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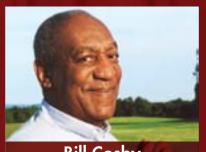
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Some of the attractions you'll see at this year's RCX include: a 10,000+ square-foot, custom-built dirt track (designed by The Dirt's Joey Christensen), the RCX Supercross Race, the Nitro On-Road Championship Shootout, "Try-Me" Mountain (sponsored by RCP Tracks) and "Try-Me" dirt tracks from Traxxas and Horizon, the Southwest Armor Group and their 1/6-scale WW II light, me-



dium and heavy, car-crushing tanks, the RCP West Coast Challenge and more.

Perhaps the best thing of all about RCX is that it's actually three shows in one. Your ticket into RCX also grants you admission to The International Die Cast X Collectors Expo and the Model Airplane News Expo. Presented by Mattel, the Die Cast X Collectors Expo will feature cool giveaways, celebrities and custom vehicles from the full-size car world and two

Hot Wheels downhill racetracks. Over at the Model Airplane News Expo hall, you can attend indoor flight demos and see the latest in micro planes, helis and extreme aerobats, check out the Battle of the Builders contest and test-fly the latest flight sims.

Show hours are 10am to 6pm on Saturday and 10am to 5pm on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at rcx.com and members of the military and their families are admitted for free. If you are a member of the AMA, you can also get free admittance when presenting your membership card.

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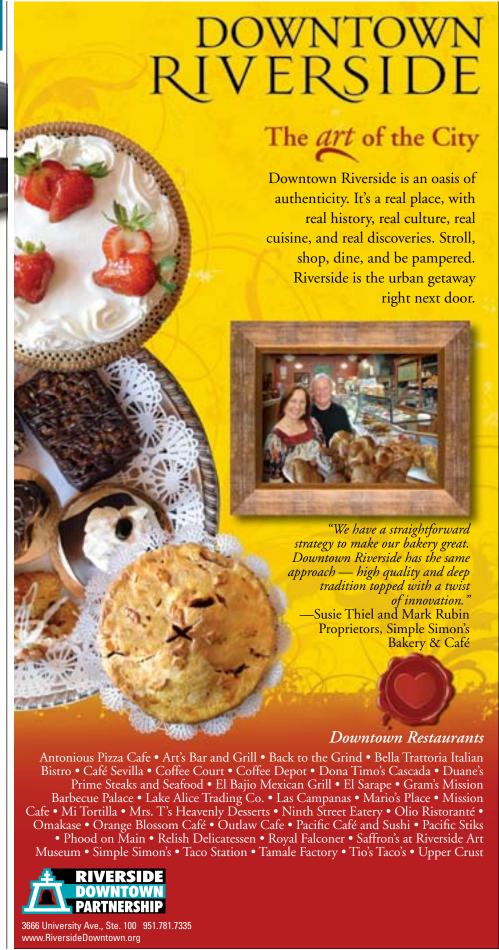
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St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

Celebrate your St. Paddy's day, March 17, in traditional style

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illarney's Restaurant and Irish Pub is taking its annual Irish bash and making it bigger than ever. This year's Riverside event, at the Plaza, is five times bigger. So much larger, in fact, that the party is spilling out into the parking lot.

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in two locations in the Inland Empire: Riverside at the Riverside Plaza and Temecula.

The St. Paddy's Day Bash takes place Wednesday, March 17. Both the Riverside and Temecula locations will feature large, outside areas to contain all the Irish activity, and both locations will feature live music throughout the day.

In Temecula, Galway Hooker performs at Noon, with Bluefish at 4pm and BoxKutters at 8:30pm. In Riverside, enjoy Mighty Regis at Noon, Galway Hooker at 4pm and StereoFlux at 8pm. There is a \$5 cover charge until 3pm, \$10 after 3pm.

Killarney's in Riverside is located at 3639 Riverside Plaza Dr., in the Riverside Plaza Shopping Center. They can be reached at (951) 682-2933. Killarney's in Temecula is at 32475 Temecula Pkwy., in the El Pollo Loco Shopping Center. They can be reached at (951) 302-8338.

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Liam's Irish Pub

et into authentic Irish style in Colton at Liam's Irish Pub this month. In addition to beer and food, the pub features comedy nights, karaoke and live music, and, of course, a big bash on St. Paddy's Day.

St. Patrick's Day festivities, March 17, will begin early, with bands starting at 3pm. The day will feature The Scottish Rejects, Dirty Filthy Mugs, The Galway Hooker Band, Those Manning Boys will perform at Noon, and Irish Pride will also be there with give-aways and promos. The first 300 people after 5pm will receive a souvenir St. Paddy's Day shot glass.

Bands playing throughout the rest of the month include: March 5, 9pm, Lexington Field; March 6, 8pm, No One's Mercy with specials guests; March 12, 8pm, Warsaw Poland Bros.; March 13, 8pm, The Ca Celts; March 19, 8pm, 5 Band Showcase: Animal's Pirate Party; March 27, 8pm, Conspiracy Theory, Organic and T.O.S. Every fourth Friday of the month stop by to see The CA Celts.

Liam's features an assortment of pub food as well as Irish food, including "Leprechaun Nuts" made in their famous Harp based beer batter, hamburgers and fries, mozzarella sticks, tacos, zucchini, cornbeef and cabbage, shepherds pie, fish and chips, beef and guinness stew, irish nachos, and coins o' gold. Liam's full menu is open until midnight everyday. Liam's offers 33 beers on tap, liquor and food specials seven days a week.

Live entertainment at Liam's also includes Karaoke and Comedy Night. Show your stuff with karaoke on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays starting at 9pm. Comedy Night is featured on Tuesdays, hosted by Rick Rome and Just Mikey, with a \$2 entry fee after 9:30pm. Buckets specials are available all night.

Liam's Irish Pub is located at 1087 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., in Colton. For more information, call (909) 422-9900 or go online to www.myspace.com/liamsirishpubcolton.

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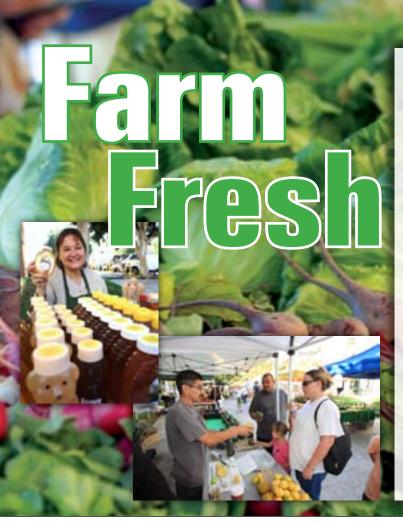












Shop local at Riverside's Downtown Farmers' Market

reshness, food and fun are guaranteed every Saturday in Riverside at the Downtown Farmers Market. Visitors can walk along Main Street Riverside between 5th and 6th Streets enjoying the radiant sights and smells of a wide variety of novelty and fresh food. These sensory delights are ignited by an assortment of treats: fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, hummus, aged Gouda cheese by Winchester Cheese Co., baked bread from Old Towne Baking Co., fish from Smart Fish Co. and many more other specialty food items.

Only eat organic or vegan?

The Farmers Market can surely satisfy that too. The market opens bright and early at 8am and is available to shoppers until 1pm. A diverse set of vendors greet market-goers and offer an exclusive chance to explore their product and buy fresh directly from the hands of the farmer. Fresh fish, herbs, even vegetables specific to Asian cuisine, area farmers line the street in Riverside's downtown offering a unique opportunity to discover these refreshing luxuries.

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American 'Lightning' a staple of WWII Air Power



The Lockheed P-38 Lightning twin-engined fighter plane of World War II fame will be the subject of the monthly Living History Flying Event hosted by Planes of Fame Air Museum at the Chino Airport on Saturday, April 3. The event will begin at 10am with a seminar describing this versatile and effective fighter plane, and conclude with a flight demonstration by the Planes of Fame P-38J Lightning.

One of the most famous and, because of its unique twinboom design, distinctive fighter planes of World War II, the P-38 Lightning served in all theaters of operations and was the mount of America's top-scoring fighter aces of all time. Yet, of the nearly 10,000 Lightnings built during World War II, the Planes of Fame P-38J is one of only about a half dozen that are currently flyable worldwide.

Now housed in its own dedicated display hangar financed and built at the Chino Airport by the 475th Fighter Group Historical Foundation (the 475th FG was the most successful P-38 combat unit of World War II), the Planes of Fame P-38J Lightning also receives support from the P-38 National Association and its core of World War II veterans.

An independent, non-profit institution dedicated to the preservation of the artifacts and history of aviation, Planes of Fame was the first permanent air museum in the American West and pioneer in the concept of restoring historic display aircraft to flying condition. Staffed primarily by a core of dedicated volunteers, the museum supports its operations with admission fees, donations, facilities rentals and proceeds from the use of its aircraft in various productions.

Planes of Fame Air Museum is open to the public every day, except Christmas and Thanksgiving, from 9am until 5pm. General admission is \$11, youngsters 5-11 are admitted for \$4 and admission is free for accompanied children under five.

For more information, call (909)597-7576 or visit the museum's website at www.planesoffame.org.





Free Shade Trees

It's that time of year again - time for Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) electric customers to redeem their free Shade Tree coupons on the back of their March utility bills.

Each March, RPU, the power and water utility provider for the City of Riverside, prints a Free Shade Tree coupon on the back of its March bills, which customers can redeem at one of four local nurseries. Customers will have until June 30, 2010 to redeem this year's coupon, good for one free shade tree, up to \$25 in value.

RPU promotes the proper planting and care of select deciduous shade trees that can help customers cut cooling costs in the summer, while helping to allow the sun's warming rays through that help reduce heating costs in winter.

It is estimated that well-placed trees around a structure can reduce cooling costs by as much as 20 percent. Shade trees not only provide energy savings, they also help beautify the community, clean the air, and reduce noise and soil erosion.

In addition to their free shade tree, RPU customers can also participate in the Utilities' "Tree Power" shade tree incentive program each year to receive additional trees. Tree Power provides rebates of up to \$25 per tree on the purchase of up to five additional shade trees each calendar year (for a maximum rebate of \$125).

In 2009, RPU customers planted 12,744 trees throughout the City of Riverside, 10,468 during the free tree promotion. Since 2001, RPU customers have planted more than 73,000 trees in the city using the utility's Tree Power programs.

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he "Empress of Soul," Gladys Knight, comes to the city of Riverside March 14 to perform at the Fox Performing Arts Center at 8pm.

Gladys Knight began wowing audiences at an early age. When she was seven, Gladys won the very popular *Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour* TV show contest. The following year she, her brother Merald, sister Brenda, and cousins William and Eleanor Guest formed a musical group called The Pips.

By the end of the decade, the act had begun to tour, and had replaced Brenda Knight and Eleanor Guest with cousins Edward Patten and Langston George. Bobby Robinson of Vee-Jay Records produced the single *Every Beat of My Heart* for the group, which became a #1 R&B and #6 pop hit when released in 1962, after which Langston George left the group. The group was renamed Gladys Knight & the Pips and continued as a quartet.

Gladys Knight & the Pips joined Motown and produced numerous hit singles, including "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," the Grammy winner "Neither One of Us (Wants to Be the First to Say Goodbye)," and "Daddy Could Swear (I Declare)." The group left Motown and contracted with Buddha Records in 1973, where they achieved further success.



In 1970, after many hits, Gladys Knight & the Pips were forced to record separately due to legal issues. Gladys recorded her first solo LPs — *Miss Gladys Knight* on Buddha and *Gladys Knight* on Columbia.

After a successful 1988 tour, the Pips retired and Gladys Knight began a career as a solo artist. Gladys Knight & the Pips were later inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996.

Furthering her popularity, Gladys made guest-starring television appearances throughout the eighties and nineties with roles on *Benson, The Jeffersons, A Different World, Living Single, The Jamie Foxx Show* and *New York Undercover.* In 1985, she co-starred on the CBS sitcom *Charlie and Co.* with comedian Flip Wilson.

Gladys Knight's third solo LP, *Good Woman*, was released in 1991. It rose to #1 on the R&B album chart and featured the #2 R&B hit "Men." Her fourth solo LP, *Just for You*, went gold and was nominated for the 1995 Grammy Award for Best R&B Album.

Gladys' most recent albums are *At Last* and *Before Me*, which are doing very well. Her most recent achievements include a Grammy for a duet with Ray Charles — "Heaven Help Us All," from his last album *Ray Charles* — and another Grammy for her album with the All Saints Choir.

Tickets are available through ticketmaster.com and the Riverside Municipal Auditorium Box Office ((951) 788-3944, www. foxriversidelive.com).

EVENT GUIDE

ANNENBERG THEATER

(760) 325-4490, www.annenbergtheater.org. At the Palm Springs Art Museum, 101 Museum Dr., Palm Springs.

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL: Playing through March 28. *See article on page 19.*

ART DEPOT GALLERY

16822 Spring St., Fontana. (909) 349-6975.

www.fontanarecreation.org.

NORMAN DEESING, STONEWARE SNAPSHOTS: Exhibiting April 5-May 21. Artist reception May 7, 7pm. See article on page 18.

BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER

455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont. candlelightpavilion.com. (909) 626-3296.

BIG BEAR LAKE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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THE ODD COUPLE:

Presented by the Community Arts Theater Society. Shows at 7:30pm on March 26, 27, 31, April 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10 with

matinees at 1:30pm on March 28 and April 11. Tickets range from \$12 to \$25 for adults, \$11 to \$23 for seniors and \$9 to \$18 for students and kids under 18. See article on page 20.

BRIDGES AUDITORIUM

Pomona College, 450 N. College Way, Claremont

THE LITTLE MERMAID: Children of all ages delight in Hans Christian Anderson's story as it comes to life. March 13, 2pm & 7pm. March 14, 2pm. Information: (909) 607-1139 www.mermaidlive.com.

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CAL BAPTIST UNIVERSITY THEATRE ARTS

(951) 343-4319. calbaptist.edu/ theater. Wallace Theater, 8432 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside. **OKLAHOMA:** March 26-27, April 9-10. Fri. and Sat. 8pm, Sat. matinee at 2pm. Tickets: general \$15, matinee \$12, seniors and CBU students, faculty and staff \$12.

CALIFORNIA THEATRE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

For tickets, call (909) 885-5152 or go online to ticketmaster. com. 562 W. Fourth St., San Bernardino.

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Tickets available at theatre.csusb.edu.

CENTER STAGE THEATRE

8463 Sierra Ave., Fontana. (909) 349-6979. www.centerstagefontana.com ACADEMY AWARDS GALA

EVENT: March 7, 4-11pm.

CHAFFEY COLLEGE

5885 Haven Ave., Rancho Cucamonga. (909) 652-6067. **ALL IN THE TIMING:** An evening of comedy. March 4,-6, 7:30pm, March 6-7, 2pm. Tickets: \$10.

CHRISTIAN ARTS THEATER

Corona Civic Center, 815 W. 6th St., in Corona. (951) 279-2298.

FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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GLADYS KNIGHT: March 14, 8pm. See article on page 14.

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Indian Wells. www. IndianWellsArtsFestival.com See article on page 20.

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE

12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. Tickets available at lewisfamilyplayhouse.com, (909) 477-2752.

RENT: March 13, 7:30pm. See article on page 17.

THE LITTLE MERMAID: Children of all ages delight in Hans Christian Anderson's story as it comes to life. March 20. 3pm & 7:30pm, March 21, 2pm. CG RYCHE: March 27, 8pm. Ryche creates a multi-cultural journey through rhythm and combines drumming from Cuba, Brazil, Africa, Japan and the United States with an unprecedented lived show that pushes the boundaries of sight, sound and imagination. Tickets: \$35. BARRAGE: April 2, 8pm. **GREASE:** April 9-18, Fri. and Sat. at 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm. Tickets: Adults \$16.50, seniors and youth

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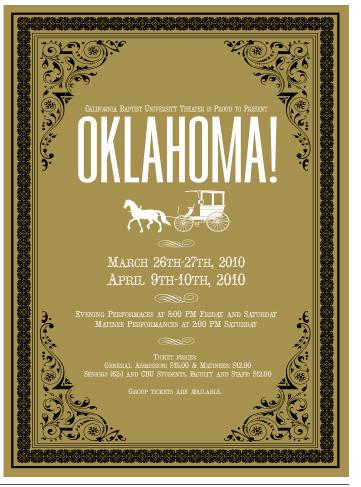
"Performance Tuesdays" will continue in March and April at the Steelworkers' Auditorium. Attendees can experience a variety of theater, music, dance, and cultural art performances for free on Tuesday nights at 6PM.



to the Lewis Library and Technology Center, the Steelworkers' Auditorium is a premiere performing arts venue. Available for rent with seating for 330, the auditorium is ideal for musical performances, dance showcases, speaking engagements, and more!

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>> ON STAGE

Broadway at the Gardens Presents 'Rent' at the Lewis Family Playhouse

Award-winning play comes to Rancho Cucamonga

The City of Rancho Cucamonga will present Broadway at the Gardens production of Jonathan Larson's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical *Rent*, opening March 5 at the Lewis Family Playhouse at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center.

This ground-breaking musical tells the story of a group of young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side. Rent tackles social issues of poverty, addiction, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and, most of all, the transcending power of love.

This inspiring story features some of the Inland Empire's top theatrical talents. More than 200 hopeful performers from greater Los Angeles and the Inland Empire vied for the 15 iconic roles which will be portrayed on the Lewis Family Playhouse stage by Dylan Hunter (Mark), Nicci Claspell (Mimi), Casey O'Farrell (Roger), Adrianna Lyons (Maureen), Tim Brown (Benny), Nicole Tillman (Joanne), Ben Alicea (Angel), and Loren Smith (Collins). Stephanie Duarde, Catherine Hwang, Caleb Shaw, Trance Thompson, Miguel Cardenas, Tim Woods, and Nataly Wright complete the cast playing multiple roles in the production.

The show's creative team is headed by accomplished director and Broadway performer Ron Kellum (*Fosse, Dreamgirls*, and *Chicago*). Fellow Broadway veteran Courtney Corey (Maureen in the original *Rent* National Tour and recent Elphaba understudy in Southern California's *Wicked*) co-directs and is choreographer. Musical Director and Conductor David Lamoureux will lead the live band made up of the region's top musicians.

Broadway at the Gardens was created by the City of Rancho Cucamonga to provide adult audiences with a theatrical experience full of intensity, passion, and drama. Last year marked the first Broadway at the Gardens Theatrical Event with *Sweeney Todd* featuring John LaLonde and Debbie Prutsman in the leading roles.

Rent opens March 5 and continues through March 14 playing Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 2pm. All tickets are priced at \$33.50. Rent contains adult and mature subject matter and is not suitable for all audiences.

An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the three-acre, 89,000-square foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The complex at 12505 Cultural Center Drive is located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard, as a major anchor of Victoria Gardens. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 6pm, and Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm, with free parking available.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, call the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422, or visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.



'Stoneware Snapshots' at Fontana's Artist Showcase

he spring showcase at Fontana's Art Depot Gallery features sculptor Norman Deesing and his exhibition titled Stoneware Snapshots. Every quarter, the Art Depot in Fontana features a Southern California artist and displays their work at the Art Depot Gallery.

From April 5 to May 4 stop by the Gallery to check out Deesing's exhibit featuring a group of sculptures which capture dramatic moments in the lives of people. Like snapshots in time, he uses the three dimensional human figure to tell stories of stirring human dramas that surround us all. Beauty, greed, tragedy, love, life and death are just some of the elements of people's lives represented within Deesing's Stoneware Snapshots collection.

Norman Deesing was born and raised in San Diego. He first became interested in art as a child and was drawn to a creative lifestyle. But life and its many challenges took Norman in a different direction. For 20 years his artistic talents lay dormant. Then in 1984, he graduated



from the University of California at Davis with an undergraduate degree in Fine Arts Methods. Studying under well known artists such as Robert Arneson and Wayne Thiebeau, Deesing refined his skills as an artist. After graduating, Deesing worked in various artistic capacities such as graphic design, painting, photography and others. In 2000 he started teaching ceramic arts in high school which he found to be very rewarding. Deesing is grateful for the opportunity to inspire and mentor young

artists he can identify with.

To hear more from Norman Deesing and his story, stop by the Art Depot Gallery on Friday May 7 from 6pm to 9pm for Family Art Day. During Family Art Day at 7pm, Norman will be present to demonstrate his talents and talk to the public about the specific works and techniques he uses in his sculptures. Family Art Day also includes hands on activities as well as live entertainment.

The Art Depot is located in Downtown Fontana, across from the Lewis Library at 16822 Spring Street. The Art Depot Gallery is free and open to the public Tuesday through Thursday from 10am to 5pm, Friday from 10am to 6pm and Saturday from 12pm to 5pm.

The quarterly artist showcase is a cornerstone of the Fontana Arts program focused on enriching life through art events and activities in the Fontana Community. For more information, call (909) 349-6975 or visit online at www. fontanarecreation.org.

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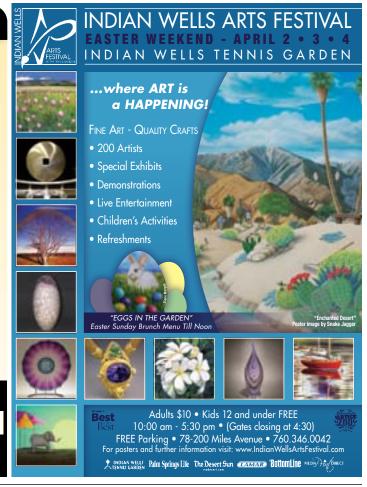


Agatha Christie brings forth another hit, this time, about a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house during a snowstorm, one of whom is a murderer. Chalk up another superb intrigue from the foremost mystery writer of her time.

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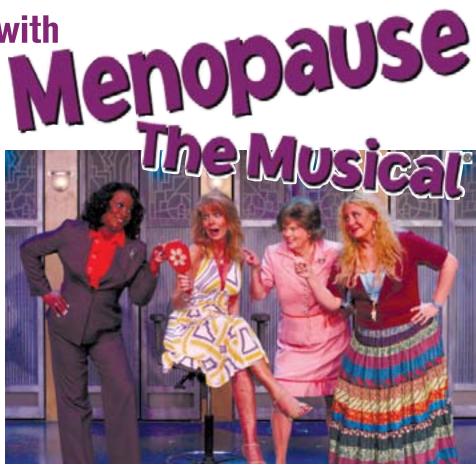
he international hit show *Menopause The Musical* made its Palm Springs debut to capacity crowds at the Annenberg Theater in the Palm Springs Art Museum. People are talking about the lyrics, cast and stage crew and the hits that we all remember.

"What a professionally done production. We loved the lyrics and the performers in the show were great. I would recommend everyone in the valley to see it, even the guys," John Pivinski, CEO of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, said.

"I thought *Menopause* was brilliant. Going through the change myself, it made me laugh even louder and I needed to use the 'Hot Flash Fan' I purchased. Great cast, great music and lyrics, and not just for women. Guys will find it entertaining as well," Dana Adkins of ACT Tours said.

Menopause The Musical is set in a department store where four women with seemingly nothing in common but a black lace bra meet by chance at a lingerie sale. The all-female cast makes fun of their woeful hot flashes, forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges. A sisterhood is created between these diverse women as they realize that menopause is no longer The Silent Passage. It is a stage in every woman's life that is perfectly normal.

Menopause The Musical is the work of writer and producer Jeanie Linders. The laughter-filled 90-minute production includes parodies from the classics of the '60s



and '70s and '80s.

Menopause The Musical has launched a women's movement that has superseded entertainment and become a must-see event. It is estimated that nearly 11 million women have attended a performance since the 2001 opening in Orlando, Florida. Inspired by a hot flash and a bottle of wine, Linders created the show as a celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change."

"Most women know intuitively that every other woman is experiencing hot flashes or night sweats," Linders said. "There is always a close friend or two who can sympa-

thize or identify with her, but when they are sitting in a theatre with hundreds of other women, all laughing and shouting, 'That's me! That's me on stage!' they know what they are experiencing is normal."

Since its first performance, the show has evolved as a grassroots movement of women who deal with life after 40 and all the challenges that result from the mental, physical, and spiritual freedom of being a woman.

Menopause the Musical runs through March 28 at the Annenberg Theater. For more information, call (760) 325-4490, or go online to www.annenbergtheater.org or www.menopausethemusical.com.

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MCCALLUM THEATRE

Box Office: (760) 340-ARTS, www. mccallumtheatre.com. 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert.

AVENUE Q: March 5 at 8pm, March 6 at 2pm and 8pm, March 7 at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets: \$85, \$65, \$55, and \$45.

KATHY GRIFFIN: March 9, 8pm, and March 10, at 8pm. Tickets: \$95, \$75, \$65 and \$55.

GLADYS KNIGHT: Thursday, March 11, 8pm. Tickets: \$125, \$85, \$75, and \$65.

SMOKEY ROBINSON: Friday, March 12, at 8pm. Tickets: \$125, \$85, \$75. and \$65.

KEIKO MATSUI: March 13, 8pm. Tickets: \$65, \$45, \$35 and \$25.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER

42051 Main St., Temecula. (866) 653-8696. www.temeculatheater.org. **JAZZ AT THE MERC:** Thursdays, 7:30pm.

LIVE AT THE MERC: Fridays, 8pm. **GOSPEL AT THE MERC:** Saturdays, 2:30pm.

COUNTRY AT THE MERC: Saturdays, 7pm and 9pm.

CLASSICS AT THE MERC: Sundays, 3pm.

DEAR EDWINA: March 5, 6, at 7:30pm, March 6, 7, at 2pm. **DANCE MOVES:** March 16, 7pm. \$5 suggested donation.

BIG BAND SWING FROM NEW YORK TO RIO: March 18, 7:30pm.

MOONALICE: March 19, 8pm. Tickets: \$20.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL:

March 20, 7-10pm. Concert features Alan Munde Gazette, Bluegrass Etc and Silverado Bluegrass. Tickets: \$15 and \$10. March 21, 3pm, with Alan Munde Gazette and Sligo Rags. Tickets:

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'The Odd Couple' takes the Big Bear stage



John Grandi as Oscar in the CATS production of The Odd Couple.

ATS, The Community Arts
Theater Society in Big Bear, announced that they will present
the classic comedy *The Odd Couple*,
for a 10 performance run at the Big
Bear Lake Performing Arts Center.

Written by Neil Simon in 1965, The Odd Couple remains hilariously timeless as a stage play and has become an American classic. It is one of the few hit Broadway plays that successfully transcended into a long-run television sit-com, a movie and a movie sequel. Over the decades, "Felix and Oscar" and "the odd couple" have become common terms for quirky character traits and mismatched personalities in our daily vocabulary. The television series has virtually never been off the air, remaining in syndication all over the world.

After a 10 year break, CATS once

again brings "Mr. Big Bear," John Grandi, to the stage as the unkempt Oscar with local TV personality John Wells as the neat-nick Felix.

Grandi is well known for many onstage CATS roles, as well as his previous outings as Oscar, first in 1998 and then in 2000. Rounding out the hilarious cast are other CATS veterans: Jim Weyant as Speed, Steve Combs as Murray, Jan Janofsky as Vinny, Bob Butkus as Roy, with Elena Peavy and Elaina Winters as the free-spirited Pigeon Sisters.

Karen Sargent Rachels directs and produces, with Joanne McMaster as set designer, Priscilla Anderson as costume designer, Donna Fisch as assistant to the producer, Karen Bergmann assistant to the set designer and funds coordinator, set construction headed by Dennis Brown and Bill Ferguson, program ads by Gloria

Meade, Carlin Harris, stage manager, and Sharon Hendricks, production assistant.

CATS follows *The Odd Couple* with the rousing musical, *The Music Man* from June 25-July 11, and *CATS Old Fashioned Christmas*, Nov. 12-28.

For other CATS events and for tickets, check their website at www. bigbeartheater.org.

The Odd Couple shows at 7:30pm on March 26, 27, 31, April 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10 with matinees at 1:30pm on March 28 and April 11. Depending on performance date and seats chosen, reserved tickets range from \$12 to \$25 for adults, \$11 to \$23 for seniors and \$9 to \$18 for students and kids under 18. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office at (909) 866-4970 or through the CATS website.

Indian Wells hops with art Easter weekend

t's time to relax and smell the flowers. Feel the ocean breeze, climb the highest mountain – or visit your favorite foreign land. Actually, it is all possible to do and more Easter weekend at the Indian Wells Arts Festival at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden.

More than 200 artists will transform an already magnificent venue into a spectacular experience for all ages. From whimsical to historical; from bright and wild to serene and sedate; animals, vegetables, minerals... they are all present in various forms and figures, calling to you.

There are paintings of course, and bronze, glass, metal, clay and wood sculp-

tures, photography, jewelry, furniture and décor, plus fine craft items, wearable creations and virtually thousands of unique, one of a kind hand-made pieces, depicting traditional and contemporary designs.

Accomplished artists explore opportunities gleaned by their gifts, study and education. One direction many take is the art show circuit. Participating artists from throughout the United States are chosen from a wide number of applicants. Once accepted, they include this show on their annual road map, which takes them from city to city, weekend by weekend. They work, hard by day and night, choosing, finishing and packing the pieces they will soon unpack and display under canopies for you to see. It is a phenomenal effort on the road to success.

It doesn't matter if you are an art aficionado, a long time collector, or if you have never been to an art show before, there is something for everyone, and prices for every pocketbook. It is a wonderful way to complement your home with a piece bought directly from the artist. Demonstrations and

explanations of thought process and methods add to the memory of your purchase.

Over 10,000 local residents, families and tourists are expected to attend this year's festival, ranked one of the "100 Best Fine Art Shows in the country" by Sunshine Artist magazine, and "Best of the Best" by Palm Springs Life magazine. The Indian Wells Arts Festival is known for ongoing art demonstrations, special exhibits, children's activities, live entertainment, refreshments, wine tasting and more.

The 8th Annual Indian Wells Arts Festival takes place Easter weekend, April 2-4 from 10am to 5:30pm (gates close at 4:30pm), at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. Admission for adults is \$10, children 12 and under are free. Parking is free and valet parking is available.

The Indian Wells Tennis Garden is located at 78-200 Miles Avenue, in Indian Wells. The venue is handicap accessible and guide dogs are welcome. For Festival information visit www.IndianWellsArtsFestival.com, join them on Facebook.com/IndianWellsArtsFestival or call (760) 346-0042.



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\$5. Festival runs March 19-21 with free concerts featuring: Sligo Rags, Alan Munde Gazette, Silverado Bluegrass, Hunt Family Bluegrass, Lonesome Otis, Old Haywires, Bluegrass Brethren, Gone Tomorrow, Highway 76, and Older than Dirt. Concerts take place at the Town Square and Old Town Temecula Community Theater.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD:

March 25, 26, 27, April 1, 2, 3, at 7:30pm, and March 28, April 3 at 2pm. Tickets: Fri. and Sat. evenings \$28 and \$23, Thurs. and Sat./Sun. matinees \$25 and \$20.

OPERA IN THE PARK

The 12th annual Opera in the Park will spotlight the Southwest's brightest up and coming opera stars. This event is free. Sunday, March 28, Noon-5pm, at Sunrise

Park in the City of Palm Springs. Located on Sunrise Way between Ramon Road and Baristo Road. Shuttles will be provided from designated parking lots. This festive day in the park will consist of food and wine sales, non-profit organizations, artisans and unique art vendors along with Opera in the Park logo t-shirts, hats and sundries.

PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE

Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or performanceriverside.org.

RAMONA BOWL

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RIALTO COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Rialto Community Playhouse, 150 E. San Bernardino Ave., Rialto. (909) 873-8514.

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: March 5, 6, 12, and 13 at Ramona High School in Riverside.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

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4026 14th St., Riverside.

MOUSETRAP: March 19-April 4. Tickets: \$15.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE

At the Wallace Theatre, 8432 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside. (951) 756-4240. www.riversideyouththeatre.org.

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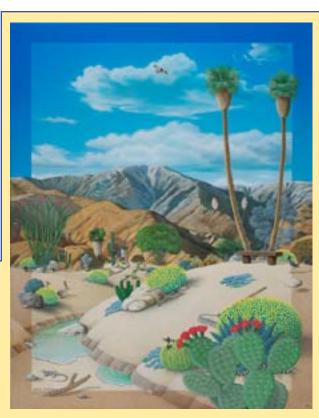
Adjacent to the Lewis Library and Technology Center, the Steelworkers' Auditorium is a premiere performing arts venue. Available for rent with seating for 330. Located at 8437 Sierra Avenue in Fontana. For information, call (909) 428-8818 or go online to www.fontanarecreation.

PERFORMANCE TUESDAYS:

Experience a variety of theater, music, dance, and cultural art performances for free on Tuesday nights at 6pm through April, 2010.

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Artist's love of the desert shows through

nake Jagger is love struck with his native desert home - and thrilled at being chosen the 8th Annual Indian Wells Arts Festival's featured signature artist for its 2010 season. Nowhere is his fascination more apparent than in his latest work entitled "Enchanted Desert"

> (above), the image selected for the Festival's commemorative poster.

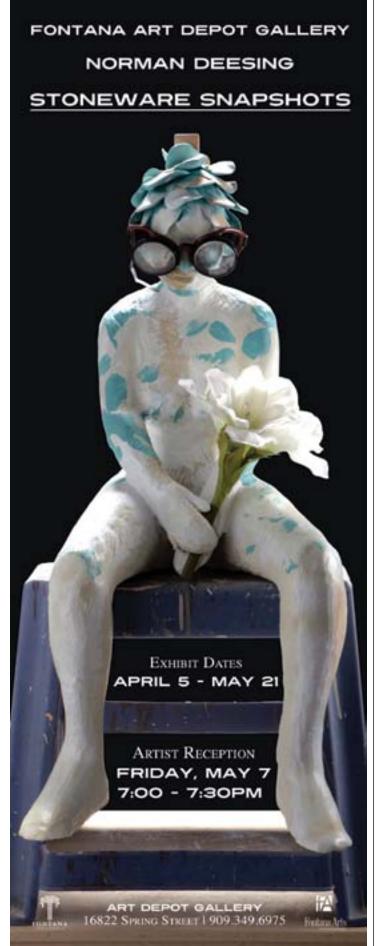
"This was an extremely long process, occasionally stressful, but a labor of love" Snake said. "It is truly my favorite and best work yet."

"Snake begins with what he knows best - the California Desert - and transforms that raw material into novel images that amaze and delight," Dianne Funk, festival producer, said. III



Snake Jagger at work.





▼ FREE CONCERTS

Downtown Street Jam Returns with Irish Bands and 'Smile Empty Soul'

By Natasha Ferguson

owntown Street Jam is a concert series that was launched in April 2009 and has since become one of the most anticipated concerts in Riverside. A broad range of musical talents have graced the stage of Downtown Street Jam drawing thousands of music lovers from near and far to enjoy this free community event. Downtown Street Jam was dubbed "biggest outdoor musical event since the Orange Blossom Festival" by The Press-Enterprise, and received an award from the Riverside Arts Council last year.

The next event takes place Saturday, March 13 from 2 to 9pm. The outdoor mobile stage, at the intersection of Orange and Ninth streets, gives the audience a front row seat to top rate entertainment right in the heart of downtown Riverside. This concert is free and open to the public and attendees are encouraged to bring their own chair and arrive early to secure a good spot.

In celebration of St. Paddy's Day, two local Irish bands will perform. The *Leperkhanz* will hit the stage from 3 to 4:30pm,



Smile Empty Soul



Leperkhanz



California Celts

followed by *California Celts* from 5 to 6:30pm. Adorned in traditional Irish kilts, *The California Celts* are a unique group that pays homage to its Scotch-Irish heritage. They are noted for being pioneers of a new genre of music described as, "Celtic Ska," due to their music being a fushion of Reggae, Bluegrass, Mexicano

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and Rock.

The featured performers are alternative/modern rock band and recording artist *Smile Empty Soul* who will hit the stage at 7pm. This young trio band hails from Santa Clarita where they first got together and formed while still in High School in the early 2003. Their first self-titled album with their smash single, "Bottom of a Bottle," reached the top 100's on the music charts and received gold status with over 500,000 units sold. Their third and latest album titled, "Conciousness" is the first release for a new joint partnership between independent record label F.O.F. and EMI Music Group. The band members are guitarist and lead vocalist Sean Danielsen, bassist Ryan Martin, and Jake Kilmer on drums. Danielsen is also the bands principal songwriter whose lyrics have been described by critics and fans as edgy but raw.

Radio station X103.9 has partnered with Downtown Street Jam organizers, and their street team and radio personalities will be at the venue doing promotional giveaways, live remotes, games and more.

Downtown Street Jam is sponsored and hosted by Riverside Downtown Partnership and the City of Riverside, along with downtown businesses Mission Tobacco Lounge, Lake Alice, Worthington's Tavern, Mario's Place, and Menagerie/Delights. Additional sponsors include the X103.9 radio, InstantRiverside.com and PIP Printing.

For more information contact Natasha Ferguson at (951) 341-6550. Downtown Street Jam can be found on social media sites at myspace.com/downtownstreetjam, twitter.com/dtstreetjam, facebook.com/downtownriverside, and check out videos at youtube.com/riversidedowntown.





Old Town Bluegrass Festival Offers A Weekend Of Free Music, Jamming And Concerts

lan Munde Gazette will highlight the Old Town Temecula Bluegrass Festival March 20 and 21. Bandleader Munde's long, rich history in the bluegrass community has solidified him as

one of the world's foremost five-string banjo players. He brings his Gazette band of Elliott Rogers-Guitar/Vocal, Bill Honker-Bass/Vocal, Steve Smith-Mandolin/Vocal, and Nate Lee-Fiddle/Vocal. Gazette will play twice Saturday and Sunday of the event.

This is the tenth year for the Festival and organizers have added two free concerts Friday evening plus a jam session at Embassy Suites in Temecula, 5-7pm. *Highway 138* will perform from 7-9pm at Sweet Lumpy's and *Old Haywire* will perform at Palumbo's from 6 to 8pm. Both restaurants are in Old Town and admission is free. The legendary *Moonalice Band* will perform in concert Friday, March 19 at the Old Town Temecula Community Theater at 8pm. *Moonalice* tickets are available at www.temecula-theater.org.

Munde and his band will headline Saturday and Sunday, playing once each day on the Town Square outdoor stage at Mercedes and Main Street. The band is also part of a three-act concert Saturday evening, 7pm, indoors at the Old Town Temecula Community Theater. On the same billing are *Bluegrass Etc.*, and *Silverado Bluegrass Festival*. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for balcony seats.

Also performing outdoors are: Bluegrass Etc., Lonesome Otis, Even So, Sligo Rags, Hunt Family Bluegrass, Gone Tomorrow, the Silverado Bluegrass Band, Older than Dirt, Old

Haywire, and Highway 76 Bluegrass Band. Bands perform on two stages from 11am to 6pm on Saturday and 11am to 5pm on Sunday. All outdoor concerts, workshops and jam sessions are free. Daytime concerts in the theater Saturday are also free.

Sunday features *Bluegrass Brethren* in a free gospel concert at the Old Town Temecula Community Theater, plus a 3pm matinee featuring *Alan Munde Gazette* and *Sligo Rags*. This concert is \$5 while concerts outdoors remain free.

"Pickers" (Bluegrassers' term for musicians) jam anywhere along the rustic streets of Old Town Temecula. Scheduled workshops on the mandolin, fiddle, guitar and banjo are held each day in the "Merc" at 42051 Main Street and are free.

To visit the cultural district of Old Town Temecula take the 15 Freeway to Rancho California Road or Highway 79 south and follow the signs leading to Old Town Front Street. Public parking is free. RV parking is available in town for \$30 for the weekend. Call (951) 678-0831 for RV reservations. For information call (951) 693-3952 or visit www.temeculacalifornia.com.





Casinos

Anka, Valli & Chicago Coming To Fantasy Springs

antasy Springs Resort Casino will host three separate concerts coming this March featuring powerhouse performers: Paul Anka on March 13, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons on March 20 and Chicago on March 26 take the stage inside the Fantasy Springs Special Events Center.

Tickets for all three shows may be purchased in person at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via telephone by calling (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

Paul Anka performs at Fantasy Springs March 13. Even though Anka has been writing and singing on the national and international stage since 1957, this pop music superstar still churns out top-selling albums and songs. Tickets for *Paul Anka's* show are \$39-\$79.

Younger people have recently become familiar with the music of *Frankie Valli* and *The 4 Seasons* due in large part to the popularity of the musical, "Jersey Boys." Valli scored 29 Top 40 hits with The 4 Seasons and nine Top 40 hits as a solo artist. Tickets for *Frankie Valli and the 4 Seasons* on March 20th are \$29-\$59.

Rounding out the month of March in the concert arena, supergroup *Chicago* gets ready to wow the audience at Fantasy







Frankie Valli

Springs on March 26. This pop/rock/ fusion band formed in 1967 and started out largely as an experimental rock band, though their sound morphed in to a predominantly softer one. Tickets for *Chicago* are \$49-\$69.

For more information, call toll free (800)

827-2946 or visit www.FantasySpringsResort.com. Follow Fantasy Springs on its social networking sites and get up to the minute information of everything going on around the resort by logging onto http://www.fantasyspringsresort.com/general/social_networking.html.

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12TH FLOOR COCKTAIL LOUNGE & WINE BAR:

The space features plush furniture perfect for relaxing and enjoying a favorite cocktail or glass of wine. For entertainment, some of the most recognizable musicians around the Palm Springs area perform at the 12th Floor Wine Bar on Friday and Saturday nights from 9pm to 1am. There is no cover. March lineup: March 5 & 6: Pat Tuzzolino; March 12 & 13: Rose Mallet; March 19 & 20: Rose Mallet.



EAGLE FALLS GOLF COURSE: (760) 238-5633. www.eaglefallsgolf.com. Located at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino. 18-Hole, Par 72 Championship Course.

POM RESTAURANT: Tuesday nights are barbeque nights starting at 5pm. Diners can opt for an out of this world Barbeque feast featuring the best of the East and West coasts and from the south. Three full courses with plenty of side dishes and dessert is \$14.95 per person. Thursday nights Abbondanza Italian night, \$14.95 per person. Features a family-style three course meal.

PAUL ANKA: March 13. 8pm.

FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS: March 20, 8pm.

Audi A5 Convertible Up For Grabs At Fantasy Springs

uring the month of March, Fantasy Springs Resort Casino gives guests the chance to win a luxury convertible Audi A5 in the "Knock Your Top Off" car and prize giveaway. Players can imagine themselves driving the coveted car away from Fantasy Springs with the top down, their hair sailing through the wind in the balmy Palm Springs weather.

The car will be given away to one lucky contest entrant on Saturday, March 27. Other finalists will receive \$1,000 in free slot play from Fantasy Springs. All one needs to do to enter to win the Audi is come into the casino and swipe his or her Fantasy Rewards card at kiosks located near the Fantasy Rewards desk. Players may swipe to enter once per day between Monday and Friday

from 8am to 11pm through Friday, March 26. On the grand prize drawing day – Saturday, March 27 – all guests who entered to win the Audi A5 will need to come into Fantasy Springs and swipe their Fantasy Rewards cards one last time to activate all of their entries. From 6pm to 9pm on Saturday, March 27, three names will be called each hour. These finalists will go on to play for the plush convertible. After 9pm, the 12 final contestants will make their way up to the Fantasy Springs stage. Each will select a metal briefcase. The player who selects the briefcase containing the Audi A5 picture drives off with the grand prize. The other 11 contestants receive \$1,000 in free slot play from

Fantasy

Springs.

Players must be 21 or older to participate in the "Knock Your Top Off" car and prize giveaway. They must also be a Fantasy Rewards member.

Call (800) 827-2946 or log onto www. fantasyspringsresort.com for more information.

Fantasy Springs is located off Interstate 10, minutes from Palm Springs and the Palm Springs International Airport. Fantasy Springs is a privately operated business of

the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians.



ENT GUIDE

CHICAGO: March 26, 8pm.

SNOOP DOGG AND COMEDIAN MIKE EPPS: May

1, 8pm, at the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino's Special Events Center. The pair, who recently recorded a unique comedy album together, will appear on stage separately, though Snoop Dogg may help out on some jokes and Mike Epps may give an assist or two on some of the rapper/singer's big hit songs. Tickets: \$69-\$89.

EARTH, WIND AND FIRE: May 14, 8pm, at the Fantasy Springs Special Events Center. Tickets: \$39-\$59.

HEART: At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, May 29, 8pm. Tickets: \$39-\$59.

PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO

(951) 693-1819. pechanga.com. 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. Box Office (951) 303-2507. **TEENA MARIE:** March 5. Tickets: \$50, \$65, \$85. **TIM CONWAY & FRIENDS:** March 13, 8pm. Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$65. THE FENIANS: March 17, 8pm. Tickets: \$15, \$20, \$25

APO HIKING SOCIETY: March 19-20, 8pm. SUPERTRAMP'S ROGER HODGSON: March 27, 8pm. Tickets: \$45, \$55, \$65.

MC HAMMER: At the Pechanga Showroom Theater April 2, 8pm. Tickets: \$55, \$45, \$35. JENNI RIVERA: April 9, 8pm. Tickets: \$80, \$90, \$110.

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Features 2,000 slots, 28 table games, live poker, live entertainment, non-smoking area and restaurants. (951) 665-1000 or (866) 4-SOBOBA. www. soboba.net. 23333 Soboba Road, San Jacinto. Tickets: 1-866-4-SOBOBA, ext. 183.

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COACHELLA VALLEY POKER CHAMPIONSHIP NO LIMIT TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT:

March 12-14, Fri. at 6pm, Sat. at 2pm, Sunday at Noon. To register, call (866) 377-6829.

Fun, activities and health at 'Lefty's'





Free run/walk aims to teach the importance of health, and have a blast doing it

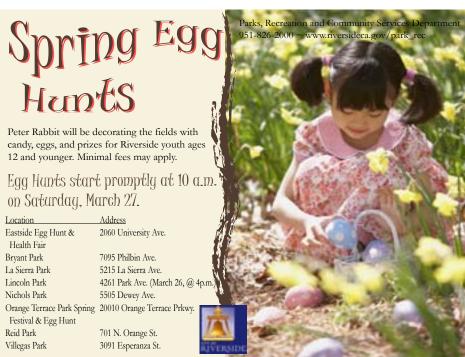
t's time to lace up your running shoes for an event that's sure to inspire you to greater levels of health. Lefty's Family Fun Day & 5K will be held on Saturday, March 27, at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana. This challenge is the premier event promoting healthy lifestyles for kids and their families across the Inland area and is brought to you by Auto Club Speedway and Healthy Communities from San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

The morning begins with a 5K on the Speedway Track where NASCAR races are held. Kids and their families can walk, jog, skate, bike, or scooter on the track. It is quite a sight to see the stadium from the vantage point of a race car driver.

The 5K ends at the Speedway Fanzone which is turned into the Family Fun part of the day. This expo is completely geared to kids of all ages providing lots of fun activities such as sport exhibitions, basketball, soccer clinics, Zumba dance, skateboarding, food samples, and more.

Lefty's Family Fun Day & 5K provides a fun filled family oriented activity at no cost. There is no charge to park or participate, and nothing in the expo is sold. The goal is to promote a healthy lifestyle and educate families about the great activities available to them in their local area and to make physical activity a part of their life.

Go to www.leftys5k.com to register and download the waiver. If you have questions, call Healthy Communities at (909) 888-3571 or email at healthycommunities@dph.sbcounty.gov.







ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN

The Alpine Slide lets riders experience Olympic-like action as they negotiate sleds along a quarter-mile track with banked turns and long straightaways. The Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain is located on the boulevard in Big Bear Lake, 1/4 mile west of the Village shopping area, home to 60 specialty stores. 800 Wild Rose Lane. Call (909) 866-4626.

BOOMERS

In Upland. Miniature Golf Courses, Go Karts, Bumper Boats, Rock Wall, Ferris Wheel, Spinning Tubs, Airplane Ride, Tiny Tot Cars, Two Arcades, Snack Bar & Cafe. 1500 W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 946-9555.

BRIDGES AUDITORIUM

Pomona College, 450 N. College Way, Claremont

THE LITTLE MERMAID: Children of all ages delight in Hans Christian

KID STUFF EVENT GUIDE

Anderson's story as it comes to life. March 13, 2pm & 7pm. March 14, 2pm. Information: (909) 607-1139 www.mermaidlive.com.

CASTLE PARK

Rides, games and miniatures golf. 3500 Polk Ave., Riverside. (951) 785-3000.

DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER

2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana. Open 10am to 5pm daily. Off 5 freeway, exit Main St. (714) 542-CUBE. www.discoverycube.org.

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KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

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LEFTY'S FAMILY FUN DAY & 5K

March 27, Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, promoting healthy lifestyles for kids and their families. See article on page 28.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

FONTANA'S EASTER EGG-CITEMENT

Saturday, April 3. Egg hunts, music, games and more family activities. Egg hunts start at 10am. Activities take place at: Jessie Turner Center, Don Day Center and Jack Bulik Park. For more information, call (909) 349-6900.

RIVERSIDE SPRING EGG HUNTS

Egg hunts, with candy, eggs and prizes, for Riverside youth ages 12 and younger.
Egg hunts start at 10am, Saturday, March 27. A minimal fee may apply. Locations include: Eastside Egg Hunt & Health Fair, 2060
University Ave; Bryant Park, 7095 Philbin Ave.; La Sierra Park, 5215 La Sierra Ave.; Lincoln Park, 4261 Park Ave. (March 26, at 4pm); Nichols Park, 5505 Dewey Ave.; Orange Terrace Park Spring Festival & Egg Hunt, 20010 Orange Terrace Prkwy.; Reid Park, 701 N. Orange St.; Villegas Park 3091 Esperanza St. For more information, call (951) 826-2000 or go online to www.riversideca.gov/park_rec.

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE

12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. Tickets available at lewisfamilyplayhouse.com, (909) 477-2752.

THE LITTLE MERMAID: Children of all ages delight in Hans Christian Anderson's story as it comes to life. March 20, 3pm & 7:30pm, March 21, 2pm.

LOLLIPOP PARK

In Lake Arrowhead Village. The park features go karts, mini golf,

pirate ship ride, swing ride, train and fun house.

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM

See more than 200 rail vehicles from streetcars to modern diesel-electric locomotives. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5pm daily, 2201 S. A St., Perris; train and trolley rides, weekends and holidays, 11 a.m. to 5pm; all-day train and trolley pass \$12, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 943-3020. www.oerm.org.

RCX RADIO CONTROL EXPO

March 20-21, Pomona Fairplex, Pomona. The biggest and most dynamic event in the world of radio control. rcx.com. *See article on page 6.*

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S THEATRE



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: March 5, 6, 12, and 13 at Ramona High School in Riverside.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE

At the Wallace Theatre, 8432 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside. (951) 756-4240. ••

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EASTER ACTIVITIES

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FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

BRIDAL SHOWS

Produced by C.W. Originals: Crystal Vision Bridal Gala, March 7 at Sierra Lakes Country Club in Fontana; Diamond Le Bridal Gala, March 28, Irvine Marriott Hotel, in Irvine.

CALIFORNIA WELCOME CENTER

Ask for a regional recreation and relaxation passport. 1955 Hunts Lane, #102, in San Bernardino. (909) 891-1874. visitcwc.com or cwcinlandempire.com.

CANYON CREST TOWNE CENTRE

Shop, dine, relax and enjoy at the Towne Centre, located at 5225 Canyon Crest Dr. in Riverside. (951) 686-1222. www.cctownecentre.com. Outdoor events are weather permitting.

ART SHOW: Second Saturday of each month, 10am until 3pm.

CAR SHOW: Second Sunday of each month, 2pm until 5pm.

Get your event listed in the



"What To Do" Section

If you have an upcoming event that you would like to see listed in these pages, please send the following information:

- Name of the event
- · Date and time
- · City, location and address
- A contact phone number
- Name of the person submitting the event

Send it in one of the following ways: **EMAIL:** IER@InlandReview.com

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THE 8TH INDIAN WELLS ARTS FESTIVAL

Enjoy special exhibits, larger than life art installations and demonstrations, plus thousands of one-of-a-kind pieces of art for sale by 200 artists from around the country. Easter Weekend, April 2, 3 & 4, at the grass promenade of the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. See article on page 20.

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OLD TOWN TEMECULA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

March 20 and 21. See article on page 25.



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18TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE AIRSHOW

March 27, 9am-4pm, more than 200 acres of aircraft displays, fun for the kids, food and refreshments, helicopter displays and community group exhibits. Admission is free. Held at the Riverside Airport. For more information, go online to www.riversideca.gov/airshow/

RIVERSIDE DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Main Street in Riverside between 5th and 6th Streets, enjoy a wide variety of novelty and fresh food. *See article on page 10*.

RIVERSIDE DOWNTOWN STREET JAM

See article on page 22.

RIVERSIDE PLAZA

(951) 683-1066 x.113. shopriversideplaza.com. The Riverside Plaza is located in Riverside off of Central Ave. **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:** Every Friday and Saturday evening, 7-9pm at the Main Street side and at the West end, near El Torito.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

See page 8.

SENIOR HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR

Offered by the Riverside County Regional Medical Center. Admission is free. March 25, from Noon to 4pm. Health and safety information, blood pressure screenings, diabetes testing and more. Moreno Valley Senior Center, 25075 Fir Ave., Moreno Valley. (951) 486-5520.

18TH ANNUAL WALK WITH THE ANIMALS

Benefit for the Riverside Humane Society Pet Adoption Center. Pledge walk, pancake breakfast, KOLA Prize Caravan, K-9 demos, pet contests, exhibits, boutique/bake sale, prize drawings, and more. Grand Marshals: Muttley Crew K9s. Free admission. March 20, 8am-noon, Fairmount Park (band shell), Market St., Riverside. Info and pledge forms: www.petsadoption.com/news.php or call (951) 688-4340 x307.

SENIOR RESOURCE SYMPOSIUM

March 26, 9am to 3pm. Grove Community Church, 19900 Grove Community Dr., Riverside.For more information, call (951) 571-9090 ext. 2160.

MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

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LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE

The Village features more than 50 stores, restaurants and attractions. For more information, call (909) 337-2533, or go online to lakearrowheadvillage.com.

MUSEUMS

EDWARD-DEAN MUSEUM & GARDENS

9401 Oak Glen Rd., Cherry Valley. (951) 845-2626. www.edward-deanmuseum.org.

SPRING BRIDAL SHOW: March 14, Noon-4pm. Fashion show at 3pm. Demonstrations by caterers, photographers, floral designers and more. Experience a live wedding. Event is free and includes door prizes.

THE HISTORIC SITE OF THE ORIGINAL MCDONALDS/ ROUTE 66 MUSEUM

Toys, collectables, photo memorabilia, vintage road signs. Open 10am-5pm daily. 1398 N. E St., San Bernardino. Free admission. (909) 885-6324.

THE INLAND EMPIRE MILITARY MUSEUM

WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars military memorabilia. Open Sat. and Sun., 10am-5pm, Mon.-Fri. by appointment. 1394 N. E St. in San Bernardino. Free admission. (909) 885-6324 or (909) 888-0477.

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM

(760) 778-6262. palmspringsairmuseum.org.

PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM

The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. 7000 Merrill Ave., Chino.

(909) 597-3722. www.planesoffame.org.

THE DOUGLAS AD SKYRAIDER - THE END OF AN ERA:

Living History Flying Event, March 6, 10am, Skyraider flight demonstration at Noon.

THE LOCKHEED P-38 LIGHTNING: Living History Flying Event, April 3, 10am with a flight demonstration by the Planes of Fame P-38J Lightning. See article on page 12.

WALLY PARKS NHRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM

Open Wednesday - Sunday 10am-5pm. The Museum features over 80 historical race cars from several venues. Racing memorabilia spanning the History of NHRA, specialty exhibits rotate throughout the year. Huge museum gift shop and so much more! (909) 622-2133. 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, Gate 1, LA County Fairplex.



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