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Life's a stage

Once again this month, live theater in the Inland Empire is jumping with activity. From Gypsy, our cover image, at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater, to Menopause the Musical at the Grove in Upland, there's something for everyone. Check out our Theater and Arts section starting on page 20 to see what I'm talking about. This is also a good month for car enthusiasts, with the NASCAR themed Fan Fest in Ontario (page 4), a custom car show in Upland (page 5) and racing at the Orange Show Speedway (page 6).

Have a happy, and safe, August!

Tom Pigeon, Editor

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Ontario Convention Center holds Ontario Fan Fest

abor Day weekend means two days of fast paced excitement to race fans in the Inland Empire. On Thursday, August 31 from 4-10pm, Ontario Fan Fest presented by Stater Bros. and Coca-Cola kicks off the weekend at the Ontario Convention Center with a free, street fair-style event for the whole family.

Most of East Convention Center Way will shut down to make room for NASCAR team trailers, two live music stages, a food and beverage court, interactive games, a Lifestyle Expo featuring home and automotive vendors, a live broadcast hosted by the Inland Empire's own KFRG radio station and an expected 30,000 people taking it all in.

Inside the convention you will find a charity silent auction benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Victory Junction Gang Camp. The Ontario Fire Department will

also be on hand selling t-shirts and doing their "fill the boot" program to raise additional funds for MDA.

Victory Junction Gang Camp was started by Kyle and Pattie Petty in 2004 in honor of their son Adam. Victory Junction is a year-round camp that serves children, ages 7 to 15, with a variety of health issues. During the summer they offer week-long disease specific sessions with up to 125 kids. During the Fall, Winter and Spring they offer family weekends with up to 32 families per weekend. The Victory Junction Gang Camp is a member of the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps started by Paul Newman in 1988.

Ontario Fan Fest wouldn't be complete without appearances by NASCAR drivers. Scheduled to appear are Richard Petty, Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, Clint Bowyer and members of the Coca-Cola racing family of drivers.



Drivers will be on-hand to meet fans while signing autographs.

The Ontario Convention Center is located at 2000 E. Convention Center Way in Ontario. Limited parking is available for \$6 at the convention center's parking lots and lots adjacent to the convention center off Holt Blvd. Additional free parking will be available at the south-east side of Ontario Mills Mall near the Ayres Suites Hotel. A free shuttle bus service will transport event-goers.

For frequent updates on driver appearances and other information, visit www.ontariofanfest.com or call (909) 937-3015.





Canyon Crest Towne Centre Update

by Delora R. Dickey, Canyon Crest Management

It's getting HOT at Canyon Crest Towne Centre in Riverside, and it ain't just the weather! Everyone is anxiously waiting for the restaurant/clocktower completion. By the end of August/September, the shopping center hopes to turn the new building over to Crest Café and The Tortilla Grille owners for final equipment and décor work. There will be lovely canopies over the outdoor seating/dining areas and fountains to enjoy. Let's all cross our fingers for a late November/early-December formal opening!

Canyon Crest Management will have no time to rest and enjoy this soon-to-be completed project, as they have already begun work to upgrade the landscape and hardscape around "The Plaza" area (in front of Romano's Italian Restaurant, Cline's "Gold Crown" Hallmark, and Little Emperor Chinese Restaurant). Look for many more water features and beautiful hardscape designs to enhance your shopping experience. In the meantime, the management office wants to assure customers that ALL BUSINESSES WILL BE OPEN, although Romano's customers will have to temporarily use the restaurant's side entrance.

Also, this is the final month to enter the "Summer Just Got Cool" weekly drawing event. Running through August 31st, you can enter to win \$100.00 in Canyon Crest Towne Centre gift certificates – but it's not like other drawings you may be used to! The only call you'll receive will be to let you know you've won! No telemarketers, no mailing lists, no junk email. Only one entry per week, per household is allowed, so instead of your entry competing with several thousand entries, you've got a chance in a few hundred! At the end of every week, after a winner is verified (you must be over 18 years of age, proof may be requested), all entries are destroyed, and then a whole new drawing begins the next week! Winners will receive four \$25.00 gift certificates. One of them will be payable to the store from which the name was drawn. The other three \$25.00 gift certificates are good at any shop/store in the entire shopping center.

That's a total of about 80 different places, which include restaurants, hair salons, gift boutiques, grocery/pharmacy, bookstores, dry cleaners, gas station/car wash, and so much more!

Historic Downtown Upland site for car show

More than 200 vehicles will be on display at the 4th Annual All-American Car and Corvette Show to be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9am to Ipm on 9th Street in Historic Downtown Upland.

Sponsored by the Pomona Valley Corvette Association, the Inland

Empire's oldest Corvette owners' club founded in 1962, the show will feature custom cars and trucks displayed throughout the closed off Upland downtown area.

Food and beverages will be available from Upland downtown restaurants. Live music by "BackStreet" will be played throughout the car show, which also includes a prize raffle, a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction.

Registration before August 15 is \$25, \$30 after. All show proceeds go to charity. For information, visit the web site at www.pvca.org.



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Orange Show Speedway Season is Revved Up

alfway through the season, the Orange Show Speedway, in San Bernardino, has entertained thousands of fans and has set the stage for an even better second half of the campaign. The return of Demolition Derby to the speedway was a highlight of the first half. In addition, a touring series, the ASA Speed Truck Challenge, was featured twice in the first three months of the season and will return once more on September 16.

In addition to what's happening on the track, the historic Orange Show Speedway is making improvements to the facility. Recently 4,000 new stadium seats were added, making the race experience not only thrilling, but also comfortable.

Promotions highlight the second half of the season. On August 12, the first 1,000 fans through the gate will receive a free OSS floppy hat, sponsored by the California Highway Patrol's "Don't Hesitate to Designate" Program and KOLA 99.9. September 16 is "Skirt Night" and September 23 is "Hawaiian Shirt Night." Free admission will be given to those dressed to theme and cash awards will be given for the best themed outfit. On October 14, free admission will be given to anyone who brings five or more cans of food for donation to a local food bank.

Demolition Derbies round out a packed schedule, with the crash-em-up battles set for the last Saturday of August, September and October.

Whether a regular, a casual fan, or someone who has never experienced racing at the Orange Show Speedway, the next three months will feature something for you. For more information, call (909) 888-6788 xxt. 438 or visit www.NOSevents.com.

Laugh Jam '06 brings comedy, and live music to Temecula

Laugh Jam '06, featuring some of the funniest comedians in entertainment, will continue

at Longshadow Ranch Winery, in the heart of Temecula's wine country, every Friday in August and September from 7-10 p.m.

Presented by Lilli Entertainment, Inc., the funfilled evening will include comedians, comedy skits, theme nights with contest and prizes and live music, featuring smooth jazz, rock and blues.

Sweet Lumpy's BBQ will provide dinner for \$12 per person.

Longshadow Ranch Winery is located at 39847 Calle Contento in Temecula. To order Laugh Jam tickets (\$25) or for more information, call 951-304-1077 or visit the web site at laugh-jam.com.



The Summer is ending, but the fun still continues all year round in downtown Riverside...

28th Annual Mayor's Ball for the Arts Theme: 60's Mania! September 16, 5-10 p.m. at White Park Visit www.inlandArts.com

Live at North Park (FREE family concerts)
September 17 and October 1, 4-6 p.m.
North Park (Mission Inn Ave. and Vine St.)

3rd Annual Riverside Jazz Festival September 23-24 at Fairmount Park Visit www.RiversideJazzFestival.com



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Summer Sky Spectacular!

Even though the Fourth of July fireworks displays are now a happy memory, don't think that you have to wait an entire year to enjoy a summer sky spectacular. Every year in the month of August, the night sky lights up with a dazzling display of bright streaks of light known as the Perseid Meteor Showers. This occurs when the Earth orbits through a debris trail from Comet Swift/Tuttle.

When the debris collides with Earth's atmosphere it mostly disintegrates in quick bursts of fire. Some debris survives the atmospheric collision and lands on Earth. These particles are called meteorites. In fact, about 70 tons of debris from space lands on our planet daily. Fortunately, most of it is the size of dust particles.

The meteor showers start around July 24 and peak by August 12. The MSAS Astronomy Village is hosting a Perseid Meteor Shower Program Saturday, August 12, from 8-10pm. The program will include an entertaining and educational slide show, question and answer period, laser tour of the night sky, and a trip to the Robert Brownlee Observatory.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$7 for adults, \$6 for MSAS members, and \$5 for children under 16 years of age. Add \$2 per ticket for those purchased at the door. Those with paid admission tickets are invited to stay after the program and enjoy the meteor show until midnight. For more information call (909) 336-1699 or go online to www.mountain-skies.org. The MSAS Astronomy Village is located just off State Hwy 18, west of Rim of the World High School. Turn in at the yellow overhead light and follow the signs.

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Choosing your horse tests your luck

Nowhere does "beginner's luck" seem more effective than in horseracing. Beginner's use hunches and guess work to place bets, often in defiance of logic. And just as often, they're the big winners when the races are over.

How do the "experts" bet a horse race? They study the "past performances" and read all the tip sheets and the Daily Racing Form. In spite of their experience and use of expert advice, they'll all agree: "Nothing beats beginner's luck!"

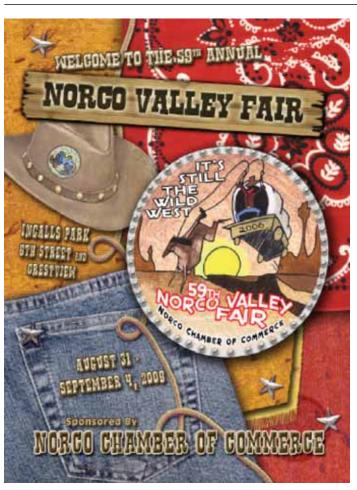
Many beginners like betting on horses with names that sound like they'd be winners: Im Damn Goog, Quick On My Feet, or Silver Rocket.

Some bet on a horse they think is pretty, or on a horse of a single color, where there are a lot of choices. The basic colors are black, chestnut and bay (reddish brown body and black points – the mane, tail, lower legs). But there are also dun (yellowish with zebra-like stripes on upper legs), cremello (cream-colored coat, a white mane and tail, pink skin, and blue eyes), and many more.

Numerous wagerers like regional identification. They can pick from a range of horses with names like Bermuda Blue Chip, Idaho Star or Rangoon Racket Club.

Since experts are frequently wrong in their analysis of an upcoming race, a beginner has just as good a chance of going home with more money than they arrived with. No one should be hesitant to have a good time. Go to a live satellite wagering facility like The Sports Center in San Bernardino to test your luck. The Sports Center is located at the National Orange Show, 930 North Arrowhead Ave., between Mill Street and Orange Show Road, in San Bernardino. Call for information at (909) 885-RACE (7223). Sports Center doors normally open at 10:15am, Wednesday - Monday, through September. Thursdays are free for Seniors 62-years and up, while admission for all others is only \$2, half-price.

All of the horse's names above are actual horses racing this year at California tracks.





Colton offering kids recreation and concerts

hen summer rolls around, recreation explodes in the City of Colton. Community Services is a big part of Colton, which hosts three community centers: The Luque Center, located within Veterans Park on the south side of the 10 freeway, Hutton Center and Gonzales Center both sit on the edge of Cesar Chavez Park on the north side of the 10 freeway.

These centers, besides featuring recreation for youth, also offer other activities including senior nutrition and activities, trips and tours and Family Services. They also have mobile recreation, aka "Rec on the Road," a community center on wheels. Rec on the Road is a 14-foot customized and self-contained panel. It has running water, a stereo system, table and chairs, cabinets overflowing with basketballs, soccer balls, games, hula-hoops, arts and crafts supplies and staff that offer supervised recreation at 5 different locations. Themed activities are also offered, such as Hero Week, Back to School Luau and Fiesta Week. It is so popular, that it is rentable. The community

center offers day camp for youth and tots.

The summer also brings the Colton Concert Series through August 27, Sundays at Fleming Park (corner of F St. and La Cadena), with vendors, raffles and the popular 50/50, where half of the money goes to the winning ticket holder, the other half goes to the Recreation Scholarship Program. The Recreation Scholarship Program assists youth who cannot afford to pay fees for camp, sports or any special interest classes. The Recreation Scholarship picks up the tab. The 50/50 raffles have made it possible to assist many youth each quarter to participate in Recreational Programs. Rec on the Road will also be there providing activities for the youth and selling pop-corn.

Something new added to this year's list of venders is the City Clerks office. For the first 2 concerts, they will take applications and process passports. There is a \$30 processing fee and \$67 fee for adults and \$52 for children 16 and under. Pictures can also be taken for \$12. Staff from Recreation and Family Services will also be on hand with information on current and upcoming programs.



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REVIEW

Weekend Metrolink Trains offer ongoing half-off fares

Starting in July, Metrolink began operating weekend train service between Riverside and Orange County along the Inland Empire Orange County Line. Unlike previous years when weekend service was limited to the summer months and known as the Beach Train, weekend service is here to stay as a regular part of Metrolink's five-county commuter service and riders will be able to enjoy fares that are 50 percent lower than the regular rush-hour price.

"Given the high price of gas and weekend traffic on the 91 Freeway, there is no better way of getting to Orange County on the weekend," Riverside County Transportation (RCTC) Chairman Marion Ashley, a Riverside County Supervisor, said. "What an important option for anyone who needs to travel between Orange County and the Inland Empire whether it's for a fun day at the beach, to get to work, or to visit family and friends."

Three round trip trains will travel between Riverside and Oceanside on Saturday and two trains will operate on Sunday. The train will serve Riverside County stations in Downtown Riverside, La Sierra, North Main Corona and West Corona and will serve Orange County stations at Anaheim Canyon, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin, Irvine, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente with a final stop in Oceanside. Tickets can be bought from Metrolink ticket machines on the day of travel or in advance.

Along with the new service, RCTC has launched a new web site, metrolinkweekends.com, which is a one-stop information source for planning a weekend train trip on the Metrolink. The site includes maps, timetables, fare information and the latest news regarding weekend and special events.

"We are starting the service with a great deal of information, but I'm confident that it will continue to grow as an important resource for commuters throughout the region," Ashley said. "Metrolink has always done an exceptional job in providing information on the internet, and this adds to an ongoing important service."

For more information on Metrolink weekend service, visit www.metrolinkweekends.com. More information on all of Metrolink's services can be found at www.metrolinktrains.com.

lyricized tunes from the '60s and '70s and culminates with a salute to women who are experiencing The Change.

Set in Bloomingdale's department store, where four women with seemingly nothing in common but a black lace bra meet by chance, the musical pokes fun at things such as hot flashes, memory loss, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and eating binges. The show's intended message is that menopause is a passage, but it should no longer be The Silent Passage. It is a stage in every woman's life that is perfectly normal.

Oliveras recently e-mailed family and friends stating, " I told you my going to see 'Menopause The Musical' was my therapy. I just got back from my doctor's appointment and he said, 'Whatever you are doing, keep doing it!'" Oliveras remarked it was the fastest doctor's appointment she has ever had and reported all of her blood counts were normal and that the chemotherapy worked. She wrote she just ran out of the medical center to her car, "Why? Because I can!" she exclaimed.

Menopause The Musical ticket prices at The Grove Theatre in Upland start at \$40 and can be purchased by calling (909) 920-4343. Show times are matinees at 2pm on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday; and evenings at 7:29pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available and can be purchased by calling (866) 464-2088. For more information, visit www.menopausethemusical.com.

Escape summer heat with a trip to Davey's

With the heat of the summer sun beating down on the Inland Empire, escaping to the ocean starts looking particularly attractive. If you've never been ocean fishing, this may just be your ticket out of the heat.

Davey's Locker Sportfishing, located in the historic Balboa Pavilion in Newport Beach, is one of the largest marine recreation centers in Southern California. For over forty years, Davey's Locker has provided fun and affordable on-the-water recreation to men, women, boys and girls of Southern California. Davey's Locker has on-the-water activities to suit everyone in the family. Whether you're a first time fisherman or a seasoned veteran, you will find the trip you are looking for at Davey's Locker. A friendly and experienced crew staffs each of the seven sportfishing boats in the fleet which are Coast Guard certified and equipped with the latest in fish-finding electronics. Davey's Locker is committed to ensuring that your trip is a memorable one.

Depending on the trip, you might

find yourself fishing the plentiful kelp beds along the coast or with the exhilarating backdrop of Catalina Island, or exotic San Clemente Island with so many good fishing spots, it's pretty easy to find the right one. Fishing with Davey's Locker is affordable recreation, offering fun, sun, and fishing for kids, families, and all skill levels.

Trips ranging from 1/2 day, 3/4 day, full day, twilight, and shark trips allow novices and avid anglers alike to test their skills against a wide variety of fish in both coastal and outer waters. Whether you are a first timer or an experienced angler, a selection of trips awaits you.

In July and August, "big game" such as Yellowtail, Dorado, and Yellowfin Tuna usually make an appearance, with the water temperature at its peak of the entire year.

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Arts Council to host Mayor's Ball

t's time again for the party of the year: the Riverside Arts Council's Mayors' Ball for the Arts. The 28th annual event will celebrate the decade of peace, love and music with the theme of 60s Mania! on Saturday, September 16 from 5-10pm. Once again, the Ball will be held at White Park in downtown Riverside. Nearly 1,000 attendees will dress in themed costumes, decorate their tables and dance the



Enchanted Attic, the 2005 Mayor's Ball for the Arts winner of both First Place for Animation and Best Picture.

night away while raising money for the arts in Riverside.

Table reservation fees go directly to community arts projects for children, families and adults who might not otherwise have access to the arts. CAP grant funding is distributed in Riverside, Corona, Norco, Moreno Valley, Perris and Hemet. Previous honorees have included the Mission Inn Museum Foundation, the Riverside Art Museum, Riverside Community Players, and the Riverside County Philharmonic.

The Riverside Arts Council is offering tables of ten for \$550, with non-profit organizations and educators getting a reduced rate of \$500. Individual tickets are also available for \$65 per person. Prices include a buffet dinner from Summit Catering. Tables and tickets are also available without catering at \$350, \$300 and \$45, respectively. A dessert only option is available for \$3 per person. The

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Southern California Fair offers admission savings!

Into thrills? Love the rush of a great carnival ride? Well, the Southern California Fair is the place for you! With thrill rides for the teens, cute cozy rides for little ones and even a few traditional favorites mom and dad will enjoy, the carnival has something for everyone.



Save big and buy your carnival tickets early. By purchasing in advance, you save 20%. A ticket for an all day, unlimited ride pass is \$20, a \$5 savings off the onsite price. You can use the ticket any one day you choose.

Advance tickets are available until Friday, October 6. Visit the fairgrounds, purchase tickets online or through the mail. The fair revs up on Saturday, October 7 and motors through Sunday, October 15.

This year's fair has incredible headline entertainment, with general seating for all concerts free with fair admission. However, if you want a guaranteed seat, reserved seating is just \$10.

All tickets go on sale August 15. For more information, go online to www.socalfair.com or call 951-657-4221. The Southern California Fair is held at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds at 18700 Lake Perris Drive, Perris.



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renaissance to Civil War, there's a historical period waiting for you to visit somewhere in the Inland Empire. Our friends at DragonMarsh in Riverside have compiled the list below of re-anactments occurring locally. For more events, see the DragonMarsh website at www.dragonmarsh.com, or call them at (951) 276-1116. DragonMarsh is located at 3744 Main St. in Riverside. Also, during the month of August, DragonMarsh is hosting its "ABC" sale, with 15% off the "letter of the day."

SAN DIEGO RENAISSANCE FAIRE: Morley Field in Balboa Park, San Diego. Aug. 5-6. www.sdrf.com. (619) 589-5412.

BIG BEAR CITY RENAISSANCE FAIRE: Aug. 12-13, Aug. 19-20. Moonridge Park, Big Bear. Two weekends. www.bigbearcityrenaissance-faire.com. (909) 585-7825.

deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday, September 8.

Guests can register online at www.riversideartscouncil.org or call the Arts Council at (951) 680-1345.

Attendees will have access to a FREE Happy Hour, featuring hors d' oeuvres from such local restaurants as Sevilla, Chan's Oriental Cuisine, Kountry Folks and the Riverside Marriott's Olio Italian Ristorante. Wine tasting will be available from Inland Heritage Wine Tasting Bistro, while a full no-host bar will be provided by The Menagerie. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by DJ, Dave Tillman. In addition, there will be a silent auction featuring exciting arts-themed items and an opportunity drawing that is known each year for offering great prizes.

For more information about the Riverside Arts Council and the Mayors' Ball for the Arts, call (951) 680-1345 or visit either www.riversideartscouncil.org or www.InlandArts.com.

The Norco Chamber of Commerce presents the 59th Norco Valley Fair

The Norco Valley Fair started as a source to showcase member's businesses and offer fundraising opportunities to local non-profit organizations, and that tradition continues today. The Norco Valley Fair is a five-day, four level venue featuring scholarship pageants, musical talent shows, and equestrian activities and livestock auctions for local 4-h and FFA groups.

The all volunteer event is held over the Labor Day weekend and culminates in a Labor Day Parade down Sixth Street featuring a Grand Marshal from the community whose civic contributions are commendable.

The preparations are started in January with the selection of the theme and the button design. The fair button is the admission for all five days.

The theme for this year is "It's still the wild west." While at the fair, you can watch a magic show, hypnotist, bull riding, equestrian drill teams, cowboy poker and much more. The five day event is packed with live entertainment from the start to the finish.

The final day is dedicated to family with Family Fun Day activities.



2006 Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum Schedule

August

2 - Twilight Cruise

12 — Custom Car Meet & Greet and Panel Discussion with top California customisers including: Larry Watson, Junior Conway, Bill Hines, Dean Jeffries, Steve Stanford and Thom Taylor who will also be signing his latest book: How To Draw Cars, Vol. II.

15 — Faster: 1960's Photographs of Pomona Drag Racing presented by Automobile Club of Southern California opens

26 — The World's Fastest Indians meet & greet contemporary racers of Burt Munro. Meet Roger Donaldson director of *The World's Fastest Indian* with an Indians Motorcycle Rally planned

Twilight Cruise (this date replaces September's cruise)

September

8 - October 1 - L.A. County Fair

General Museum admission is only available through admission into the Fair.

October

4 — Cruise Night



6-8 — California Hot Rod Reunion, Auto Club Famoso Raceway, Bakersfield, California

19 — 50 Years of American Racing Wheels exhibit opens

November

9-12 — Auto Club NHRA Finals, Auto Club Raceway at Pomona

10 — "Night of Champions" Open House

11- California Collectibles Show



December

6 — Twilight Cruise, featuring our annual toy drive that benefits the Inter-City Volunteers of Pomona Valley

schedule subject to change

original works. Festival exhibitors' artworks enrich the private collections of many celebrities, leading art collectors and museums around the world. "The Festival is the perfect place to find affordable and unique works of art to decorate your home or business," Higuchi said.

Additionally, the Festival will present art workshops and seminars for children and adults, special guided tours and demonstrations, printmaking, entertainment including visual and performance arts, and other special attractions during the eight-week event.

Special events will be scattered throughout the Festival of Arts and most are free with admission.

Another highlight of The Festival of Arts is a Junior Art Exhibition, comprised of over 250 pieces of artwork from Orange County school children (K-12) that were juried into this special exhibit. Throughout the summer, Youth Art Education Days will be held, every Wednesday through August 23. The classes give chil-

dren the opportunity to experience a wide variety of arts-theater, music, painting and more. (\$10 material fee per student/per class).

Dining is available at two locations on the Festival grounds. Tivoli Terrace Restaurant serves lunch and dinner during the Festival season in a beautiful garden setting. Gina's Alfresco offers casual Italian fare and is a complement to the Festival's artistic atmosphere.

Festival admission prices are \$7 for general admission and \$4 for seniors and students. All general admission tickets to The Festival of Arts – California's Premier Fine Art Exhibition are season passes. Tickets for Pageant of the Masters are \$15-\$80. Pageant of the Masters ticket holders can present their stub at The Festival of Arts front gate for free admission.

For information, call 949-494-1145 or visit the website at www.LagunaFestivalofArts.org. The event is located at 650 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. Proceeds support the arts and art education in and about Laguna Beach.

Heritage Days bring the old west to Big Bear

The Convention Center at Big Bear Lake hosts Bear Valley Heritage Days, recalling the mountain days of the old west. Bear Valley Heritage Days are set for Aug. 30, through Sept. 4. Centered on Big Bear's rich western history, ranching and the spirit of the cowboy way, the event truly delivers the old west back to Big Bear.

Merchant's Day will take place August 30 from 5 until 9pm. This event will honor the spirit of those first merchants to arrive in Big Bear Valley in the 1800's. Local merchants are invited to set-up their wares and meet the public. Evening entertainment will include live music, drawings and give-a-ways. This is a complimentary event.

Night of Luck at the Octagon House sets Friday, Sept. I, into motion. From 8pm until midnight, the Convention Center will be transformed into the infamous Octagon House of Holcomb Valley. An old-fashioned night of gambling – roulette, craps, Texas Hold'em and blackjack. Admission is \$35 per person and includes \$200 in play money.

Wild Bill Holcomb's Mountain Shooting Showdown takes place Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Los Vaqueros Arena. The event begins at 10am until 4pm. Admission is \$3 for adults and children 12 and under are free.

Shay-Barker Team Penning begins at noon on Sunday, September 3. This event will take place at the Los Vaqueros Arena and is a salute to the Valley's first ranchers. This is a complimentary event.

Grammy-award winner Rodney Crowell performs Sunday evening, Sept. 2. Merchants of Moonshine, one of Southern California's top country bands, will open for Crowell beginning at 4pm. General admission is \$40 per person.

VIP Passports are available for \$150 and include entry into all scheduled events and VIP seating at the Rodney Crowell concert. To reserve tickets, call (909) 585-3000 or visit www.bigbearevents.com.





5-minutes Networking offers benefits of speed-dating to business

oday's hottest trend in networking and professional relationship-building has arrived in Ontario. "5-Minute Networking," often referred to as the business-equivalent of "speed dating," lets individuals meet each other one-on-one in five-minute increments, resulting in a fast-paced, exciting networking experience that's also a lot of fun.

"5 Minute Networking" provides a forum where business people are guaranteed to meet a significant number of contacts in a short period of time, an asset to professionals looking to quickly broaden their sphere of influence and network base.

Experience the fun and efficiency of "5 Minute Networking" at the Inaugural Small Business Expo, held on Sept. 13 at 5:30pm at the Ontario Convention Center.

5 Minute Networking has a unique history. Sonia and Melissa English, two single professionals who also happen to be sisters, attended a few quick dating events, but always ended up with more contacts for their web design business than dates. This experience led them to found 5 Minute

Networking, a company that is becoming not only a national, but international, phenomenon.

Sonia English, CEO and co-founder of 5 Minute Networking, states, "The cornerstone of the 5 Minute Networking system is our patent-pending event facilitation software, which not only greatly benefits attendees by optimizing their introductions, but also allows the event facilitator to host events with ease. Our event facilitation software assures that participants meet new people at every event and enjoy targeted introductions. It also enables them to view online the contact details of those they met, thereby creating their own personal yellow pages."

Thanks to 5 Minute Networking's unique preevent planning method, which creates optimal industry matches using information that attendees provide online, participants leave networking events with a solid collection of new contacts.

For more information, or to sign-up for the September 13 networking event, call the Inland Empire Young Professionals Network's Kellie Sosebee at (909) 984-2458 ext. 105, or visit ieypn.org.

hooks, sinkers, lures, and everything else a beginner or experienced angler needs for a fun and successful fishing excursion.

Don't want to pack a lunch? Each boat boasts a full service galley that serves hot food off the grill, drinks, and other assorted snack items available for purchase. If your experience with eating fish is limited to fish sticks from your local grocery store, you're in for a treat after a little advice from the knowledgeable deckhands. The galleys are spacious, comfortable, and air conditioned with seating available when you want to take a break. Fish cleaning services are offered at the conclusion of every trip, preparing your catch for the grilling.

Also, for a different fishing experience, Davey's Locker offers 14 foot skiff rentals with live bait wells for use inside beautiful and spacious Newport Harbor.

Please see the ad in this issue on page 8 for discount coupons. For additional information or to make reservations, call Davey's Locker at (949) 673-1434.



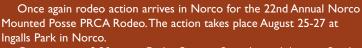
in connection with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Sister City relationship between Riverside and Sendai, Japan. "RCP is very honored that the officials from Sendai who will be in Riverside for this occasion will be in attendance on opening night on March 23, 2007," Kathryn Gage, President of the Board of Riverside Community Players, added.

The X-factor for RCP this season is "The Smell of the Kill" by Michele Lowe. This more avant-garde piece slated for May, 2007 tells the story of three delicious, malicious wives, three miserable, unloving husbands and the dinner party where things take an unexpected turn, leaving the women to face the most outrageous dilemma of their lives.

Ending the season on a high note will be "Forever Plaid," one of the most popular and successful musicals in recent history. This fabulously goofy revue centers on four young, eager male singers killed in a car crash in the 1950s on the way to their first big concert, and now miraculously revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was.

Tickets for the shows may be purchased individually for \$15 each (\$18 for "Forever Plaid"), and discounted season tickets for all six shows are available for as little as \$66 or \$56 for senior citizens (62+). The theatre is located at 4026 Fourteenth Street in Riverside, and the phone number for the box office is (951) 686-4030. There is no late seating, and children under the age of five are not permitted. \square

Rodeo action returns to Norco



Gates open at 3:30pm on Friday, 5pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday. The PRCA rodeo starts at 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday, 6pm on Sunday. A special, Challenged Children's Rodeo takes place on Sunday at 4:30pm. Thunder Road performs after the rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights.

Tickets are \$13 Friday and Saturday, \$16 Sunday, with children 8 and under free Friday and Saturday, free 3 and under Sunday.

For more information, call (951) 371-1204 or go online to www.nor-coprcarodeo.com.

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everyone by filling a gap in the show as a stripper. Awkward and inexperienced at first, the clumsy but lovely Louise rockets into stardom by becoming something altogether different: a ladylike stripper with class.

The Candlelight Pavilion stays true to its policy of family friendly entertainment. With direction by John Vaughan, choreography by Lee Martino and musical direction by Douglas Austin this production will be staged with a little finesse and a whole lot of class.

"Gypsy" will be playing at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater at 455 West Foothill Blvd. in Claremont August 4 through Sept. 24. Performances are Thursday through Sunday. Thursday-Saturday evening performances start dinner seating at 6pm with the curtain at 8:15pm. Sunday Evening dinner seating is at 5pm with the curtain at 7:15pm. Saturday and Sunday matinees, with luncheon seating, will start at 11am and Curtain at 12:45pm.

Tickets range from \$38-\$72. To purchase tickets or for more information call the Box Office at (909) 626-1254, or go online to www.candlelightpavilion.com .





Casinos

AGUA CALIENTE CASINO: (866) 858-3600. www.hotwatercasino.com. 32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage.

AUGUSTINE CASINO: 760-391-9500. www.augustinecasino.com. 84-001 Avenue 54, Coachella.

CAHUILLA CREEK CASINO: (951) 763-1200. www.cahuilla.com. 52702 Highway 371, Anza.

CASINO MORONGO: (800) 252-4499. www.casinomorongo.com. 49750 Seminole Drive, Cabazon.

FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO: (800) 827-2946. www.fantasyspringsresort.com. 84-245 Indio Springs, Pkwy. Tickets can be purchased at the website or through www.tickets.com.

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

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

SOBOBA CASINO: (951) 665-1000 or (866) 4-SOBOBA. www.soboba.net. 23333 Soboba Road, San Jacinto. Tickets: 1-866-4-SOBOBA, ext. 183.

SAMMY HAGAR: Aug. 6.

LONESTAR: With Joe Diffie, Aug. 11.

JOHN FOGERTY: Sept. 1.

JACKPOT WINNER BONUSES: Jackpot winners receive the following: \$1,200.00 to \$2,005.99 - one free stone colored T-shirt with the Soboba Casino logo silk screened on the left side. \$2,006.00 to \$9,999.99 - one free polo shirt with an embroidered Soboba Casino logo on the left side. Choice of color will be Dill (Green) or Navy (Blue). \$10,000.00 and above - one free Soboba Casino Black jacket. The Soboba Casino logo will be embroidered on the left side.

TREASURE CHEST MYSTERY PROGRESSIVE:

This unique promotion will feature a mystery progressive on every machine, but only customers playing with a Club Soboba card can win. The progressive will start at \$30,000 and is guaranteed to hit before it reaches \$100,000. Customers will be able to see on the machine screen display the amount of the progressive as it nears that \$100,000 mark. An added bonus is that every carded customer playing when the progressive hits, will receive \$30 in free slot play automatically added to their account.

POKER – BOUNTY TOURNAMENT: Mondays, 7pm - \$40 Buy In. \$10 Bounties.

5X CLUB SOBOBA POINTS ON ALL SLOTS: 11pm Monday – 8am Tuesday.

DOUBLE PAY BLACKJACK: Wednesdays, 3pm -

5pm. All blackjacks pay 2 to 1.

"LIVIN' ON EASY STREET" CASH DRAWINGS:

Thursdays, 3pm – 10pm. With entries earned for the "Livin' on Easy Street" promotion, players will have a chance every Thursday through September 29 to win cash. Cash drawings will be held every 30 minutes on Thursdays during the months of August and September between 3pm and 10pm for the following amounts: 3pm to 6:30pm - \$500 cash every 30 minutes; 7pm to 9pm - \$1000 cash every 30 minutes; 9:30 & 10pm - \$1,500 cash each. Players can only win one cash drawing per day during the promotion. Players must be present to win any of the prizes throughout the evening.

POKER – THURSDAY NIGHT TOURNAMENT:

7pm - \$10 buy-in plus \$2 entry. Two \$10 re-buys plus one \$10 add-on. \$1,500 guaranteed with 40 player minimum

"YOU PLAY...WE PAY" GAS CARD

PROMOTION: Thu - Sun. Players that earn points with their Club Soboba Cards Thurs through Sun will receive a Gas Card a \$10 gas card for every 1000 points earned. Maximum of (5) gas cards per day per player

POKER - 1/2 RACK ATTACK: Friday, 7pm -

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11pm. Every 30 minutes, one table will be randomly selected to have \$50 added to the next pot. Nine

drawings throughout the evening. Only tables with "live" games are eligible.

POKER - MYSTERY CASH GIVEAWAY: Saturday, 6pm-12:30am. Every 1/2 hour we will draw tickets for a chance to pick an envelope containing a cash prize ranging from \$25 to \$100, fourteen drawings throughout the evening. Tickets will be handed out each hour between 12am Monday to 12pm Friday. Double tickets will be handed out between 2pm to 5pm on the day of the drawing.

POKER - HIGH HAND: Sunday, 6pm-10pm. Every hour the Highest Hand will win \$50 for every live game in the Poker Room.

SPA RESORT CASINO: (760) 323-5865. www.sparesortcasino.com. 401 E. Amado Rd., Palm Springs.

SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO: (760) 775-5566. www.spotlight29.com. 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella.

FEATURED LAUGHLIN CASINOS

AVI RESORT & CASINO: (800) AVI-2-WIN. www.avicasino.com. 10000 Aha Macav Parkway, Laughlin, Nevada.

ARROWHEAD LOUNGE: Live entertainment daily.

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.

5-BUCK BINGO: Sun Mon Wed Thu 3pm & 6pm; all regular games pays \$100 each.

FREE BINGO: Monday through Friday 8am & 11am; Bonus Balls \$1 each.

FREE \$1,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT:

Every Tuesday - registration begins at 11am, session starts at Noon with final round at 7:30pm. 1st-\$600, 2nd-\$250, 3rd-\$150.

FREE \$1.500 VIDEO POKER

TOURNAMENT: Every Wednesday registration begins at Noon, tournament begins 1pm; 1st-\$800, 2nd-\$500, 3rd-\$200.

\$1,600 BLACKJACK TOURNA-

MENTS: Every Tuesday and Thursday - registrations at Noon; sessions start 4pm; \$15 buy-in with buffet; \$10 without buffet.

BRENDEN THEATRES: For movie

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\$79 Sunday CODE

Sunday - Thursday CODE: RD086

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Must be at least 21 years of age to qualify for this offer. Offer is valid on any two consecutive night stay in a standard room and is based on double occupancy. Offer is subject to availability and requires that reservations be made two days prior to arrival. Gas offer only valid at the Avi Smoke Shop. **Expires 8/30/2006.**



schedule, call (702) 535-7469 or go online to www.brendentheatres.com.

FLAMINGO: Features a 60,000 square foot casino, 1,555 slots, fifty-four table games, twelve restaurants and a hotel with 1,996 rooms. For more information go online to

caesars.com/flamingo/laughlin or call (800) 435-8469. The Laughlin Flamingo is located at 1900 South Casino Drive.

COMEDY STOP: Through Sept. 3, \$11.95, \$12.95. Showtimes 7:30pm & 9:30pm. See article on page 20.

BILLY RAY CYRUS: Aug. 5, \$19.95, \$24.95, 9pm.

CRAPS TOURNAMENT: Aug. 5-6, \$49 buy in, prize money \$7,500.

3 CARD POKER TOURNAMENT: Aug. 25-26, 28-29. Buy-in \$199, includes two days of tourney play and room accommodations for three nights. Pris is \$40,000 each tournament.

\$5,000 FREE ROLL POKER TOURNAMENT: Aug. 17, first prize \$1,200, with prizes down to 24th place. Entry is earned through regular poker room play.

DAILY TOURNAMENT: No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. Seven days a week. Sign-up at 8:30am. Play is at 9am. \$20 buy-in gets you \$1000 in playing chips an additional \$3 gets you an extra \$500 in chips. 30 min. Round – Blinds \$25/50 – No Limit. 30 min. Round – Blinds \$50/100 – No Limit This

is a one hour shoot-out!

MORNING ACE'S CRACKED: Seven days a week 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. Ace's cracked gets a rack \$100.

DINNER HOUR ACE'S CRACKED: Seven days a week 5pm-7pm. Ace's cracked gets a rack \$100.

LATE NIGHT ACE'S CRACKED: Seven days a week midnight-2am. Ace's cracked gets a rack \$100

FEATURED JEAN, NV, CASINOS

GOLD STRIKE HOTEL AND GAMBLING HALL: (800) 634-1359. www.stopatjean.com.

DEVILDUCK CASH GIVEAWAY: Aug. 18-20, win up to \$1,000. Every hour.

LARRY TAYLOR'S BALLROOM DANCING: Learn to dance while having a good time. Sun. Noon-5pm, Mon. 5-11pm. Admission \$10.

FRIDAY NIGHT BLACKJACK: \$500 first place, \$25 entry fee. 6pm every Friday.

CORONA FRIDAYS: Through Labor Day, 3-6pm, 99¢ Coronas and free appetizers.

NEVADA LANDING HOTEL AND CASINO: (800) 628-6682. www.stopatjean.com.

SUPER 777 SLOT TOURNAMENT: Aug. 5, \$7,777 grand prize. \$77 entry fee.

BUDWEISER WEEKEND RACING PARTY:

Watch the race and enjoy discount beer, food and prizes. ${\color{blue} \square}$

Make a 'Stop' for comedy at the Flamingo

The Comedy Stop will be running in the Club Flamingo Showroom

Showroom seven nights a week now until

September 3, 2006.

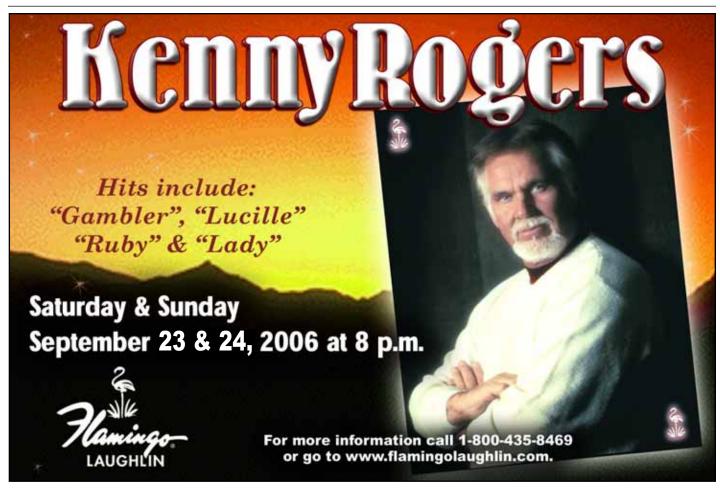
Showtimes are 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm. Ticket prices are only \$12.95. Show

you're A.C.E. Rewards when purchasing tickets and receive \$1 off. Performing the week of August 7-13 will be Tom Simmons, Dennis Regan and Harry Basil.

For tickets or for more information call the Flamingo Box Office at 1-800-435-8469 or visit

www.flamingolaughlin.com.

Stop by the A.C.E. Rewards Club and sign-up. All non-locals will receive 5x points when playing in the casino for 72 hours after signing up to the players card. Watch the points add up for valuable comps and hotel stays.



Kid Stuff

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

ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN: A full service family favorite that's also home to the signature bobsled-like ride of the same name. 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 site features snow-time and summer activities. 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.

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS AT OAKTREE VIL-LAGE: Exotic animal sanctuary, meet live exotic animals up close, in person, and endangered species in naturalistic habitats.

Interactive educational exhibits for the whole family. 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktree-village.com.

ASTRONOMY VILLAGE: The Village is located

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More Summer Fun at Big Bear's Animal Park

usic, art and ice cream – just part of what's in store for visitors in the next few weeks at Moonridge Animal Park in Big Bear Lake.

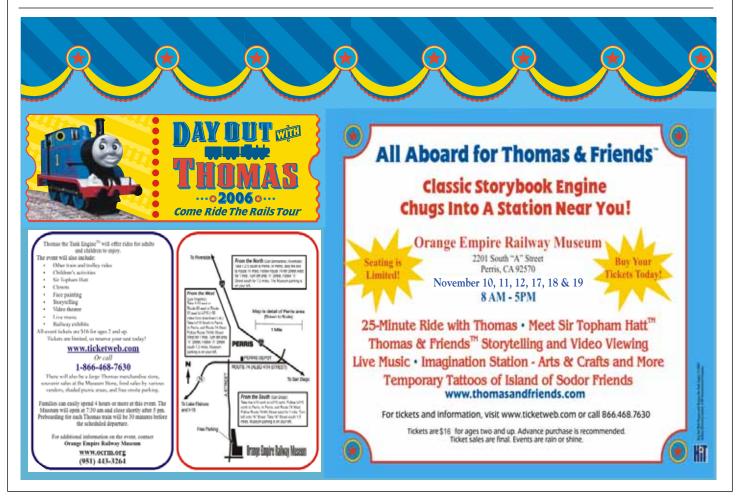
On Saturday, Aug. 19 from 5:30-7:30pm, the Music in the Zoo program is an opportunity to hear musicians playing their tunes throughout the park while touring the Zoo. A spokesman for the Zoo said, "We can't figure out who is enjoying the music more, the park's animals or our park visitors. So why not come and decide for yourself."

Then, from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27, the 2nd Annual Native American Arts Festival will be held, featuring Native American dance and song along with arti-

sans displaying and selling their art and craft work. Another favorite of the Festival is the special Native American animal storytelling, honoring forest animals. And along with all of this, visitors can also also enjoy an Indian taco or two.

The popular "Ice Cream Safari" is a chance to tour the Zoo and enjoy ice cream at special stations throughout the park on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 11am to 2pm.

For more information on what Moonridge Animal Park offers, call (909) 878-4200 or go online to www.BigBearZoo.com.



at 2001 Observatory Way, off Hwy. 18, West of Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead.

BOOMERS: In Upland. Miniature Golf Courses, Go Karts, Bumper Boats, Rock Wall, Ferris Wheel, Spinning Tubs, Airplane Ride, Tiny Tot Cars, Bounce House, Two Arcades, Snack Bar & Cafe. 1500 W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 985-1313.

FIESTA VILLAGE: Has two miniature golf courses, race cars, the largest batting cage facility in Southern California, amusement rides, arcade and waterpark. 1405 E. Washington St., Colton, (909) 824-1111.

KNOTTS SOAK CITY WATER PARK: 1500 S. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs. Includes 18 major tube and body slides, Kahuna's Beach House and Riptide Reef. Kids 3-11 \$12.95. (760) 327-0499.

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, livingdesert.org.

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK: Aug. 19, Music in the Zoo. See article on page 18. Commonly called the Big Bear Zoo, located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10;

kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily and hours Sept. through May are 10 am – 4pm Monday through Friday, and until 5pm on weekends. For more information go to www.BigBearZoo.com or call (909) 878-4200.

OAKTREE VILLAGE: 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Apple season is open, with events throughout the season. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fishing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktreevillage.com.

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM:

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 \$10, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 943-3020. www.oerm.org

PHARAOH'S LOST KINGDOM ADVENTURE PARK: 1101 N. California, Redlands, CA, 92374. (909) 335-7275. pharaohslostkingdom.com.

RAGING WATERS: 111 Raging Waters Dr., San Dimas, (909) 802-2200, ragingwaters.com. California's largest waterpark, with over 50 landscaped acres and 36 slides and attractions, plus a sand beach. (909) 802-2200, www.ragingwaters.com. General Admission for guests 48" and taller is \$27.99. Junior Admission for those guests under 48" is \$16.99. Children two years and younger are free. Call for specials.

RILEY'S FARM: In Oak Glen, offering Revolutionary War Adventures Mon.-Fri., 10am-2pm. (909) 797-7534, www.rileysfarm.com.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: See article on page 22. 101 Dalmations, Aug. 11, 10am, Aug. 12, 19, 2pm & 4pm, Aug. 17, 7:30pm. • Godspell, Aug. 11-12, 7:30pm, Aug. 13, 3pm, Aug. 18-19, 7:30pm, Aug. 20, 3pm. • (951) 756-4240. The Wallace Theater at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

For more fun kids' events, see the What To Do section on page 27.



Thomas the Train comes to Perris



Spend a day with a tank engine, thanks to the Orange Empire Railway Museum. The world's most famous train, Thomas the Tank Engine, will make an appearance at the Perris railway museum, with tickets on sale now.

"A Day Our With Thomas" gives children the opportunity to meet Thomas and his friends and learn about the excitement

of railroads. The Thomas replica is the event's main attraction, with children having the opportunity to ride on a real train.

The day also includes Thomas-related activities, including story-telling, videos, an Imagination Station and more.

Thomas makes his appearance on Nov. 10-12, 17-19, from 8am to 5pm. Don't wait until November to buy tickets, however; this is not the first time Thomas has come to OERM, and each visit sells to packed crowds and seating is limited. Tickets are \$16 each.

The Orange Empire Railway Museum is located at 2201 South A St. in Perris. For tickets and information, call (866) 468-7630, or go online to www.ticketweb.com.

Moonridge Animal Park

Big Bear Zoo
Open Daily (Weather Permitting)



Zoo Camp & overnight "Snarls 'n Snooze" camps

August 19 Music in the Zoo
August 26-27 Native American
Arts Festival
September 2 Ice Cream Safari
September 9 Run for the Grizzlies
September 23 through October 28
Every Saturday night:
Flashlight Safari
October 21 Wolf Awareness Day
October 31 "Boo" in the Zoo

For more information (909) 878-4200 www.BigBearZoo.com

Low-Cost Family Wildlife Adventure in Big Bear Lake!

Friends of the Moonridge Zoo Building Tomorrow's Zoo



Theater & the Arts

ALWAYS. PATSY CLINE: At the Big Bear Performing Arts Center, Sept. 1-3, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard. See article on page 21. (909) 866-4970.

ART-A-FAIR FESTIVAL: Through Sept. 3, 777 Laguna Canyon Rd. in Laguna Beach. Laguna Beach's only internationally juried art festival. See article on page 21. For more information, call (949) 494-4514, or go online to www.artafair.com.

BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER:

Gypsy, Aug 4-Sept. 24. Tickets \$43-\$72, includes show and dinner. See article on page 26. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS: Voted one of the Top 3 Art Festivals in America. Through Sept. 1, 10am-11:30pm. Admission \$7. See article on page 22. 650 Laguna

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Victoria Gardens **Cultural Center** hosts grand opening

he City of Rancho Cucamonga is inviting the public to the grand opening of the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, Saturday, August 19, with a commemorative celebration sure to delight the whole family. After nearly 24 months of construction, this one-of-a-kind venue is ready for patrons and visitors to walk the "Mainstreet" themed lobbies, peruse the Library bookshelves, attend professional theatrical performances at the Lewis Family Playhouse and celebrate life's achievements in Celebration Hall.

The festivities will begin at 10am on Saturday and will continue until 3pm with Open House Tours, entertainment and fun for the family. The "Tweaksters" and another performance group will provide sampling performances at special times throughout

the day on the Lewis Family Playhouse stage. Live entertainment in the Bank of America Imagination Courtyard will continue until 4pm and will include steel drum band "Hot, Hot, Hot," family entertainers

VICTORIA GARDENS CULTURAL CENTER DEDICATED - AUGUST 2006

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Life's musical journey with Patsy Cline

Take a musical journey through the life of Patsy Cline, and her number one fan. "Always, Patsy Cline" is the story about the relationship between Patsy Cline and one of her fans, Louise Seger, who became a good friend. There will be three performances on Labor Day weekend at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Sept. I & 2, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30pm, and Sunday, Sept. 3 at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$30 for evening performances and \$50 VIP seating with a reception. The Sunday matinee seats are \$20 each. Call (909-866-4970).

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Canyon Rd., in Laguna Beach. (949) 494-1145. www.lagunafestivalofarts.org.

GROVE THEATRE: Menopause the Musical, playing now. Located in historic downtown Upland, 276 E. 9th St. (909) 920-4343, grovetheatre.com.

JAZZ IN BLUE JAY: Great jazz in Blue Jay Village. Aug. 10 Maiden Voyage All Stars, Aug. 17 Sydne and Straight Ahead, Aug. 24 Greg Adams, Aug. 31 Bobby Matos. Tickets \$15. (909) 336-7949. www.bluejayjazz.com. See article on page 27.

LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

Through September 4. Lake Arrowhead Village presents its 3rd annual family friendly free concert event series, featuring bands such as the Answer, Tijuana Dogs, the Fenians, the MVPs and many more. Concerts are every Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday and Mondays of holiday weekends, 5-8pm. Admission and parking are free. Lake Arrowhead Village, 28200 Highway 189 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER: Once Upon A Mattress, Aug. 4, 5, 11, 12, 8pm, Aug. 6, 12, 3pm. (866) 653-8696, temeculatheater.org. 42051

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September 1, 2, & 3, 2006

Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center
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Riverside Youth Theatre presents 'Dalmations' and 'Godspell'

iverside Youth Theatre presents its second Summer Theatre Festival for children this month, with two productions from their elementary and teen divisions: 101 Dalmatians and Godspell.

101 Dalmatians is a new musical based on several Disney movies. The Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, are happily raising their fifteen puppies in the London home of Roger and Anita. One day, their rich neighbor Cruella De Vil stops for a visit and notices a potential source for her fur coats. Roger refuses to sell them and Cruella plots to steal them. 101 Dalmations is suitable for the entire family.

Their production of Godspell is based on the 2001 revival produced by the Stephen Schwartz's son, Scott. The goal was to find ways to make Godspell feel as contemporary to audiences today as it did when it was released in 1973. New staging, musical arrangements and video technology add to this classic musical.

Godspell is about a group of individuals coming together under the leadership of Jesus. In the second half, their community is challenged under stress, and they lose their leader. Godspell is a musical about human truths and relationships. This musical is not suitable for children under 4 years.

The Summer Youth Theatre Festival is held at the Wallace Theater, on the campus of California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside. Tickets are \$10 for all performances and \$5 for the Outreach Performance. Seating is reserved. Call (951) 756-4240 to place your ticket reservations.

Performances will be: 101 Dalmatians August 11, 10am (Outreach Performance); August 12,19, 2pm; August 12,19, 4pm; August 17, 7:30pm. Godspell August 11,12, 7:30pm; August 13, 3pm; August 18,19, 7:30pm; August 20, 3pm.

Riverside Youth Theatre is in its sixth season of providing familyfriendly entertainment for the Inland Empire. It also provides training classes in acting, dance and voice. RYT has been honored with 22 Inland Theatre League Awards of Excellence.

For more information, view their website at www.RiversideYouthTheatre.org or call (951) 756-4240.



Sawdust Art Festival



Artist Marcus Thesing creates a large bowl at the Sawdust Art Festival's Glass-Blowing Demonstration Booth. The Sawdust, located in Laguna Beach, features glass blowing demonstrations every hour each day, through Sept. 3. For more information, go to sawdustartfestival.org or call (949) 494-3030.

The 1950s Are Alive And Well At The Ramona Bowl

'Grease,' one of the most beloved musicals of all time, comes to life at the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre on August 18, 19, 25 and 26. It's the perfect opportunity to experience the thrill of live outdoor theatre with this energetic family classic.

'Grease' takes a humorous look at the attire, attitudes, music, and morals of teenagers at the beginning of the rock and roll era. The story revolves around an attraction between the virtuous Sandy Dumbrowski and greaser Danny Zuko. 'Grease' spawned several musical hits, includ-

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Experience art outdoors at The Festival of Arts

Establishing that you don't have to go to a museum to enjoy fine art displays, The Festival of Arts, California's Premier Fine Art Exhibition, returns this summer with over 145 world-class artisans through September I (August 26) in Laguna Beach. The annual event, now in its 74th year, is California's longest-running outdoor fine art exhibit and was recently voted one of the top three art festivals in the United States by readers of American Style.

"Each year this Festival continues to grow and we are delighted with the outstanding artisans that attend to showcase their incredible talent and skills. Whether they are painters, sculptors, ceramists, jewelers or photographers, their works represent the finest original art from the coastal cities of Orange County," Marketing and Public Relations Director Sharbie Higuchi said.

During this prestigious juried show, artisans display and sell strictly

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Laughing until it cures side benefit of 'Menopause'

t's often said that laughter is the best medicine and Ellen Oliveras of Riverside may just be living proof of that old adage. Oliveras attributes her obsession with attending the hit show Menopause The Musical with helping her to stay positive, survive the ravages of chemotherapy, and ultimately beat her breast cancer.

Oliveras first saw the show at the Coronet Theatre in Los Angeles. To say she got hooked on the show is quite the understatement. Since that time, she has seen the show a total of eight times and has rounded up more than 50 family members, friends, and coworkers to travel to either The Grove Theatre in Upland or the Coronet Theatre to see the show. She sets the date, arranges the carpooling, selects the restaurant they will dine in before the show, and has even driven to both Orange and Los Angeles counties to personally pick up individuals to see the show.

Oliveras states that she "plays the 'Menopause The Musical' compact disk and sings along with the music" as she drives around to pick everyone up to attend the show. She even had a special vehicle license plate frame made that reads "I [heart] Menopause The Musical, '06."

"The reason I am so obsessed with sharing this musical is the actresses and the music are so uplifting, it's like a spiritual thing," said Oliveras. "I had breast cancer surgery and chemotherapy this past year and I decided to keep going and not think about myself, but to put my energy to something positive. I love this musical and want to share it with the world!

"I even telephoned my sisters who live in Decatur, Ala., to encourage them to drive to Birmingham to see the one-night show," said Oliveras. "My sisters made the one-hour drive on a Friday night and could not thank me enough for informing them of the show."

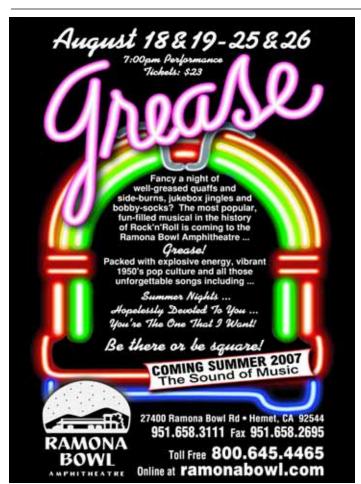


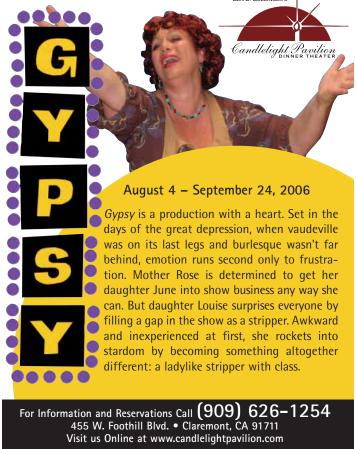
Posing with their No. 1 fan outside of the Grove Theatre in Upland, the cast of Menopause the Musical stand with Ellen Oliveras (center). Cast members include (from left to right) Megan Cavanagh, Roberta Wall, Michele Mais and Lisa Robinson.

She reports a recent group outing to The Grove Theatre included an 88-year-old friend who had never been to a theatrical production before. Following the show, her friend related her "insides were hurting from laughing so hard!"

Menopause The Musical is a celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "the change." Since March 2001, the show has entertained and inspired more than 6.5 million people from coast-to-coast and internationally. The work of writer/producer Jeanie Linders, Menopause The Musical is a 90-minute production which includes 25 re-

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Community Players kicks off season with 'Funny Money'

Celebrating its 82nd season, Riverside Community Players is offering theatre patrons a "well-rounded" season of comedy, mystery, drama and a musical finale – the ever-popular "Forever Plaid."

"This is one of the most exciting seasons we have produced, and we expect many of the performances to sell out," Andrea McGuire, box office manager for the theatre, said. "I'm encouraging people to get season tickets so they can be certain to get a seat."

The unique initmate theatre seats just under two hundred people in a theatre-in-the-round setting where every patron sits close to the action.

The season opens in September with Ray Cooney's "Funny Money," a comedy about a mild-mannered CPA who accidentally exchanges briefcases with a mob courier and arrives home with a case full of money instead of his leftover lunch. The frantic game of cat-and-mouse that ensues is hilarious.

In November the theatre will present "Rehearsal for Murder" adapted by D.D. Brooke from the teleplay by Richard Levinson and William Link. As the cast and crew assemble for the first reading of a new play, startling connections to the murder of an actress that happened exactly a year ago begin to unfold.

"A View from the Bridge," Arthur Miller's intensely riveting American drama, will be RCP's third offering in January, followed by John Patrick's delightful Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner "The Teahouse of the August Moon," which will be presented in March

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"Razzle Bam Boom," and Andrew Sister's music performed by "Company B."

The landmark Grand Opening Celebration officially opens the three-acre, 89,000-square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, located at Foothill Blvd. and the I-15 in Rancho Cucamonga. The Victoria Gardens Cultural Center features a second full service city Library with a collection of 80,000 new items on the shelves opening day, Teen Scene area, Reading Room, Technology Center and many more resources and services; the 536-seat Lewis Family Playhouse features its own professional Mainstreet Theatre Company troupe with a programming emphasis on theatre for young audiences and families. The inaugural season kicks off September 8 with Grammy Award winning songstress Sheena Easton and offers a menu of performances of interest for all ages from the worlds of music, dance and theater; and Celebration Hall, public banquet and meeting space.

The Inaugural Season of the Lewis Family Playhouse also includes the tap-dancing troupe Tap Kids, a "Sound of Music" sing-along, China's Peking Acrobats, the Smothers Brothers and many other events. For the full season brochure, patrons are invited to stop by the new permanent Box Office location or visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.

Patrons are invited to step up to the window and secure tickets at the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office, located at 12505 Cultural Center Dr., which opens for business on-site, noon on Tuesday, Aug. 1. The new Box Office hours are Monday through Thursday and Sunday from noon to 6pm, and Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm. (The temporary box office located at 9791 Arrow Route will officially close July 31.)

For more details on the Grand Opening events visit www.vgcultural-center.com.





Summer Festival presents classic acts

he Summer Festival, featuring classic bands of the past forty years, brings rock greats to Snow Valley Mountain Resort this month.

The Festival begins Saturday, August 5 with classic rock performers The Turtles featuring Flo and Eddie. Saturday, August 12, international superstar band Dr. Hook featuring Ray Sawyer, takes the stage with Ray's unique brand of soulful country rock. Friday, August 18, the World Classic Rockers, an all-star association of former band members from Foreigner, Toto, Santana, Steppenwolf, and Lynyrd Skynyrd will be joined



by special guest Randy Meisner, formerly of The Eagles. Saturday, August 26, Herman's Hermits featuring Peter Noone will take concert-goers back to the 60's with songs like "Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Daughter," "I'm Henry the Eighth I Am," "This Door Swings Both Ways," "No Milk Today, "I'm Into Something Good," and "There's a Kind of Hush." Saturday, September 2, the Little River Band will light up Labor Day Weekend with singing that caused John Lennon to proclaim them "the greatest harmony group working today."

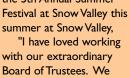
Profits from the Summer Festival will be used by the Foundation for its community programs, including its highly praised Arts-Infused Learning Training for pre-K and elementary teachers that helps strengthen literacy and learning in academic subjects.

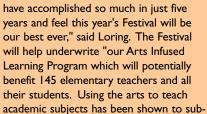
Snow Valley is eight minutes past Running Springs on Highway 18. The shows begin at 8pm, gates opening at 6:30pm. Ticket prices vary from \$29 to \$34. Preferred table seating for eight is \$80 plus the ticket cost. Students, 13 to 18 years old are \$10 (with I.D.), and children 12 and under are free.

The restaurant and bar will serve dinner, snacks and drinks. It's festival seating, so bring blankets and lawn chairs or purchase table seating ahead of time. Parking is free. Order tickets online at www.snowvalleyfestival.com or by phone at 909-337-5338.

Gloria Loring: 5th annual Summer Festival 'best ever'

Gloria Loring wears many hats -- singer, popular recording artist, entertainer, actress, author, lecturer -- and President of the Lake Arrowhead Foundation for the Creative and Performing Arts, which is presenting the 5th Annual Summer Festival at Snow Valley, this summer at Snow Valley,





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'Gypsy' promises to 'Entertain You'!

oming to The Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater in Claremont is the Broadway musical smash hit "Gypsy." With music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and book by Arthur Laurents, Gypsy is frequently considered one of the crowning achievements of the mid-20th century's conventional musical theatre art form.

Gypsy is loosely based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, the famous striptease artist, and focuses on her struggle with her mother, Mama Rose, whose name has become synonymous with "the ultimate backstage mother."

Gypsy, with multiple musical numbers that fit the show perfectly, is a production with a heart. Set in the days of the Great Depression, when vaudeville was on its last legs and burlesque wasn't far behind, emotion runs second only to frustration.

Nevertheless, Mama Rose, played by Barbara Hinrichsen, is determined to get her two daughters, June and Louise, into show business any way she can. Convinced that June, the older daughter, is more talented than Louise, Rose is devastated when June runs away and gets married.

Stranded in a burlesque house in rural Kansas, Louise surprises

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Main St., Temecula.

THE PHIL AT FAIRMOUNT: Free, "Boston Pops" style of family concert. Aug. 19, Noon to 4pm. Familiy activities begin at Noon. (951) 787-0251, www.thephilharmonic.org.

RAMONA BOWL AMPHITHEATRE: Grease, Aug. 18, 19, 25, 26. See article on page 22. Tickets and info call (951) 658-3111 or (800) 645-4465. 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., Hemet. www.ramonabowl.com.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Funny Money, Sept. 8-24. Tickets \$15. 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: See article on page 22. 101 Dalmations, Aug. 11, 10am, Aug. 12, 19, 2pm & 4pm, Aug. 17, 7:30pm. • Godspell, Aug. 11-12, 7:30pm, Aug. 13, 3pm, Aug. 18-19, 7:30pm, Aug. 20, 3pm. • (951) 756-4240. The Wallace Theater at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL: Annual Laguna Beach art fest features local artists displaying their work. Runs through Sept. 3. For more information, see article on page 22. (949) 494-3030, www.sawdustartfestival.org.

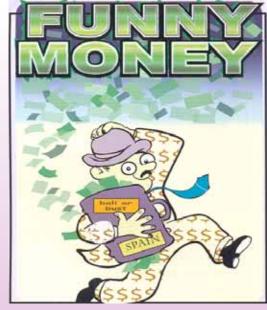
5TH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AT SNOW VALLEY: Aug. 5, 12, 18, 26, and Sept. 2. Gates open 6:30pm, concerts at 8pm. See article on page 25. Aug. 5, The Turtles. Aug. 12, Dr. Hook. Aug. 18, World Class Rockers with Randy Melsner. Aug. 26, Herman's Hermits featuring Peter Noone. Sept. 2, Little River Band. (909) 337-5338. www.snowvalleyfestival.com.

SUMMER NIGHTS IN THE PARK: Thursdays weekly, 6-8pm, at Fairmount Park in Riverside, 2601 Fairmount Blvd. Free concerts. Aug. 3, Blues featuring 3rd Degree. Aug. 10, Beatles Legend Tribute featuring BUTOPIA. Aug. 17, Latin featuring LA Mambo Combo. (951) 826-2000.

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by Ray Cooney • September 8 - 24

Henry A. Perkins, a mild-mannered CPA, accidentally exchanges briefcases with a mob courier and arrives home with a case full of money instead of his leftover lunch. All Henry's dreams could I come true, but if getting the money was easy, keeping it is a different matter. Hilarious innuendo and cruelly funny turns of fate ensue as Henry, his bemused and tipsy wife, and two of their friends are forced into a frantic game of cat and mouse.

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TEMECULA VALLEY PLAYERS: Sally Blane, World's Greatest Girl Detective, Aug. 11-13, 18-20, 8pm. Tickets \$15. CRC Amphitheater, 30875 Rancho Vista Road, in Temecula. (951) 676-6055.

TWIT PRODUCTIONS: Solved any funny mysteries lately? Why not let the TWITs of Temecula Whodunit Interactive Theatre serve you an evening of laughter and good food -

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stantially improve learning and test scores. We are proud to support our teachers and children in this way," Loring added.

In addition to her role as Foundation President, Gloria Loring is a consummate singer and the recording artist of the #1 hit song, "Friends and Lovers." She is also the cocomposer of many television theme songs, an audience favorite from daytime TV's Days of Our Lives, and spokesperson for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, from which she received a Lifetime Commitment Award.

With nine albums to her credit, she has performed in concert all over North America, Europe and Australia. Her two musical shows draw from her own life, with

while you solve a mystery. Currently playing: August is the final month of Showdown at Sundown (give or take an hour or so). Performances are Fridays (7:30pm) and Saturdays (7pm) and reservations are required. The price (\$32 - \$35) includes a three-course meal (with four main course choices) served by the actors in character. twitproductions.com. (951) 323-3292.

VICTORIA GARDENS CULTURAL CENTER:

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themes that come from her heart and experience -- "Gloria Loring Throws It Down" and "Gloria Loring's Stomping at the Savoy."

She is known as a fierce advocate for those living with chronic illness and an articulate champion of bio-medical research. When her son was diagnosed with diabetes at age four, she self-published two volumes of the Days of Our Lives cookbook, which, along with her recording of "A Shot in the Dark," raised more than one million dollars for diabetes research. She has two commercially published books, including Kids, Food and Diabetes and Parenting a Child with Diabetes.

With all of this, she still finds time to devote her time and experience to her community as the very busy president of the Lake Arrowhead Foundation for the Creative and

Jazz returns to Blue Jay

"Jazz in Blue Jay" was extremely well received last year, and this year they bring back the cool sounds with four concerts. It's a night for picnic dinners, your favorite beverage and some old-fashioned Summer evening friendship. Top this with some jazz that soothes and smooths out the rough patches of the weeks, and you've got a Summer event to remember.

The lineup includes Maiden Voyage Allstars, August 10, presenting the finest female musicians on the west coast. Following Maiden Voyage on the 17th will be Sydne and her quartet "Straight Ahead" directed by Michael Montano. This year the ensemble will feature Dale Rambert on Vibes. On the 24th, two-time Grammy winner Greg Adams will return. Adams has worked with a "who's who" list of famous music industry stars. Thursday the 31st features The Bobby Matos Septet and his Afro-Cuban Jazz Ensemble. The last jazz night is likely to be the hottest of the concert series with this Latinjazz that will stir your soul and your feet.

Ticket prices will be \$15 per event. Tables are also available for purchase, to get up close and personal with the artists. Order tickets and tables now at

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

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

CONFIDENTIAL CHRISTIAN SINGLES: Aug 5 - Christian Speedy Introductions, Bunco, Karaoke at Chase Suites Hotel, Fullerton. • Aug 12 - Dancetime Introductions - an evening of lessons at Londance, Santa Ana. • Aug 19- HUGE Queen Mary Dinner-Dance (up to 1,000 attend). • Aug 26 - Dance & Lessons - Londance, Santa Ana • Call for details at (714) 210-3337 or go online to www.christiansinglesfunevents.com.

FAIRS. FESTIVALS. EVENTS

4TH ANNUAL ALL-AMERICAN CAR & CORVETTE SHOW: Sept. 9, 9am-1pm, in Historic Downtown Upland. See article on page 11.

ART A FAIR FESTIVAL: Through Sept. 3, 777 Laguna Canyon Rd. in Laguna Beach. Laguna Beach's only internationally juried art festival. See article on page 21. For more information, call (949) 494-4514, or go online to www.artafair.com.

BEAR VALLEY HERITAGE DAYS: Aug. 30-Sept. 4 at the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake. Celebrate the early western days of mountain living. (909) 585-3000, www.big-bearevents.com. See article on page 12.

BMX RACING: Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 6-10pm, at the Orange Show Speedway. Admission is free. www.orangeshowbmx.com. (909) 885-4160.

CALIFORNIA TRUCK JAM: Aug. 6, 9am-5pm. Custom and classic trucks, air hop contest, burn out contest and more. Includes live music. At the Verizon Amphitheater at Hidden Valley Park in Irvine. (310) 326-4526, www.truckjam.com.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK: Fleming Park in Colton, F Street and La Cadena Dr. Music, food, vendors and more. Bands: Aug. 6, Running On Funk; Aug. 13, Time Piece; Aug. 20, Sangria; Aug. 27, Full Circle. See article on page 8.

THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS: Voted one of the

Top 3 Art Festivals in America. Through Sept. 1, 10am-11:30pm. Admission \$7. See article on page 22. 650 Laguna Canyon Rd., in Laguna Beach. (949) 494-1145. www.lagunafestivalofarts.org.

THE GIANT ORANGE ARTVENTURE: Through Sept. 15, exhibit featuring 32 inspired artoranges, in downtown Riverside. (951) 684-7111, www.thegiantorange.com.

INAUGURAL SMALL BUSINESS EXPO: Sept. 13, 8:30-1:30pm, Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario. Free workshops and networking opportunities. See article on page 13. Admission \$15. (909) 984-2458, www.ieypn.org.

KILLARNEY'S IRISH PUB & GRILL: Authentic Irish pub in Temecula. 32475 Hwy. 79 S., Temecula. (951) 302-8338. www.killarneys.com.

LAKE PERRIS SPORTS PAVILION: Satellite wagering from the Lake Perris Fairgrounds, 18700 Lake Perris Dr. (951) 679-7223. www.socalfair.com.

LAUGH JAM 2006: A comedy and music event at Longshadow Ranch Winery, 39847 Calle Contento, in Temecula, every Friday night, 7pm, through Sept. 29. Presented by Lilli Entertainment Inc. www.laughjam.com.

59TH ANNUAL NORCO VALLEY FAIR: Ingalls Park in Norco, at 5th and Crestview. Aug. 31-Sept. 4. Familly fun with a western flavor.

NOS SPORTS CENTER WINNERS CIRCLE BINGO: Every Fri. and Sat., 3-9pm. \$10 buy in, two 3-hour sessions benefiting Inland Empire charities. 930 S. Arrowhead Ave., Gate 10, San Bernardino. (909) 885-7223.

NOS SPORTS CENTER: Satellite horserace wagering, Wednesday through Sunday, Doors open at 10:15am. Free parking. 930 S. Arrowhead Ave., Gate 10, San Bernardino. (909) 885-7223.

OAKTREE VILLAGE: 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.oaktreevillage.com.

ONTARIO FAN FEST: Aug. 31, 4-10pm, Ontario Convention Center. Meet NASCAR drivers, live music, fireworks and more. (909) 837-3015, www.ontariofanfest.com. See article on page 4.

ORANGE SHOW SPEEDWAY: Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 racing, schedule online at www.nosev-

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ents.com. Gates open 5pm, racing at 6:30pm. Adults \$10, seniors \$8, juniors \$8, kids \$2, kids 5 and under free. Parking \$4. (909) 888-6788.

RILEY'S FARM: In Oak Glen, offering Revolutionary War Adventures Mon.-Fri., 10am-2pm. (909) 797-7534, www.rileysfarm.com.

RIVERSIDE PLAZA: Located on Central Ave. in Riverside between the 91 Freeway and Magnolia Ave.

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494-3030, www.sawdustartfestival.org.

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WEST COAST'S LARGEST ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW: Pomona Fairplex. Car parts, accessories and more. Admission \$8. www.pomonaswapmeet.com.

MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN: A full service family favorite that's also home to the signature bobsled-like ride of the same name. The Alpine Slide lets riders experience Olympic-like action as they negotiate sleds along a quarter-mile track with banked turns and long straightaways. Getting to the top is a snap with Magic Carpet uphill lifts. 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.

ASTRONOMY VILLAGE: The Village is located at 2001 Observatory Way, off Hwy. 18, West of Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead.

CRESTLINE: Fishing, boating and more. (909) 338-2706, www.crestlinechamber.net.

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER: • Labor Day Family Picnics and Fun Summer Days, Sept. 2-4. Childrens' programs and events. • Interpretive facility, museum, environmental education, 1 mile northwest of Idyllwild on 25225 Hwy 243. Children's Discovery area,

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local history, wildlife, gift shop. (909) 659-3850

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK:

Commonly called the Big Bear Zoo. located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10; kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily and hours Sept. through May are 10 am - 4pm Monday through Friday, and until 5pm on weekends. For more information go to www.BigBearZoo.com or call (909) 878-4200.

MUSEUMS

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.

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM: 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 \$10, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 943-3020. www.oerm.org

PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM:

\$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 Airport. (909) 597-3722.

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM:

The museum is open daily 10am-5pm, Wednesday until 8pm. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 youth ages 6-17, children under 6 free, seniors and military \$8.50. 745 N. Gene Autry Trail. For more infor-

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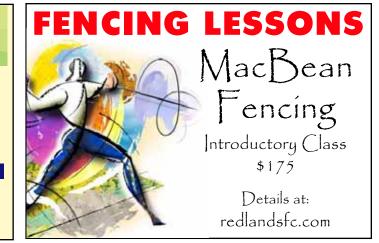


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ing "Summer Nights," "Beauty School Dropout," and "Greased Lightning." The Ramona Bowl is an ideal venue for outdoor musicals under warm and starry skies, as the natural shape of the amphitheatre enhances the sound quality of the performance.

The play had its world theatrical premiere on Broadway in 1972, and has been highly successful throughout the world. The 1978 hit film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John is still the highest grossing movie musical ever made.

In 1979, 'Grease' also became the longest-running show in the history of Broadway to that date.

Dennis Anderson, Artistic Director for the Bowl, described what makes the Ramona Bowl's production of 'Grease' so enjoyable. "The actors are all theatre veterans, and they're fantastic. We've been using the same production team for 4 years running now, and the quality of every element of this show is top notch. The audience is going to have the time of their life, with non-stop infectious rock and roll music that's fast paced and exciting. They'll leave the Bowl dancing all the way home."

And like other long-running productions at the Ramona Bowl, 'Grease' is becoming something of a family tradition for show participants. Two mother-daughter teams are in the production this year. Cesaria Hernandez and daughter Kayla Friend, both play teenagers. Cesaria has played the lead role in 'Ramona' for 3 years, Queen Gertrude in 'Hamlet,' and she plays Frenchy in 'Grease.' The other mother-daughter team is Martina and Dalea Webster, who are co-choreographers for the show, and also play teenagers Cha-Cha and Patty.

'Grease' strikes a universal chord with an irresistible mix of youthful angst, vibrant physicality, and 1950s pop culture. It's a period piece that's fast, furious and thrilling, an injection of raw energy, and fun. It envelopes viewers in the essence of being a teenager at a time when rock and roll and putting grease in your hair were the most important things in life. It's an escapist pleasure zone where happiness shines through, and viewers emerge exhilarated by the sheer dynamic variety, vigor and exuberance of rock and roll.

Friday, August 18 is the opening day for 'Grease,' with limited engagement performances on August 18, 19, 25, and 26. The show starts promptly at 8pm., and tickets are \$23. To order tickets or get more information, call 1-800-645-4465 or visit www.RamonaBowl.com.

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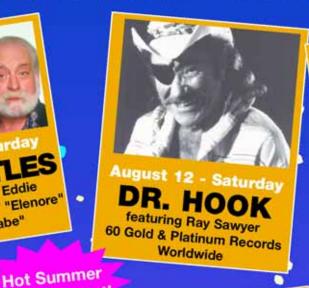


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