebrate New Year's. Americans celebrate New Year's with friends and family. They watch the countdown on T.V. They go to parties and bars. Many Americans drink alcohol on this holiday. New Year's is a popular holiday in America, but Christmas is bigger. In Japan it is the opposite. New Year's is bigger than Christmas. This year, I spent New Year's in Japan. I spent the holiday with friends. I had a lot of fun!



Yellowcard

A Music Review

Yellowcard is a great punk rock band from America. Their 2003 album,

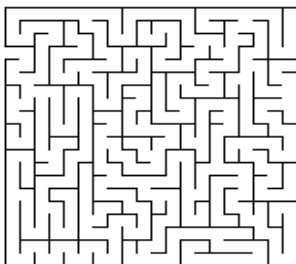


"Ocean Avenue" is fantastic!

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(4 out of 5 stars)

They are different from other punk bands. They use a violin! Check them out!

Fun Maze



Kim's Joke

What goes "ooo" ?



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(A cow with no lips)