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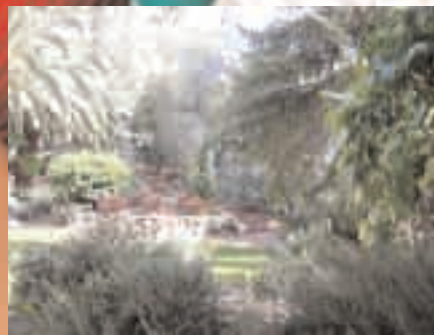
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Riverside County's outdoor living history theater

**OUR COVER**

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**Spring outdoors**

I hope I look as good at 82 as the Ramona Outdoor Play does. It's hard to believe, but our local living history play is becoming history itself, established as America's longest running outdoor drama. Learn a little about the people involved in Ramona on page 20.

As we get more into Spring, outdoor events are popping up like daisies. Check out the Old West on page 4 at the Trail Town Roundup, take a mountain tour of blooming flowers on page 8, or be adventurous and take the Palm Springs Tramway ride, page 6. If you still haven't tossed a snowball yet this season, there's still a chance. Check out Alpine Slide on page 19.

Have a happy, and safe, April ... no fooling!

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The event will feature family activities from wild west shows, stunt shows, cowboy poetry and historical reenactments to a costume contest, pony rides and games for kids.

The Roundup will also feature an International Invitational shooting match, with cowboy action shooting, mounted shooting and a fast draw championship.

A portion of the proceeds from the Roundup will benefit the Happy Trails Children's Foundation, which helps abused children.

Be on the lookout for Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, John Wayne, the Lone Ranger, Tonto, Wild Bill Hickock, Buffalo Bill Cody, Hopalong Cassidy, Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday as you roam through town. ■

**WHEN:** April 7-10

**WHERE:** Raahauge's Ranch, Norco

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The show will feature US Air Force and Navy Jets in action. Food and vendors will be available as well.

General admission is \$15, children 5 to 11 are \$5 and under 5 are free. The Chino Airport is located at 7000 Merrill Ave. in Chino.

The Air Museum Planes of Fame also sponsors monthly educational seminars. On May 7, the museum will host a seminar on the air war over Europe during World War II. This event begins at 10am and will include a flight demonstration of a Republic P-47G Thunderbolt, one of the Army Air Force fighters. General admission to the museum is \$8.95, children 11 to 5 are \$1.95 and children under 5 are free. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

For more information, visit [www.planesoffame.org](http://www.planesoffame.org) or call (909) 597-3722.



## The 8th Annual Koroneburg Old World Renaissance Festival opens

Join the Koroneburg Old World Renaissance Festival for its 7-weekend spring season on April 16 to Memorial Day, May 30. Guests step back in time to meet hundreds of family members living, working and playing in Southern California's only permanent Renaissance Village.

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The top of the Tramway is transformed into a pristine snow covered playground during the winter. Visitors can try their hand at cross-country skiing or snowshoeing; enthusiasts have found the area to be unsurpassed in its challenging trails. Didn't bring your own? Rental equipment is available at the Adventure Center, which is open from mid-November until mid-April (snow conditions permitting).

During the summer months, when it is well into the 100s in the desert, the mountains offer more than 54 miles of hiking trails, camping and guided nature walks as a pleasant alternative to chilling out.

Primitive campsites are located throughout the State Park. Wilderness permits are required for any hiking or backpacking and may be obtained from the Ranger Station located in Long Valley.

For those who are truly environmentally oriented, the Mount San Jacinto State Park Volunteers conduct free-guided nature walks

each weekend during the summer. The Natural History Museum located on the lower level offers maps and nature books for a nominal fee.

At the Mountain Station enjoy viewpoints, cocktail lounge, gift shop, Natural History Museum and two documentary style movies about the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and the Mount San Jacinto State Park. Dine at one of the two restaurants. Elevations Restaurant offers fine dining, while the Top of the Tram Restaurant offers an affordable cafeteria-style alternative.

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway constructed in the rugged Chino Canyon on the north edge of Palm Springs did not just happen. It required foresight, planning, financing and most of all vision.

Francis Crocker's dream began in 1935 while he was on a trip to Banning, with newspaper publisher Carl Barkow. Mopping his brow in the heat of the day, Crocker gazed on longingly at the still snow-capped peak of Mount San Jacinto and longed to "go up there where it's nice and cool." At that moment, "Crocker's Folly," as it was soon dubbed by one newspaper woman, was born – a tramway up the sheer cliffs of Chino Canyon.

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Of particular note is the custom woodwork and kitchen upgrades in each house.

Allow two hours to visit all houses in this "Homes with History" tour. Styles of the featured homes span the past century from Craftsman Bungalow to Western Ranch to Contemporary. One of the houses is home to a President of a Claremont College.

All proceeds will benefit Claremont Heritage's programs.

Hartman Baldwin will offer free informal talks throughout the day, presenting remodeling strategies that homeowners can follow to preserve the long-lasting appeal and value of their homes. Hartman Baldwin's popular new book, *The Home Remodeler's Survival Guide*, will be available for home tour visitors free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$17 and \$22 the day of the tour. To receive tickets by mail, send a check payable to Claremont Heritage to P.O. Box 742, Claremont, CA 91711. All payments for advance tickets must be received by April 27. Advance sale tickets are also available at the Claremont Chamber of Commerce, 205 Yale Avenue (909) 624-1681. Day of the tour tickets can be purchased at Claremont McKenna College President's House located at 500 E. Ninth Street, Claremont.

For more information, visit [www.hartmanbaldwin.com](http://www.hartmanbaldwin.com) and click on the Home Tour link or call Claremont Heritage at (909) 621-0848.

## 'The Capitol Steps' to perform in benefit of March Field Museum

The Capitol Steps, a musical comedy troupe from Washington, DC, will return to Riverside on May 2, at 8pm at Riverside Community College Landis Auditorium. The performance is a benefit concert for the March Field Museum Foundation.

The Capitol Steps have been performing since 1981, when members of

the staff of former Illinois Senator Charles Percy put on a comedy performance at the Senator's annual Christmas party. There are now 22 cast members. They have recorded 24 albums, and perform weekly in both Washington DC and across the nation. Founders Bill Strauss and Elaina Newport serve as producer and director, with Strauss still writing most of the songs.

Their performances are a combination of song parodies and comedy sketches. No political persuasion is sacred. They lampoon both the right and the left. They have performed live for the past five Presidents (six if you include Hillary). The Capitol Steps "put the mock in democracy."

The March Field Air Museum is currently building a new Heritage Hangar which will house many of the Museum's priceless aircraft and provide display space for many more artifacts. Proceeds from The Capitol Steps performance will go toward that construction campaign.

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Big Bear has accumulated more precipitation this winter than the last two years combined; in fact, it is the most precipitation in seven years. As a result, trees and wildlife have more water to sustain them and the mountain soil is enriched with more nutrients, which means more wildflowers than the previous few years.

In response to the natural opportunity, the Big Bear Discovery Center is offering a new tour called "Fabulous Flower Forays" to showcase the spectacular blooms.

"Water drives everything on the mountain," said Rob Whipple, lead naturalist at the Big Bear Discovery Center. "The amount of snow and rain Big Bear accumulated this year is a great indicator that the soil will replenish and produce an abundance of wildflowers this spring."

"Fabulous Flower Forays" will be an in-depth interpretive excursion to see the brilliant flowers. An expert botanical naturalist leads the four-hour tour presenting the different classifications of flowers, habitats, fire ecology, regional botanical history and current ecosystems.

There are nearly 30 Big Bear Valley wildflowers endemic to the region not seen

# A Boost of Blooms

*Big Bear's 'Fabulous Flower Foray'*



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anywhere else in the world. Wildflowers such as Cushenberry Buckwheat, Big Bear Valley Phlox, Ash Grey Paintbrush, Parish's Daisies, and Bear Valley Sandwort can be seen in the pebble plains and meadows throughout the valley. Big Bear's lush pines and alpine ferns add a special attraction to the flower viewing experience.

Other flowers that will blossom this spring in Big Bear include Wallflowers, Lupines, Yellow Violets, Shooting Stars, and Penstemons. The season's peak is usually in early June; however, it could be earlier and last longer this year because of the heavy precipitation.

"Fabulous Flower Forays" begin

Saturday, April 23 (Earth Day) and continue weekly on Saturdays through June 11, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Space is limited to 12 passengers and reservations are highly recommended. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children (3-16).

Special for Mother's Day is a discounted tour, Saturday, May 7. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children (3-16).

To book reservations for the "Fabulous Flower Forays" tour or to get more information about wildflowers in Big Bear Valley, contact Big Bear Discovery Center at 909.866.3437 or call Big Bear Lake Resort Association at 800.424.4232. ■

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*'Fish Fest' makes its Spring debut*

**M**ichael W. Smith, Audio Adrenaline, Toby Mac, Selah, Kutless, Watermark, By The Tree and Hawk Nelson plus new music from Day of Fire, Olivia The Band, Hyper

Static Union and Krystal Meyers will appear at the fourth annual Fish Fest, sponsored by 95.9 The Fish, on Saturday, April 16 at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater.

Gates open at 12:30pm with the event ending at 9:30pm. Fish Fest is a day-long event featuring music on two stages, family-friendly attractions, sponsor booths and exhibits.

"The Fish listeners spoke, and we listened," 95.9 KFSH-FM Program Director Chuck Tyler said. "We've had unprecedented requests to move Fish Fest from summer to the spring, to accommodate listeners planning their summer vacations who want to be a part of this exciting event. Also, April weather should be much more moderate. We look forward to Fish Fest IV being bigger and better than ever!"

Fish Fest is produced by Transparent Productions, a Costa Mesa based Christian concert promotions company that has grown to become the leading Christian concert promoter in Southern California

since its launch six years ago.

95.9 KFSH-FM covers Southern California from its base in Anaheim. The Fish began broadcasting in August of 2000, streams on the Internet at [www.thefish959.com](http://www.thefish959.com) and received the NAB Marconi Award for Best Religious Station for 2002. 95.9 KFSH-FM is owned and operated by Salem Communications Corporation, headquartered in Camarillo, California, the leading U.S. radio broadcaster focused on Christian and family themes programming. ■

**WHEN:** April 16, 12:30pm.

**WHERE:** Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, 8808 Irvine Center Dr., Irvine

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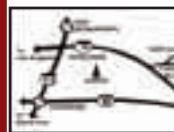
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## Earth Jam at The Living Desert

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens in Palm Desert and Newman's Own present Mother Nature's Earth Jam on Saturday, April 23. Join more than a half-billion people in the world who will celebrate

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New this year will be a children's Earth Day Parade. Join in the fun by dressing as your favorite plant or animal. Or come by the Education Department Booth and make something to wear. The parade, for ages 12 and under, begins at Noon and judging for the best costume will start at 12:30pm. First, second and third prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

Live entertainment in the Palm Garden Patio will be provided. There will be activities for the entire family along with the Wildlife Wonders animal shows and much more. Gecko Gulch, the desert playland for children, will be open. Food and beverages are available for an additional cost.

For more information, call (760) 346-5694, or visit the Living Desert online at [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org).



Earth Day 2005.

Zoo gates open at 9am through 4pm. Special Earth Day activities are from 10am to 4pm.

Admission to the park is \$2 per person for Earth Day only. Donate an old, used cell phone and admission is free.

This fun and informative day will feature environmental and conservation presentations from over 25 local organizations. Visitors can learn how to save energy, recycle, preserve wildlands and even look at the sun through a huge telescope.

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## 2nd Annual Temecula Jazz Festival

The South Coast Winery Resort will play host to the 2nd Annual Temecula Jazz Festival, April 30-May 1. Grammy Award winners and nominees graced the stage last year during the inaugural event. Among this year's artists are Kenny Rankin, Freddie Ravel, Ray Fuller, Kiki Ebsen, Pauline Wilson, Paul Brown and Michael Paulo.

Last year's event raised more than \$10,000 for the Shriners' Children Hospital of Southern California.

The event is on April 30, from 4-10pm, and May 1, from 2-8pm.

For more information, visit [www.temeculajazzfestival.com](http://www.temeculajazzfestival.com), [www.wineryresort.com](http://www.wineryresort.com) or call (951) 694-8733.



Paul Brown performs at the Temecula Jazz Festival.

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## 'River Run' for charity

Motorcycle fans, get to the banks of the Colorado River for the 23rd Annual Laughlin River Run. The April 20-24 event is the largest motorcycle show on the west coast.

In addition to motorcycles, the Run includes casino entertainment, concerts, demo rides, and exhibits of parts and accessories.

A number of Laughlin casinos are getting in on the action and hosting concerts: Collin Raye will play the Riverside Resort Friday and Saturday, 5pm; Eddie Money is at Harrah's, Friday 8pm; Styx will play the Flamingo Friday and Saturday, 9pm; and John Kay and

Steppenwolf will play the Flamingo on Thursday, 9pm.

An Event Pass, for \$45 per person, includes motorcycle drawing tickets, souvenir event pin, bandanna, program and coupon book, with a portion benefiting the River Run Foundation to help local Laughlin charities.

The event will also feature the Fifth Annual Ladies at Laughlin River Run Conference at Harrah's on Friday, April 22. This "Riding for the Cure" event will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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This gardening event is one of Riverside's oldest traditions drawing together backyard gardeners, designers, plant and flower lovers, and botanists.

Held at the Elk's Lodge in Riverside, at 6166 Brockton Ave., visitors can tour the plants on display, check out vendor booths, try for door prizes, and take part in a silent auction. The event also includes tours of local private gardens.

A pair of workshops are offered to help you make the most of your garden. On Saturday, at 3pm, learn about "Rose Diseases" and "Rose Hybridizing." On Sunday, at 1pm, learn how to develop home-grown vegetables without a garden at "The Secret Vegetable Garden."

Admission to the show is a donation of \$5 pre-sale and \$7 at the door. Children under 16 are free with a paying adult. For more information, or a location of places to buy pre-sale tickets, call (951) 686-6238. □

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According to a recent study, only one third of America's brightest college students (those attending Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other elite universities), knew who said "Give me liberty, or give me death." Nearly half couldn't identify the Magna Carta, or identify the role of the Federalist Papers.

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As school teacher Melinda Cutler recently put it, "Riley's Farm is a wonderful program that re-enacts the colonial life of Americans. The atmosphere that Riley's Farm creates is giving students the opportunity to learn the standards while having fun."

What many Southern Californians may not know is that this program is open to individuals and families. Family day trips don't have to represent the same old theme park routine. With a reservation, you can join a "Revolutionary War Adventure" Monday through Friday, or attend a colonial dinner on Saturday nights featuring Patrick Henry's famous "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" oration.

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Tickets are \$17 pre-sale (prior to May 1) and \$22 on the day of the event. Register early to save 25%.

Visit [www.HartmanBaldwin.com](http://www.HartmanBaldwin.com) for more 2005 Homes With History Tour.



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## Cinco De Mayo Fiesta at Big Bear

The Big Bear Lake community comes together once again to host the second annual Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, Sunday, May 1. The one-day event features music, art, dance, food and fun for families of every culture. A celebration of the Mexican heritage, Big Bear's Cinco De Mayo event was created as a multicultural Fiesta bringing together all aspects of the small mountain community.

"We are planning another great festival this year," explained Michael Perry, City of Big Bear Lake's City Manager. "Last year's event truly pulled together our community and provided a day of family entertainment that was based on cultural heritage. This event gives people of different cultures an opportunity to learn about each other."

The Cinco De Mayo Fiesta will again offer a Mexican Art Show featuring several of Southern California's top Latino artists, mariachis, pinatas throughout the day for children, a Tamale and Salsa Competition and special dance performances by children and adult folklorico dancers.

New to this year's festival will be the addition of a Miss Cinco De Mayo competition. Local young ladies will vie for the title by raising money for a variety of Mexican charities. The girl who raises the most funds will be crowned Miss Cinco De Mayo Big Bear Lake at the festival.

Doors will open at 11am with the daytime activities taking place through 7pm. Evening festivities feature non-stop music and dancing through midnight. Musical groups include Grupo Sabor a Mi from Redlands, Mariachi Mixteco from El Centro, and Centenario Nortena, hailing from San Bernardino. Held at the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake, admission is \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

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**SPRING BUCKS CASH CHAMBER:** April 6 - May 1, drawings every hour from Noon to 9pm. A selected guest will step into the Cash Chamber and have 30 seconds to grab as much cash as possible. Grand Finale on May 1.

**GOLDEN YEARS CASH GIVEAWAY:** Every Monday in April, hourly cash drawings for \$100 from 10am to 5pm, with a grand prize of \$1,000 at 6pm. All Gold Club members can participate, but those 55 years and older will receive two entries plus an additional entry for every 20 points earned, plus \$2 for slot play and \$2 off at Cafe 54.

**LADIES DAY:** Tuesday, from 10am-6pm. Ladies receive a coupon for \$2 in slot play, \$2 off any meal priced over \$4 in Cafe 54, 2 free entries to the cash giveaways every hour from 10am-6pm, \$100 awarded every hour through

5pm. At 6pm one guest will win \$1000 cash. Men are also eligible for the cash giveaways, but get only one free entry.

**DOUBLE POINT TUESDAYS:** All guests receive double points on Tuesdays.

**TRIPLE POINT THURSDAYS:** All day, all points are triple their value.

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**RISING STARS OF COUNTRY:** Julie Roberts, April 2, 8pm. Chris Cagle, April 17, 8pm. Both events take place in the Fantasy Lounge, \$25 general, \$40 vip (includes dinner buffet).

LYNYRD SKYNYRD: May 5.

TRACE ADKINS: May 15.

**PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO:** (951) 693-1819. [pechanga.com](http://pechanga.com). 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. Box Office (951) 303-2507.

**HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH:** April 2, 8pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$55, \$65, \$75.

**SAN MANUEL INDIAN BINGO AND CASINO:** (909) 864-5050. [www.sanmanuel.com](http://www.sanmanuel.com). 5797 North Victoria Avenue, Highland.

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**LITTLE ANTHONY AND THE IMPERIALS:** April 30, 8pm. Tickets: \$30, \$25, \$20.

**ENTERTAINMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT SHOWROOM:** Tickets for all shows can be purchased through the casino box office or through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or (213) 480-3232.

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**PARROTHEADS' PHINS TO THE WEST:** April 8-10. See article on page 17.

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM PENNING:** April 8-10.

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**GUN, KNIFE, HUNTING AND FISHING SHOW:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16-17. There will be a wide variety of Gun, Knife &

Fishing vendors and items available for sale or trade. To accommodate this show, the event will be housed in a single 20,000 square-foot venue with up to 300 vendor tables. Participants are encouraged to call now to reserve their space at the Avi Resort & Casino's Gun, Knife & Fishing Show. Interested parties should call Candice at 1.800.INFO.AVI ext. for additional information or to reserve their space.

**2-FER THURSDAYS:** Every Thursday Advantage Club card members receive double points and cash back, 2 for the price of one buffets in the Native Harvest Buffet (or half price for one), and two hours for the price of one at Kids Quest.

**PAYDAY FRIDAYS:** Drawings every 30 minutes 4pm-10pm to win \$50 to \$250. Winners drawn and present within 30 minutes spin the cash wheel to determine cash prize.

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### The Golden Years Cash Drawings

Every Monday in April, hourly cash drawings for \$100 will occur from 10am to 5pm. The grand prize of \$1,000 will be awarded at 8pm. Gold Club members of all ages may participate, but Gold Club members who are 55 years of age and over will receive two entries into the cash drawings and one additional entry for every 20 points earned. Gold Club members age 55 and over will also receive \$2 for slot play and \$2 off at Cold 54.



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Saturday the silent auction continues until 5pm in the Fort Mohave Room where you have your chance to bid on such items as autographed memorabilia by Jimmy Buffet, Kenny Chesney and a variety of other items. There's music outdoors all day and in the River Garden Pavilion dance until 2am to Living Soul and Stars on the Water. Throw in the gaming action, live entertainment in the

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## Taking the plunge to change

*Editor's Note: This letter comes from Marlene Federico, a member of Curves in Montclair/Ontario, at 9509 Central Ave., Suite F, (909) 472-3372.*

My daughter, DeAnna, had been a member of Curves for a while. She had been on me for about a year to join. I finally had reached a point in my life that I needed to do something about all the weight I had gained over the past years. With great apprehension, I decided to find a Curves in my neighborhood. I found Curves in Montclair. Well, as soon as I walked into the place I was overwhelmed with positive energy.

The staff is the greatest. They are so helpful. Marlene, Christina, and Sarah are the ones I work with the most. They are just terrific. For the future I would like to think I will always be exercising. I would like to adopt the mindset that this is a way of life for me. I have lost a total of 35 pounds and 25 inches. What Curves has to offer is a very do-able program. It is realistic to think this can be a way of life for you. I would like to lose another 30 pounds and I know it can be done with exercise and healthy eating habits and team work at Curves.

Curves has helped me on so many different levels. It's always a good feeling when you can see positive changes in your life. I know I'm now moving in the right direction. Combining Curves with improved eating habits is essential for me to lose weight and keep it off. I am so thankful that my daughter nagged me to join Curves.

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## There's still time to keep your snow promises



Did you promise your kids snow this season, and find yourself running out of time. Thanks to Mother Nature, it's not too late.

There is still snow in Big Bear, and Alpine Slide and Big Bear Snow Play are in full swing for snow enjoyment, both providing snow slide attractions.

"There's anywhere from five to 20 feet of snow at both places and even more in some spots," Alpine Slide's Bruce Voigt said. "All roads into Big Bear are open and there's still plenty of snow."

Both sites provide "Magic Carpet" uphill lifts, making it easy to get to the top of the hill. Big Bear Snow Play provides the longest inner tubing runs in Southern California, costing \$18 (which includes tube rental).

Alpine Slide provides four separate downhill runs plus the "snake," a series of

twisting banked turns. Daily tubing sessions cost \$20, including tube rental. Alpine Slide also features \$14 night sessions on Fridays and Saturdays, 5 to 9pm.

Alpine Slide is also home to a bobsled-like ride, which begins with a view-filled chairlift ride to the top of the mountain. From there, guests climb aboard sleds for a twisting descent down a quarter-mile track.

Big Bear Snow Play and Alpine Slide are open daily from 10am to 4pm through April 17, and weekends after that.

Alpine Slide is on Big Bear Blvd., just west of the Village Shopping area. For more information, call (909) 866-4626.

Big Bear Snow Play is also on Big Bear Blvd., three miles east of Alpine Slide next to Motel 6. For more information, call (909) 585-0075.

## Earth Day at OakTree

OakTree Village in Oak Glen is hosting its first annual Earth Day Celebration in combination with the annual Apple Blossom Festival, April 22-24.

OakTree Village is inviting the inland empire community to join them in renewing efforts in daily lives to protect and preserve the Earth for future generations. All schools and youth groups in the area are encouraged to participate in the Earth Day Poster Contest. Simply decorate a large piece of poster board, using any materials desired, and give it a conservation theme. Entries must include a depiction of the Earth, people, animals and at least two natural resources to protect and preserve. The deadline is April 18. All entries will be displayed at the Mountain Town Museum in OakTree Village from April 22-24. The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate for their school or youth group to be used towards a Field Trip at OakTree Village.

Kids can join the Preserve the Earth Parade on April 23 by bringing a decorated wagon filled with recyclables at 1pm in front of the Village.

Celebrating the Apple Blossom Festival, OakTree Village is offering a special \$5 per person rate for all day admission into the Animal Park, Petting Farm, Exotic Animal Exhibit, Reptile Cave, Pig Races and Goat Milking and a variety of earth day awareness activities.

For more information, call (909) 797-4020. OakTree Village is open every day from 10am to 5pm.

**ADAMS KART TRACK:** For ages 5 and up. Pro shop, kart track, racing school. 5292 24th St. in Riverside. (951) 686-3826. [www.adamskart-track.net](http://www.adamskart-track.net).

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**BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER:** Honk, a musical based on The Ugly Duckling. June 30-July 3. \$20. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

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**GROVE THEATRE:** Call for schedule of youth theater productions. Located in historic downtown Upland. (909) 920-4343, [grovetheatre.com](http://grovetheatre.com).

**THE LIVING DESERT:** Zoo featuring flora and fauna of the area's deserts. "Earth Jam" on April 23 to celebrate Earth Day. Fun presentations of conservation. See article on page 10. Located south of State Highway 111 at 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert. 760-346-5694, [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org).

**OAKTREE VILLAGE:** Earth Day Celebration and Apple Blossom Festival, April 22-24. See article on page 13. 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fishing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020. [www.oaktree-village.com](http://www.oaktree-village.com).

**PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE:** Sleeping Beauty, May 5-6, 9:30am and 11am, May 7, 2pm. See article on page 23. At Landis Auditorium. For further information or to purchase tickets call the Performance Riverside box office at (951) 222-8100 or [www.performanceriverside.org](http://www.performanceriverside.org).

**RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S THEATER:** Grease, April 5, 1:30 and 7:30pm, at Ramona High School. (951) 359-6075.

For more fun kids' events, see the What To Do section on page 25. 



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## Meet Big Red

*'Ramona' enters 82nd year*

By Deb Reich

**B**ig Red is a super-sized horse, at 17 hands and 1400 lbs. He's got a pedigree, too: Missouri Fox Trotter. He's also got a flair for theater, which is fortunate since he belongs to Tom Morlan, who trains the ten equine members of the cast for "Ramona" -- the longest-running outdoor American drama, opening its 82nd season on April 9 at the Ramona Bowl in Hemet.

Cast and crew are studded with veterans boasting twenty, thirty, even forty or more years with the show, including Phil Brigandi, pageant historian (24 years) and Carol Howard, cowboy wife and usher (19 years). Pat Espinoza, wardrobe mistress, will mark 50 years with the pageant pretty soon.

Still, there's plenty of room for new faces among the 400 volunteer players. In fact, the always-changing mix of veterans and relative newcomers may be what gives the Ramona family its aura of vibrant energy.

One relative newcomer is Pat Espinoza's niece Mary Adams, of Hemet, who was born there but grew up in Missouri and then moved back. Adams' role as Marda, the ranch cook, seems tailor-



made for her, she says happily. "But the best thing about the pageant is that entire families can participate. There just aren't many things anymore that the whole family can do together," notes Adams. Playing in "Ramona" is one; coming to see it is another.

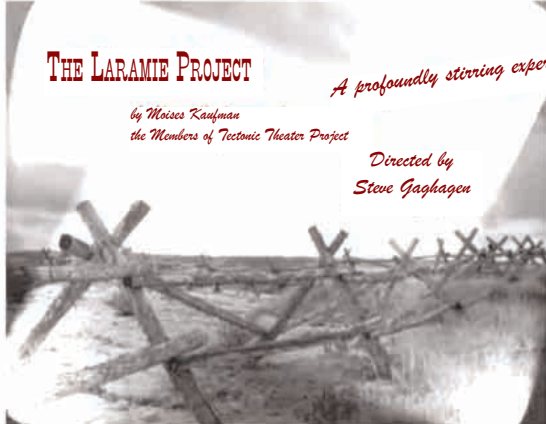
This year's female lead, former Ramona understudy Jeannette Gardea of Hemet, "will be very interesting to watch," Adams predicts. Co-star Vince Whipple (Alessandro) also does the choreography for the Elder Blessings scene, in which most of the actors are Native Americans.

The Spanish Dancers -- 48 of them, some Latino and some not -- are directed by Judy Phares with co-direction by Elvin Ruiz. Phares got hooked on "Ramona" in elementary school; Ruiz, as an adult. "There's a new guy this year who's an exchange student from Germany; he's having a really great time," says Ruiz.

Not every cast member fares as well. "Sometimes I have to fire a horse," says Tom Morlan, "if he can't stand gunfire or commotion. Then that cowboy has to get another horse, or quit the show." But most Ramona "pageant junkies," as cast member Marian Carter calls them, are in for the duration. Just ask Pat Espinoza. ■

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# A 'Fantastick' performance

*Performance Riverside signs award-winner to direct the 'Fantasticks'*

This month Performance Riverside will stage *The Fantasticks*, the longest-running show in the history of the American theatre, which logged 17,162 performances in its Off-Broadway run from 1960-2002. Ovation Award winning director Nick DeGruccio will bring the production to stage, assisted by

musical director Don LeMaster. DeGruccio last directed at Performance Riverside in 2004 with *1776*—an outing that won critical acclaim and brought five LA Ovation Awards, including ones for Best Director and Best Musical of the year. He also directed the LA premiere of *Side Show*, named by the Los Angeles Times as one of the Top 10 Plays of 2002 and the recipient of eight Ovation Award nominations.

*The Fantasticks* (created by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt) is a romantic comedy with dark undertones, wrought with misguided matchmaking and dissembling. It is memorable theatre—a play that many pundits say launched the careers of F. Murray Abraham (*Amadeus*) and Jerry Orbach (*Law*

and Order).

In *The Fantasticks*, two fathers trick their children into falling in love. The patriarchs hire a swash-buckler to stage a phony adventure in which Matt “saves” Louisa, a ploy designed to reinforce the young couple’s love and provide a pretense under which the fathers can break up a pretend feud and engineer a “Happy Ending.” The plot turns sour, but through a painful separation and a series of personal defeats the lovers learn to deal with life’s realities, rekindle their romance, and gain a deeper, more lasting view of life and love. Audiences will leave the theatre with these messages in mind, moved by such unforgettable songs as “Try to Remember” and “Soon It’s Gonna Rain.” □



Barbara Chofalo and Peter Musante in *The Fantasticks*.

**WHEN:** April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8pm, and April 3, 9, 17 at 2pm.  
**WHERE:** Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside  
**TICKETS:** \$25, \$28, \$44

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## 'Amadeus' comes to Riverside



Adam Demerath.



Joe Musil



Erin Perets

Experience the passion and mystery of the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as Riverside Community Players stages “Mozart,” April 1-17.

Under the Direction of Patricia Boyer-McQuillan with Mario Sanchez, Technical Director and Carol Fick, Assistant Director, “Mozart.”

This play, marks the mid-point of RCP’s 80th consecutive season of Main Series productions.

“Amadeus,” produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., was presented only once before here, in 1986, with Mike Charles and John Lynd in the lead roles. This year presents Joe Musil, an award-winning actor/director, in the role of Antonio Salieri. The role of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will be played by a young newcomer to RCP, Adam Demerath.

Rounding out the leads is Erin Perets in the role of Constanze Weber, Mozart’s wife.

From the beautiful set complete with green marble floor and piano (lit from above), to the amazing compositions by Mozart sounding at nearly every turn to the wonderful Venticelli (local gossips played by Kris Carter & Kyle Whitlock) who fill Salieri’s ears with the latest news to Emperor Joseph II of Austria (Jeff Wymer) and his Royal Court (Dick Lawrence, Eric Burton and Tom Gorton) “Mozart” will take you on a journey of intrigue, desperation, shattered beliefs, and conspiracy all designed to bring one man’s personal comfort by destroying another man’s life.

Riverside Community Players is at 4026 14th St. in Riverside. For more information, call (951) 686-4030.

## An opera you can laugh at

Greed, manipulation, love, an underdog ... not the stuff of daytime talkshows, but a timeless opera coming in May. Gianni Schicchi by Puccini is a story of love, greed and family relationships, performed by Riverside Little Opera. Gianni Schicchi is a fast-paced comedic opera with unforgettable music and zany characters, from Zita the domineering aunt to Nella the fashion victim and the story’s two lovers.

Riverside Little Opera will perform Gianni Schicchi May 11 (7:30pm) in San Bernardino at Cal State San Bernardino Theater and May 15 (3pm and 7pm) in Riverside at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at (951) 781-9561.



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## Final Symphony productions

The San Bernardino Symphony finishes its 76th season this month and next, with performances on April 9 and May 21.

The April event, at 8:15pm, will feature two masterworks: Johannes Brahms' Symphony no. 3 in F Major and Ludwig van Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major.

In May, the Symphony concludes its year with "Music of the Heart," at 8:15pm. This program includes a range of pieces to tug at the heart strings. Works include Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings, Maurice Ravel's Piano Concerto in G Major and Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9.

The San Bernardino Symphony is located at the California Theatre of Performing Arts, 562 W. Fourth St., in San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 381-5388.

**THE ARTS AT RCC:** The Fantastiks, April 1, 2, 8, 9, 16 at, 8pm, April 3, 9, 17 at 2pm. Off Broadway Play Series: The last 5 years, April 1, 2, 8, 9 at 8pm, April 3, 8, 10 at 2pm. Landis Performing Arts Center. For further information or to purchase tickets call the box office at (951) 222-8100.

**BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER:** A Chorus Line April 1 - May 29. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

**BIG BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER SOCIETY:** The Laramie Project, April 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 15 and 16, 7:30pm, and April 3 and 10, 1:30pm. See article on page 24. 31970 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake. (909) 866-4970.

**CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY WALLACE THEATER:** One Act Play Festival, student directed plays, April 15-16, 8pm. (951) 343-4319.

**FISH FEST:** April 16, 12:30pm, at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, 8808 Irvine Center Dr., Irvine. See article on page 9. Christian rock concert featuring Michael W. Smith, Audio Adrenaline and more. \$25-\$70. (818) 956-5552, www.kkla.com.

**LIFEHOUSE THEATER:** Polyanna, April 9-May 1. Reservations may be made by calling (909) 335-3037, ext. 21. www.lifehousetheater.com The theater is located at 1135 N. Church St. in Redlands.

## HEMET COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION:

Gemini Duo, April 3, 2pm. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 students. See article on page 6. For more information, call (951) 927-3798.

**MCCALLUM THEATRE:** Roger Williams, April 1, 8pm, \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55. Forever Fifties, starring the Four Freshmen, April 2, 8pm, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$65. The Rancho Mirage Family Circus, April 3, 3pm, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$35. Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel, April 4, 7pm, \$10, \$15, \$25. Indian Wells Desert Symphony: Mariachi Jose Hernandez and Sol de Mexico, April 16, 8pm. \$70, \$55, \$40, \$25. Open Call talent competition, April 30 at 2pm and 7pm. 55 performers showcased in 26 acts. Audience votes for 2pm talent winners. \$5, \$7, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$30. Box Office: (760) 340-ARTS. www.mccallumtheatre.com. 73000 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert.

**MURRIETA REPERTORY THEATRE:** Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, by Tennessee Williams, April 29 - May 22. Fri. and Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm, \$15 general, \$12 seniors and students. See article on page 24. For a coupon, see ad on page 22. At the Murrieta Community Center, 41810 Juniper St., in Old Towne Murrieta. (951) 600-7273. www.murrietarep.org.

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## Performance Riverside presents 'Sleeping Beauty' for IE School Field Trips

Performance Riverside's Family Series caps off its 2004-5 season with the fairy tale favorite, The Sleeping Beauty, by the international award winning California Theatre Center. School groups attending weekday morning shows get a discounted ticket price of only \$5.

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**WHEN:** School matinees May 5-6, 9:30 & 11am; General public May 7, 2pm.

**WHERE:** Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College

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## Murrieta Repertory Theatre Debuts *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*



Along with *The Glass Menagerie* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* is one of Tennessee Williams's most well-known plays. Originally produced on Broadway at the Morosco Theatre in New York, the play received nearly unanimous praise for its captivating characters and controversial subject matter.

By the close of its 694 performances on Broadway, the play had earned Williams his second Pulitzer Prize and his third Drama Critics' Circle Award. Following the phenomenal commercial and critical success of *The Glass Menagerie* (1944) and *A Streetcar Named Desire* (1947), *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* confirmed Williams's reputation as one of the most important playwrights of the 20th Century.

Directed by legendary director (and frequent Williams collaborator) Elia Kazan, the original cast included Barbara Bel Geddes (Maggie), Ben Gazzara (Brick Pollitt), and

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**WHEN:** Fri., April 29 through weekends to May 22, Fri. & Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm. May 7 dark.  
**WHERE:** Murrieta Community Center, 41810 Juniper St., Old Town  
**TICKETS:** \$15 adults, \$12 seniors & students.

For more information, call (951) 600-7273

## Big Bear 'Laramie Project' brings reality to stage

The Community Arts Theater Society (CATS) of Big Bear Lake announced its upcoming production of "The Laramie Project," at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake. Evening performances will take place on April 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16. All evening shows have a 7:30pm curtain. Matinees will be held on April 3 and April 10, both with a 1:30pm curtain.

"The Laramie Project" chronicles the events that surrounded

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"The Laramie Project" director Steve Gagbagen.

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**PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE:** The Fantasticks, April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8pm, and April 3, 9, 17 at 2pm. *Sleeping Beauty*, May 5-6, 9:30am and 11am, May 7, 2pm. See article on page 23. At Landis Auditorium. For further information or to purchase tickets call the Performance Riverside box office at (951) 222-8100 or [www.performanceriverside.org](http://www.performanceriverside.org).

**RAMONA BOWL AMPHITHEATER:** *Ramona Outdoor Play*, a beautiful love story of early California presented in a breathtaking natural amphitheater by a cast of over 400 actors, singers, dancers and horsemen. Tickets now available for the weekend show beginning April 9 through April 30. Gates open at 1pm with entertainment, pre-show activities start at 1:30pm. Tickets: \$12-\$31, parking \$7. 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., Hemet. (800) 645-4465. [www.ramonabowl.com](http://www.ramonabowl.com). See article on page 20.

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:** *Amadeus*, April 1-17. 4026 14th St., Riverside. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

**RIVERSIDE LITTLE OPERA:** *Gianni Schicchi*, by Giacomo Puccini, May 14-15. \$15. See article on page 21. Held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Riverside. (951) 683-8466. [www.riversidelittleopera.com](http://www.riversidelittleopera.com).

**REDLANDS FOOTLIGHTERS:** *I'm Not Rappaport*, March 18-April 3. Fri. and Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm. \$12. 1810 Barton Rd., Redlands. (909) 793-2909. [www.redlandsfootlighters.org](http://www.redlandsfootlighters.org).

**SAN BERNARDINO SYMPHONY:** *Beethoven and Brahms*, April 9, 8:15pm. California Theatre in downtown San Bernardino. 562 W. 4th St. (909) 381-5388.

**2ND ANNUAL TEMECULA JAZZ FESTIVAL:** April 30-May 1, at the South Coast Winery Resort. See article on page 10. (951) 694-8733, [www.temeculajazzfestival.com](http://www.temeculajazzfestival.com), [www.wineresort.com](http://www.wineresort.com).

**VISUAL EXPRESSIONS ART SHOW:** May 3-31, Temecula Valley Museum, 28314 Mercedes St. A juried art exhibition. Free. Information: (951) 695-2787, [www.artsinthevalley.org](http://www.artsinthevalley.org).

### Beethoven and Brahms

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### Music of the Heart

Saturday May 21, 2005  
8:15 pm

The San Bernardino Symphony concludes its 76th season with a program of music that reaches into one's heart, and perhaps one's soul, stirring a wide range of emotions.

Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* is the composer's best known work. This stirring piece, played after the death of President Kennedy, is perhaps the most evocative American classical composition.

Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G major* was written late in his life, concurrently with his only other piano Concerto, "for the left hand". The Concerto in G Major will stir your heart with a range of emotions from a sense of solitude, to elation, to lightheartedness. Finally, the season closes with Czech Dvorak's uniquely American New World Symphony. The Symphony written while Dvorak lived in the United States and following the Composer's intense study of African-American musical traditions, celebrates all that is America, our diversity and our unity.

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**DAVEY'S LOCKER:** Whale watching and fishing trips. Newport Beach, (949) 673-1434. [www.daveyslocker.com](http://www.daveyslocker.com).

## CHARITY EVENTS

**ART ALIVE:** Spring fundraiser for the Riverside Art Alliance of the Riverside Art Museum, March 30-April 7. Featuring paintings and floral arrangements. April 2 open house and "meet the authors," 11am. (951) 684-7111 or (951) 682-7440.

### 44TH ANNUAL ASSISTANCE LEAGUE

**HEADDRESS BALL:** April 16, matinee at 11am, evening at 5pm, The Wonders of Broadway. Models and musical presentations. Evening includes cocktails and gaming at 5pm, followed by dinner, music and awards. Tickets: Matinee \$45, evening gala \$135. Parking is free. At the National Orange Show, Citrus room, gate 8. (909) 862-0732, (909) 386-2415.

### 24TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION GALA:

Benefits the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, April 16, 5pm. At Victoria Club in Riverside. (951) 686-7273.

**4TH ANNUAL GREAT STRIDES:** April 30 walk-a-thon to benefit cystic fibrosis research, sponsored by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. At Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas. 600 walkers are expected for this charity event. For more information, call (562) 694-5457.

**2ND ANNUAL HOME TOUR:** Benefitting North High School Blue Star Regiment, April 16, Noon to 5pm. Various historic homes will be visited. (951) 788-7348.

**MS WALK:** April 9 in Redlands, Big Bear and Palm Springs. April 17 in Upland. Benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Register online at [msevents.com](http://msevents.com), or by phone at 1-800-FIGHT MS.

### 10TH ANNUAL RELAY FOR KIDS AND

**FUNFEST:** April 24, Sylvan Park in Redlands, 7am-3:30pm. This event benefits the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House. In addition to the relay, enjoy kids activities, entertainment, food court, frisbee golf, song or dance contest, volleyball, softball, decoration contest, horseshoes and more. (909) 558-8300.

## CHRISTIAN EVENTS

**CHRISTIAN SINGLES EVENTS:** Rotational Dinner/dance, April 9, 8pm, at the Spectrum Club in Fullerton. Country Western and Swing Night, April 23, at the Spectrum Club in Fullerton. For more information: 714/210-3337, [www.ccisingles.com](http://www.ccisingles.com).

**FISH FEST:** April 16, 12:30pm, at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, 8808 Irvine Center Dr., Irvine. See article on page 9. Christian rock concert featuring Michael W. Smith, Audio Adrenaline and more. \$25-\$70. (818) 956-5552, [www.kkla.com](http://www.kkla.com).

## COMEDY

**THE CAPITOL STEPS:** Musical comedy troupe specializing in political humor, May 2, 8pm. To benefit the March Field Museum. Landis Auditorium at Riverside Community College. \$25, [www.marchfield.org](http://www.marchfield.org). See article on page 7.

## FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

**APPALOOSA HORSE SHOW:** April 2-3, Fairplex at Pomona.

**APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL:** April 22-24. A two-day, old-fashioned event complete with cider pressing, living history events, piglet racing, goat milking, bluegrass music and plenty of free family fun. At OakTree Village, 38480 Oak Glen Road in Oak Glen.

**THE ART OF LIVING:** Fine homes and fine art, May 1, open house tours of four classic homes in the wine country area. Free admission. From Noon to 4pm. Location to be announced. Information: (909) 775-1416.

**AIRSHOW 2005:** April 2, 9am-4pm, Riverside Municipal Airport. (909) 682-1771.

**BMX RACING:** Weekly from April 1-30, May 1-30, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 6-10pm, at the National Orange Show Speedway. Free admission. (909) 335-3525.

**CALICO COOK-OFF & SPRING FESTIVAL:** May 6-8. An old-time music festival featuring "singing for an apple pie," games, contests and chili cook-off. Calico Ghost Town, I-15 at Ghost Town Road, Yermo. (800) TO-CALICO.

**CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA:** In Big Bear Lake at the Convention Center, May 1. Adults \$10, chil-

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## What to do section

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**COMPUTER FAIR:** April 2-3, 10am-5pm, Fairplex at Pomona, Building 7A.

**58TH ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW AND GARDEN TOUR:** April 23-24, 1pm, Riverside Elks Club. (951) 686-6238.

**INLAND EMPIRE AUTO SHOW:**

March 30-April 3. 15th Annual exhibition of cars, light trucks and more. Weekdays Noon to 9pm, Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 10am-6pm. At the Fairplex in Pomona. \$8, children 6-12 \$4, under 6 free. www.inlandempireautoshow.com.

**8TH ANNUAL KORONEBURG OLD WORLD RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL:** Weekends April 16-May 30. Visit an old world European village, with food, vendors, entertainment and more. See article on page 5. Adults \$12, children 6-12 and seniors \$7, children under 6 are free, students

\$9. Dress rehearsal weekend April 9-10, \$5. Held in Corona, 14600 River Rd. (800) 320-4736.

**LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN:** Regional road riding convention, April 20-24. The west coast's largest motorcycle party. Trade show exhibits, custom bike show and more. \$45 event pass. (714) 694-2800, www.laughlinriverrun.com.

**LAUGHLIN RIVER STAMPEDE PRCA RODEO:** March 30-April 3, in Laughlin, Nevada. Tickets \$12 adults, \$6 seniors on March 30-31 and \$23 general on April 1-3. Children under 12 are \$6. For more information, go online to www.visit-laughlin.com or www.laughlinchamber.com. See article on page 9.

**MULTI MEDIA ART SHOW:** Running through April, this juried art show features work from Southern California artists. At the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, in Redlands. (909) 307-2669.

**POMONA SPRING HOME AND GARDEN SHOW:** April 8-10, Fri. 2-7pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 10am-6pm. The latest ideas on home improvement and decorating, prizes and more. At the Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley, building #4 and #6, in Pomona. (800) 358-7469.

**REDLANDS BICYCLE CLASSIC:** March 31 to April 3. 4-day pro road stage race, covering more than 350 miles throughout San Bernardino and Riverside counties. www.redlandsclassic.com.

**RILEY'S FARM:** In Oak Glen, offering Revolutionary War Adventures Mon.-Fri., 10am-2pm, and "An Evening With Patrick Henry," Saturday Nights May-September. (909) 797-7534, www.rileysfarm.com. See article on page 12.

**RIVERSIDE WEDNESDAY NIGHT:** Downtown festival, April 6, 20, 27, May 4, 5-9pm, at the Main St. Pedestrian Mall. (951) 715-3400, www.obfa.org.

**RG CANNING SWAP MEET:** Every Sunday in April and May, 7am-3pm, at the National Orange Show, Carnival Lot, Gate 7. Free admission. (909) 889-9300.

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### GOLF COURSES

**EAGLE GLEN:** Mother's Day Champagne Brunch, May 8, 10am-2:30pm. For reservations, call (951) 278-2842 ext. 225. In Corona, 1800 Eagle Glen Pkwy. 18-hole course. (951) 272-4653.

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**PALM SPRINGS TRAMWAY:** A 2.5 mile ride to the San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness area in Palm Springs. See article on page 6. (800) 515-TRAM.

### MUSEUMS

**THE ASISTENCIA, AN OUTPOST OF THE MISSION SAN GABRIEL:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 26930 Barton Road, Redlands, free, donations accepted, (909) 793-5402.

**CORONA HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUM:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 510 W. Foothill Parkway, Corona, free, (909) 898-0687.

**EDWARD-DEAN MUSEUM & GARDENS:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays-Sundays, 9401 Oak Glen Road,

Cherry Valley, \$3, seniors and students \$2, children younger than 12 free, (909) 845-2626.

**LINCOLN MEMORIAL SHRINE:** houses thousands of volumes on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, Smiley Park, 125 W. Vine St., Redlands, free, (909) 798-7636.

**ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM:** Civil War re-enactment, April 2-3. For more information, call (951) 657-2605 or [www.oerm.org](http://www.oerm.org). Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 2201 S. A St., Perris; train and trolley rides, weekends and holidays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; all-day train and trolley pass \$8, children 5-11 \$6. (909) 943-3020. [www.oerm.org](http://www.oerm.org)

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**PLANES OF FAME:** May 7 seminar, the air war over Europe during World War II. 10am, includes a flight demonstration of a Republic P-47G Thunderbolt. See article on page 5. \$8.95 general, children 11 to 5 are \$1.95 and children under 5 are free. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Chino

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**PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM:** April 9th: Hellcats at Okinawa with flight demo; April 16th: Story of Lady Be Good; April 23rd: Doolittle Raiders 745 N. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs. Open daily: 10am-5pm. [www.PalmSpringsAirMuseum.org](http://www.PalmSpringsAirMuseum.org). (760) 778-6262.

**RYAN SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS MUSEUM:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, Ryan Field, 4280 Waldon Weaver Road, Hemet, free, (951) 658-2716.

**SAN JACINTO VALLEY MUSEUM:** noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 181 E. Main St., San Jacinto, free, (951) 654-4952.

**THE LIVING DESERT:** Zoo featuring flora and fauna of the area's deserts. Located south of State Highway 111 at 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert. 760-346-5694, [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org).

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM:** Special exhibits: A Walk in the Woods, through May 22; County Schools, Feb. 5-June 26; Multi-Media Mini, Redlands Art Assn., Feb. 24-April 2; 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, \$6, seniors and students \$5, children 5-12 \$4, (909) 307-2669. [www.sbcountymuseum.org](http://www.sbcountymuseum.org).

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Burl Ives (Big Daddy). The MGM film, directed by Richard Brooks, premiered in September 1958 at New York's Radio City Music Hall. Starring Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman as Maggie and Brick, along with Burl Ives successfully recast as Big Daddy, the film became a blockbuster with over \$10 million in sales.


Cat on a Hot Tin Roof is not the simple story of a dysfunctional Southern family, but it is a complex examination of isolation, class, and gender in the context of a repressive 1950s patriarchy. Cat centers in a plantation house, as a family celebrates the sixty-fifth birthday of Big Daddy, as the family sentimentally dubs him. The mood is somber, despite the festivities, because a number of evils poison the gaiety: greed, sins of the past, and desperate clawing hopes for the future spar with one another as the knowledge of Big Daddy's impending death increases.

Fifty years since its debut on Broadway, the award-winning Murrieta Repertory Theatre now brings this American literary classic to life on its main stage. Featuring an all star cast, including such celebrated local artists as Allen Purchis (Big Daddy), Coley O'Brien McAvoy (Brick), Monica Reichl (Maggie) and Ann Walker (Big Mama), Cat on a Hot Tin Roof promises to be an evening of theatre to remember.

"It's the role of a lifetime," grins local artist Allen Purchis, about portraying the role of the legendary patriarch, "Big Daddy." "Like most actors, I have a short

list of plays I've always wanted to do. Over the years I've whittled that list down a bit, yet always at the top of that list was Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, and of course the role of Big Daddy. As for theatrical material, I have always enjoyed the works of Tennessee Williams right along with William Shakespeare, Chekhov, Arthur Miller, and a few others. I appreciate this opportunity to work with MRT and the talented cast this show holds, as well as to scratch one more role off my list."

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof reunites Purchis with co-actors McAvoy and Reichl, having performed in The Ramona Pageant and Mt. San Jacinto College's acclaimed production of Antigone together. Experienced newcomer to MRT, Ann Walker as Big Mama, and acclaimed Director Jim Marbury, round off this powerful cast to bring this rarely performed Williams' masterpiece to life.

"Cat speaks on the separations we as Americans have all faced," declares Director Jim Marbury about the underlying themes of the play. Feminism, homophobia, alcoholism, and the greed of the capitalist class play vital roles in this play. The reactions to his health and fortune force them to evaluate choices each made long ago. "Williams is one of the giants of American Theatre," comments Jim Marbury. "This play remains as important and applicable a commentary on the American family today as it did 50 years ago. Though some may make comparisons to the movie, seeing this play performed live, with the caliber of the cast we have, will leave a deep impact on audiences." 




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