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With fuel injected motor sports, family shows, exhibits, fair food and thrilling carnival rides, the Southern California Fair is a tremendous value.

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**way Motorcycles** with Side Cars, high flying **Freestyle Moto X**, smashing and crashing **Demolition Derby**, all new **Motorhome Demolition Derby**, dirt loving **Off Road Races** with Trophy Karts and speedy **Stock Car Races** with a mind-blowing jet car meltdown. Best of all, shows are all free with your fair admission.

Enjoy talented bands, including Southern California's own **Doo-Wah Riders**, with four stages of live music and performances.

Sprint Cars aren't the only thing that will be tearing up the tracks. Returning are the ever popular **Turkey Races** and family favorite **Pig Races**. You'll also enjoy daily shows by **magicians, jugglers, Jest in Time**

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The fair is held at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds in Perris. Take the 215 freeway, exit Ramona Expressway and go two miles east. For more information call the fair office at (951) 657-4221 or visit [www.socalfair.com](http://www.socalfair.com). **IER**

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# National Tour comes to The Country Club at Soboba Springs



The PGA Tour's Nationwide Tour and the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians have teamed up to bring a \$1 million purse to be played at the Country Club at Soboba Springs in San Jacinto. The Soboba Classic will be one of only two events offering \$1 million in prize money on the Nationwide Tour in 2009.

The Classic joins the season-ending Nationwide Tour Championship in having the largest purse on Tour. First prize will be \$180,000.

The tournament week is September 28 to October 4. The competitive tournament rounds will be played from Thursday October 1 through Sunday October 4. The Golf Channel will televise all four rounds of the tournament.

The Soboba Classic will also participate in the Nationwide Tour's "Tickets-Fore-Charity" program that provides local charities the opportunity to sell tournament tickets and retain 100% of the revenue.

"We are very pleased to bring this world-class tournament to the region, which will help generate valuable national exposure to the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley area," Soboba Tribal Chairman Robert Salgado, Sr. said. "This is one of the most beautiful golf courses in the world, and we look forward to many years of hosting top players and tournaments, and attracting visitors to the community. We encourage local

charities to take full advantage of the Tickets Fore Charity program and utilize the tournament to positively impact lives."

"The Nationwide Tour welcomes the Soboba Classic to our family of tournaments," Nationwide Tour president Bill Calfee said. "When next fall rolls around, the competition on the Nationwide Tour to earn one of the 25 PGA Tour cards for 2010 will be entering a crucial stage. Golf fans who come out to Soboba Springs will witness a much heightened competitive environment as each and every stroke will have potential bearing on whether or not a competitor plays his way onto the golf world's greatest stage, the PGA Tour, beginning in January 2010."

"Southern California is an area of the country that has produced many PGA Tour champions and promising Nationwide Tour stars," California native Ricky Barnes, who is currently 21st on the Nationwide Tour money list, said. "I have no doubt the Soboba Classic will

**TO LEARN MORE** about the PGA Tour and Nationwide Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA Tour card, visit [www.PGATOUR.com](http://www.PGATOUR.com). For more information about the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians visit [www.soboba-nsn.gov](http://www.soboba-nsn.gov).

be a great addition to the Nationwide Tour and that my fellow players will look forward to returning to Southern California. My plan is to be on the PGA Tour next year but regardless of which tour I'm on, I have no doubt the Soboba Classic, with its \$1 million purse and strong golf course, will be a great addition to the Nationwide Tour. The Nationwide Tour is a terrific tour and will be well-received by everyone who gets involved in the tournament."

"My recollections of my days on the Nationwide Tour are very positive," two-time PGA Tour winner Tom Pernice, Jr., who played on the Nationwide Tour full-time in 1995 and '96, said. "The competition was strong back then and the Tour has grown into what is now one of the most competitive places in the world to play professional golf. Every year I see the new talent that comes from the Nationwide Tour to the PGA Tour and I am always very impressed. Golf fans of Southern California should make a point of coming to Soboba Springs next September. They will truly get an up-close and personal look at the future of the PGA Tour. I also think they will be very surprised and impressed with the traditional layout and exceptional conditions of the golf course at Soboba Springs. It is a real sleeper."

Located in San Jacinto, approximately 25 miles from Riverside and Palm Springs, The Country Club at Soboba Springs opened for play in late 2004 under the new ownership of The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. Shortly thereafter, the course was closed for a complete renovation by golf course architect Cary Bickler. The golf course was originally designed by Desmond Muirhead and opened in 1966 as Soboba Springs Country Club.

Bickler, a Muirhead disciple, was able to maintain the original playing characteristics of this classic design while adding much needed length and special features. The course reopened in early 2006 and now stretches to 7,053 yards and plays to a par of 72. The Country Club also features a new 31,000-square-foot clubhouse. **IEP**

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Dr. Bailey became internationally known for his 1984 surgery on Baby Fae, which involved the transplant of a baboon heart. In the years that followed, he perfected techniques for human-to-human heart transplants in infants. Over the course of his amazing career, he has performed more than 250 infant heart transplants. Now, the first babies he gave new hearts are reaching adulthood. Paul Holc, the youngest recipient of any solid organ to have survived, is now about 20 years old. Transplant patients Nicholas Anguiano and Leilah Dowsari — known years ago as Baby Moses and Baby Eve — are 21.

"I enjoy it all," says Dr. Bailey. "I enjoy helping the patients and their families through a crisis. I enjoy seeing patients as they grow up. I enjoy teaching the young doctors, and I particularly enjoyed the time I've spent in laboratory research."

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# 2009 Grape Harvest Festival Set for October 2, 3 & 4th

Join California's Oldest Grape Harvest Festival as it celebrates 70 years of tradition, October 2, 3 and 4 at Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cu-



In 1939, citizens of the Alta Loma, Etiwanda and Cucamonga areas decided to officially recognize the 100th anniversary of the

planting of the "Mother Vineyard" with the first "Wine and Grape Festival," a celebration that soon became a local tradition. Throughout the years, local wineries and service clubs continued to celebrate the tradition of the Grape Harvest Festival (a.k.a. Wine Festival) until 1981 when the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce took over the production of the festival, creating one of the largest regional events of its kind.

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Joe Stofa, Jr., City Engineer and long-time participant on the Grape Harvest Festival Committee, is this year's Chairperson.

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Harvest attractions include:

In 1987, the California State Legislature designated the Festival as officially being "California's Oldest Grape Harvest Festival."

- A Wine Appreciation Tent, featuring fine wines of the region
- Live entertainment until midnight on Friday and Saturday, Sunday until 5pm
- The annual Car Show
- Traditional Grape Stomps

Friday evening features the Multi-Chamber Mixer and infamous Chairman/President Grape Stomp to see which Chamber earns the Purple Foot Award.

The Spirit of the Grape Harvest Festival dates back over 200 years to the planting of the first Mission grapes at the Mission San Gabriel Archangel. As Rancho Cucamonga grew throughout the late 19th and 20th centuries, each of the individual wineries and the various Catholic churches in the area held their own version of a Grape Harvest Festival, celebrating the end of the harvest season and comparing the fruits of their labors.

Vendors and car show participants desiring space for this year's event must make reservations by September 10. All vendor booths will have a canopy, electricity and lighting. Vendors should register online with a major credit card at [www.grapeharvest-festival.org](http://www.grapeharvest-festival.org) or call the Chamber of Commerce at (909) 987-1012 for additional information.

For more information about the event, visit [www.grapeharvestfestival.org](http://www.grapeharvestfestival.org). IER

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The Lees have been going strong ever since. In 2006 the sisters opened a second bookstore in Lake Elsinore. The two stores are full-service, selling used books, audio books, records, cds, movies, magazines, original art and prints.

It was a challenge, to be sure. Riverside was going through some painful stages of rehabilitation and political upset, the economic climate of Downtown Main Street was in a downturn before the housing crisis of 2008, and used and new bookstores all over the country were closing. But they plodded along.

Both Downtowne Bookstores are now warm, friendly places to placate your need for a good read. The children's sections are well stocked and inviting to young people with their parents. There is a little of every genre and subject to be found on well-laid-out shelves. If you can't find the book you are looking for, the staff can order it, new or used, for a small mark-up.

Come visit the two stores for a step back in time and a good selection of excellent reading material. Nadia is mainly at the Riverside store, and Vera is at either store when her teaching schedule allows for time, mostly Thursday evenings and every other Saturday. Drop by and say "Hi!"

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# Holy Hot Rod!



**The Batmobile is coming to the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum**

One of the most iconic and recognizable cars in television history is coming to the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum, presented by the Automobile Club of Southern California, to celebrate the Los Angeles County Fair, Sept. 5 - Oct. 4.

Built by Hollywood car builder **George Barris** for the 1966 ABC TV Series "Batman," the Batmobile was built from a Ford Lincoln "The Futura" prototype. It comes fully loaded with all the crime-fighting gadgets including bat phone, bat turn lever,

bat scope, bat ray projector and more. Batman fans can get more than a glimpse of the dynamic duo's famous car when visiting the Museum.

"Our goal is to educate kids on the car culture of Southern California, and the L.A. County Fair is the perfect time and place to showcase the talents of many automotive designers like George Barris," Tony Thacker, executive director of the NHRA Motorsports Museum, said. "With the Batmobile, we hope to widen the imaginations of younger generations and perhaps spark interest in motorsports careers."

The Batmobile will be on display in the Museum's Hall of Champions which will be transformed into a kid-friendly exhibit area filled with hands-on, interactive displays during the duration of the Fair. The area will also include Richie Hearn's #10 Indy race car, a John Force Funny Car and other activities.

Admission is \$1 with paid Fair admission. For Museum information, call (909) 622-2133 or visit online at [www.museum.nhra.com](http://www.museum.nhra.com). For information on the L.A. County Fair, visit [www.fairplex.com](http://www.fairplex.com). **LER**

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# ARMC's Annual Health and Safety Fair to offer free health screenings, safety information

Children and adults will have a unique opportunity to receive free health screenings, doctor consultations and important safety information during ARMC's 7th Annual Community Health and Safety Fair, scheduled for **Saturday, September 26 from 10am to 2pm** on the ARMC campus, 400 North Pepper Ave. in Colton.

With a focus on the obesity epidemic that continues to impact children and adults throughout the County of San Bernardino, the fair provides screenings that will help to assess health risk factors and important information for improved nutrition. The fair also provides fire and trauma demonstrations and tips that can help children and adults stay safe and out of the emergency room.

Other features include child ID, safe snowboarding lessons and a teddy bear for

the first 200 children to complete health screenings. In addition, there will be 80-100 vendors and exhibitors with important resources for health and safety.

New this year is the American Red Cross "Disaster Land" area, where children can learn disaster preparedness techniques that they can share with their parents, and 200 adult seasonal flu (not swine flu) shots that will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For kids, a slide and bounce house will be available so they can learn about health and safety in a fun setting. Light refreshments and a raffle are also part of the event.

As part of a continuing effort to improve the health and safety of the community, the health and safety fair is open to all San Bernardino county residents, but it is an especially welcome experience for those



who are either uninsured or underinsured. Timely health screenings are an imperative component of good health and, whether families have health insurance or not, sometimes they forget the importance of timely check-ups even if they feel well.

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Limited seats remain for this special one-night engagement, with tickets priced at \$86.50.

The group has been performing since the 1970s. The Pointer Sisters have secured a place in pop music history and have been the recipients of multiple Grammy's and various recognitions throughout their career.

An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is located in the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center at 12505 Cultural Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 6pm and Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm, with free parking available. To purchase tickets online, visit [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com) or call the Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422. **LER**

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**ALL SHOOK UP:** Sept. 18-27. See article on page 15.

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**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**

4026 14th St., Riverside. (951) 686-4030, [riversidecommunityplayers.com](http://riversidecommunityplayers.com).

**4 BEEKMAN:** Weekends, Sept. 4-20. See article on page 17.

**AUDITIONS FOR "BE MY BABY":** Playing November 6-22, 2009, auditions are September 7th & 8th at 7pm. Maud, an uptight English matron, and John, a brusque middle-aged Scotsman, despise each other, despite the fact that his ward has married her niece. When the young couple decides to adopt a baby, Maud and John find themselves flying to California to escort the infant back to Scotland. Stranded in San Francisco through a series of misfortunes, they form a new partnership and learn some startling lessons about life and love. Looking for: 3 men, 3

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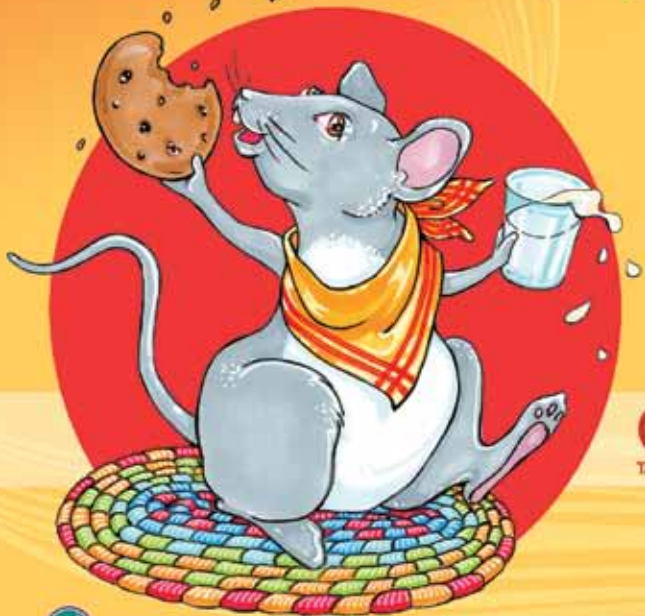
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# 'Grandiose' at San Bernardino Symphony

The San Bernardino Symphony's 2009 - 2010 Season promises to elevate its audience to new emotional heights with thrilling orchestral music and an impressive array of talented young soloists. The orchestra celebrates 81 successful years in the community with a new season that, according to Music Director Carlo Ponti, "will uplift and thrill as never before."

Maestro Ponti is especially proud that his ensemble of talented musicians has become an important cultural presence in San Bernardino and "continues to inspire and educate music lovers of all ages with orchestral concerts of the highest caliber and fun-filled musical outreach programs."

The 2009-2010 Season opens with the exclusive Inland Empire premieres of Jean Sibelius's Symphony no.2 in D Major, op. 43 and Franz Schubert's Symphony no. 3 in D Major D.200. Sibelius' Second Symphony is his grandest and most ambitious symphonic work, while Schubert's Third

Symphony is one of his most popular and has delighted music lovers of all ages for generations.

The 2nd Symphony, composed while Sibelius was on vacation in Italy, was an instant success with Finnish audiences and established Sibelius as a major composer. However, it took many years for the work to become established in the orchestra repertoire and lately it has become the most popular of all his compositions.

Franz Schubert once remarked "I have come into this world for no purpose but to compose." The comment of the composer was proven remarkably when he was 19 years old and composed almost 20 individual pieces including Symphony No. 3.

Season highlights also include the San Bernardino Symphony's celebrated family concerts, boasting the thrilling Inland Empire premiere of Mexican composer Carlos Chavez's Toccata for percussions and an

exciting grand finale performance celebrating the City of San Bernardino's Bicentennial. This much anticipated musical event features Aaron Copland's monumental Third Symphony and orchestral favorites by Samuel Barber and Leonard Bernstein.

There will be a pre-concert lecture by Michael Tacchia at 7pm in the California Theater's California Room.

**Grandiose:** October 10th, 8pm, California Theater, San Bernardino

The Lake Arrowhead Arts Association is also presenting an additional performance of the same musical program on October 11, at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Arrowhead at 3pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.sanbernardinosymphony.org](http://www.sanbernardinosymphony.org), by phone at (909) 381-5388 or at the SBSO office at 414 W. 2nd Street, in San Bernardino. **IER**

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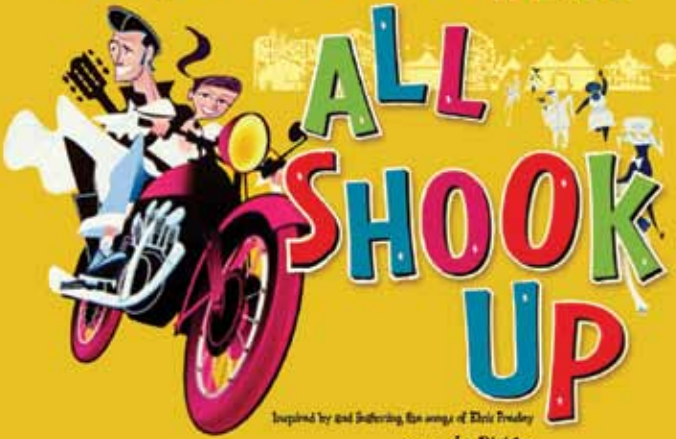

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# Riverside Community Players open 85th Season

**R**iverside Community Players opens its 85th season with a bang this month as it presents the Inland Empire premiere of Ron Clark's uproarious comedy *4 Beekman* about life in an upscale New York City apartment building. When you visit with the odd and colorful characters who live on Beekman Place, you undoubtedly will enjoy an evening of side-splitting laughs and hilarious mayhem.

Certain to lift everyone's spirits, this fast-paced production, directed by Inland Theatre League and Scotty Award-winner Rory Dyer, features a brilliant cast of local comic actors and the technical prowess of Dona and Ric Sisk.

Performances of *4 Beekman* are September 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8pm, and September 6, 13, 19 and 20

at 2pm. Tickets are \$15, and the Players' intimate theatre-in-the-round setting affords every patron an up-close-and-personal look at the action.

For a great bargain, look into getting a season ticket for the Riverside Community Players. Their Main Series consists of six productions—comedy, drama, mystery and a musical—all six shows for the price of \$66 ... only \$11 per show. Senior Citizens, age 62 and above, can get a season pass for \$56. If you prefer less of a commitment, then a three-show Sampler season ticket is also available for \$40.

Riverside Community Players received 28 Inland Theatre League Awards for Excellence in 2008 and has been providing quality theatre at an affordable price for 85 years.

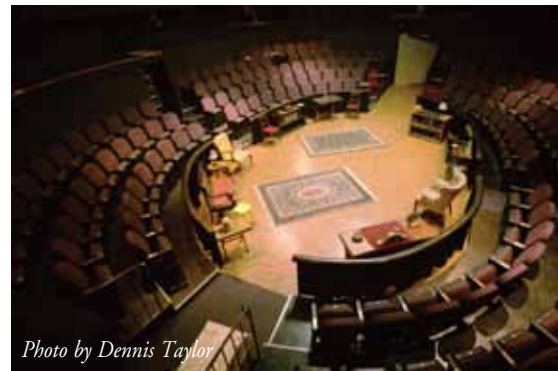


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The next five shows in Riverside Community Players' 2009-10 Main Series are:

## BE MY BABY

NOVEMBER 6-22, 2009

A charming comedy by Ken Ludwig, the play centers on an irascible Scotsman and an uptight English woman who are brought together when his ward marries her niece. When the young couple decides to adopt a newborn, these two are asked to travel 6,000 miles to pick up the child

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# 'Mouse' gives young audiences a theatrical treat

The MainStreet Theatre Company opens its fourth season of high-quality, professional theatre for young audiences, with the Southern California Premiere of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*.



*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*

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and bring her safely home to Scotland. The problem is the Scotsman and the English woman despise each other.

## THE PRICE

JANUARY 15-31, 2010

This brilliant, powerful and deeply moving play by America's foremost dramatist, Arthur Miller, is a piece that examines with compassion and humor the relationship of two long-estranged brothers who meet after many years to dispose of their late father's belongings. Their confrontation leads them to examine the events and qualities of their very different lives and the price each has had to pay for his decisions.

## AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

MARCH 19—APRIL 4, 2010

In Agatha Christie's most famous whodunit, a group of strangers are stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm. Into their midst comes a police-

The production opens September 26 and runs through October 10 at Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, 12505 Cultural Center Drive.

Laura Joffe Numeroff's famous book comes to life in this hilarious Jody Davidson adaptation starring Kelly Huddleston and Gavin Perry. John-David Keller directs.

*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* is the mad-cap tale of an energetic mouse, and a boy who quickly learns that his generosity has messy consequences. The innocent offering of a cookie to a small mouse goes from mishap to calamity to catastrophe. Crazy physicality takes place as the story unfolds at the boy's house – an innovative set designed by Dwight Richard Odle.

"The show is a 'frenetic physical adventure,'" Mireya (Murry) Hepner, MainStreet Theatre Company producer, said. "We

man, traveling on skis. He no sooner arrives than the first murder takes place. To get to the rationale of the murderer's pattern, the policeman probes the background of everyone present and rattles a lot of skeletons.

## PORTRAIT OF A NUDE

MAY 14 - 30, 2010

This thought-provoking drama by Laura Shamas is a fascinating exploration of issues of artistic inspiration, history and censorship. Spanning 193 years and based on real events, this play traces the history of the sociopolitical response to Francisco Goya's masterpiece "Naked Maja" from the time of its inception in 1798, to the recent legal case involving the work.

## STRIKE UP THE BAND

JULY 9TH - JULY 25TH, 2010

Horace J. Fletcher, proud owner of the Fletcher American Cheese Co., outraged when Switzerland protests a tariff on imported cheese, convinces the U.S. government to declare a war, financed

were looking for actors with gymnastic and/or circus skills and who were not afraid of heights. Our two-actor cast meets those requirements and more. The play really is a zany, exhaustive romp."

Kelly Huddleston (Mouse) returns to MainStreet after portraying the title role in *Dreams of Anne Frank* during MainStreet's second season. Her extensive background includes theatre roles such as Juliet and Celia in the Southworth Theatre productions of *Romeo and Juliet* and *As You Like It*, and numerous film and TV roles including parts in "Dexter," "Dirt" and "Mad Men."

Gavin Perry (Boy) is new to MainStreet but has an impressive resume of theatre roles including the lead in "Suburbia" at Company of Angels, TV shows and has appeared in feature films such as "Boys Don't Cry" and "The Newton Boys."

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by himself and dubbed "The Horace J. Fletcher Memorial War." This inspired lunacy is as relevant today as when it opened in 1927. With a lush musical score by George and Ira Gershwin and a book by the comedic master George S. Kaufman, this show is sure to please. **IER**

**FOR TICKET RESERVATIONS AND SEASON TICKET INFORMATION**, call the Riverside Community Players' box office at (951) 686-4030. The box office is open for walk-up business Monday-Saturday 6pm-8pm and Sunday 12pm-2pm throughout the run of the show. Tickets are \$15. There will be no late seating, and no children under 5 years of age will be admitted. The Riverside Community Playhouse is at 4026 14th Street in Riverside, between Magnolia and Brockton. On the day of the show, the hour prior to curtain time is reserved for business pertaining to that performance only. Visit the RCP website at [www.riversidecommunityplayers.com](http://www.riversidecommunityplayers.com).

## Downtown Street Jam Returns with Poncho Sanchez

By Natasha Ferguson, Riverside Downtown Partnership

Riverside's coolest new event — Downtown Street Jam — returns on Saturday, September 12 from 2 to 8:30pm in historic downtown Riverside. Families are encouraged to bring their kids to enjoy family-friendly entertainment including face-painting and balloon artists in the afternoon.

The ever popular **Cadillac Cats** will delight the audience with their cool sounds from 2 to 3:30pm. Concertgoers will also hear the talented, soul-stirring rhythmic grooves of **S.I.an'G.**, which stands for Soul Love An' Groove. This local five piece band is known for taking 70s jazz fusion music and blending it with a little funk, hip-hop (old school style) to create their own unique style.


Headlining this Downtown Street Jam on September 12 is none other than the world renowned Latin Jazz artist **Poncho Sanchez**. This Grammy Award winning percussionist and his award-winning eight piece ensemble will heat things up 7-8:30pm.

Sanchez is one of the leading percussionists in the music industry today. His music style is a fusion of Latin/Afro Cuban style with some jazz, R&B mixed with a little funk. Music critic Scott Lenz of LA Times says of Sanchez, "As Elvis is to rock and James Brown is to soul, Poncho Sanchez is to salsa...particularly the congas," and the Chicago Tribune calls Sanchez one of the most accomplished and versatile Latin jazz bands in the U.S.

Band members include George Ortiz on timbales, Tony Banda on bass, Ron Blake on trumpet, Javier Vergara on alto and tenor sax, Francisco Torres on trombone, Joey de Leon on bongo/tres and Sanchez on congas.

Sanchez's latest recording "Psychedelic Blues" will be available to his fans via streaming online at [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org), music courtesy of NPR's exclusive First Listen program after this concert from September 15-29.

Attendees are encouraged to patronize local restaurants and shops between performances at Downtown Street Jam. This is an outdoor event and no ice chests or umbrellas are permitted but it is strongly recommended to bring your own chair and arrive early for best seating.

For more information call Natasha Ferguson at (951) 341-6550, visit [www.RiversideDowntown.org](http://www.RiversideDowntown.org) or go to [www.myspace.com/downtownstreetjam](http://www.myspace.com/downtownstreetjam). 

## Experience Art in the Morongo Basin


One of the largest Open Studio Tours in the nation is taking place in the Inland Empire in October. This year's Joshua Tree National Park art community event, that includes the popular Open Studio Tours, will be held October 24-25 (West End including Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley, Pioneertown,

Landers and Joshua Tree) and October 31 – November 1, (East End including Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms and Wonder Valley).

This year's tour features award winning and popular artists Diane Best, Mike Smiley, Steve Rieman, Rik Livingston, Mikal Winn, Mary-Austin Klein, Tina Bluefield, Ellie Tyler, Robert Arnett, Wally Pacholka, Christy Anderson, Davis Murphy, Jane Maru, David McChesney, Bobby Furst, Scott Monteith and over 100 more artists.

The HWY 62 Art Tours encompasses all the arts of the Morongo Basin during the two weekend celebration showcasing music, performance and honoring the best in visual arts. The Open Studio Tours allows the visitor to experience working studios and purchase original art affordably directly from artists. Visitors and locals can plan their weekends and their own tour; planning their day, studios and artists they want to see, where to have lunch, take in some galleries or visit a museum. Choose from top restaurants for dinner and enjoy live entertainment with choice of venues, special events and theatre shows each evening and lodging or camping in Joshua Tree National Park at night.

The two weekend event kicks off with the annual Art Tours Collective Show that will be held and cosponsored this year at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley. Reception for the Art Tours Collective Show will be held Sunday, October 18, 4:30 – 7pm with refreshments, food and live entertainment. Popular artist Bobby Furst will host the annual closing party celebration in Joshua Tree with musicians and a few surprises on November 1 starting at 6pm.

To learn more and order an official collector program that includes over 100 artists, event schedule and an illustrated fold-out map go to [HWY62ArtTours.com](http://HWY62ArtTours.com) or call (760) 366-2226. 



Wally Pacholka, three-time winner of Time Life's Photo of the Year Award.

# Loma Linda University Centennial Celebration

Preparations are nearly complete for the recognition of an important milestone in the history of Loma Linda University School of Medicine. The school is turning 100 years old this year, and a large centennial celebration will take place on the Southern California campus during October 28 to 31.

“This celebration promises to be one that will long be remembered,” Dean of the Medical School, Roger Hadley, MD, said.

One of the most impressive features of the weekend is the wide variety of prominent guest speakers. Among the noted speakers are television show host and journalist Lisa Ling, Olympic decathlete Bryan Clay, Robert Gallo (the co-discoverer of HIV), Lee Strobel, a widely read Christian author, and more.

The 100th birthday festivities will formally begin Wednesday, October 28, for the students and on Thursday, October 29, for alumni, faculty, and friends of the school. Following the National Auxiliary’s luncheon on the hill (Thursday, October 29 at 11am), centennial event attendees are invited to tour the campus and facilities during the afternoon.

“Many alumni may not have been back to campus for years and will want to explore the familiar sites as well as new buildings, etc., that the school now has to offer its students,” Tamara Thomas, MD, who is coordinating the tour, said.

Probably most recognized for her role as host of National Geographic Explorer and co-host of ABC’s “The View,” Lisa Ling will be the keynote speaker for the Thursday evening program. Ling’s experience as a journalist for CNN and other news outlets has given her insight into the global issues she will address in her talk



LLU School of Medicine: Celebrating 100 Years!

on the subject of a hurting world.

A series of continuing education lectures will take place on Friday in the soon-to-be opened Centennial Complex. Beginning with a continental breakfast and book signing by many authors of the school’s perpetual devotional book, *Morning Rounds*, the talks that follow will be given by leaders in their field. They will provide current, evidence-based information that will address issues associated with principles upon which Loma Linda University was founded; lifestyle medicine, spirituality in patient care, and global health concerns.

Speakers for these lectures include: Harold Koenig, MD, MHSc, the founding co-director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University Medical Center; Patrick Reynolds, leading anti-smoking activist and grandson of tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds; David Kessler, MD, JD, a former FDA Commissioner and author; Eric Frykman, MD, MPH, the director and public health officer of the Riverside Community Health Agency; Robert Gallo, MD, a biomedical researcher who co-discovered HIV; and Richard Hart, MD, DrPH, Loma Linda University president.

On Friday evening, Lee Strobel will join Tim Zimmerman and The King’s Brass for an energizing and inspiring evening of worship and music. Strobel

is a widely read atheist-turned-Christian apologist and author of the award winning books *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for a Creator*, among others.

On Saturday, October 31, Randy Roberts, DMin, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Church, will deliver the centennial sermon. An orchestra comprised of students and alumni of the School of Medicine, formed exclusively for this centennial event, will perform to complete

the worship experience. H. Vincent Mitselfelt, MD, will be the conductor.

An event that called worldwide attention to Loma Linda University will be the focus of the Saturday vespers program. Leonard Bailey, MD, performed the first infant baboon heart transplant into the newborn known as Baby Fae. Now, Baby Fae’s mother will return to the campus for a poignant interview with Dr. Bailey and a private premiere screening of *Stephanie’s Heart* (Baby Fae’s real name), a film that memorializes her courageous act as a young mother.

Finally, the Saturday night dinner for the Centennial Tuition Fund will feature Olympic gold medalist Bryan Clay. The reigning Olympic decathlete, hailed as the “world’s greatest athlete,” will address how he has taken advantage of his athletic prominence to speak to others about his Christian faith.

“We are thrilled with the response we have had thus far to the programs that are planned for the students, alumni, faculty, and friends of the School of Medicine,” Hadley, said. “We encourage you to attend this once-in-a-lifetime celebration.”

For a complete list of centennial events including dates, times, locations and registration, visit the School of Medicine’s website at [llu.edu/medicine](http://llu.edu/medicine). IER

# Oktoberfest tradition continues in Big Bear

The Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest celebrates 39 years of German style family fun and good times this Fall. Rated Southern California's #1 Oktoberfest, this year's festival offers six and a half weekends of non stop entertainment, special contests and authentic German beer and food.

Big Bear's Oktoberfest kicks off with American's Hero weekend on Saturday, September 19, offering free admission for all past and present military, fire fighter and law enforcement. Opening festivities include a special tribute to all those who put their lives on the line protecting America's freedoms.

The festival closes on Saturday, October 31 with the annual costume contests for both adults and children. The adult contest this year will offer cash prizes. Other contests throughout the festival include the annual Queen Stein Carrying contest, a test of feminine-brawn as the women compete by carrying one-liter beer steins, team log sawing, children's contests, and the Safe Slam beer drinking contest.



The Burgermeister and his entourage offer non stop entertainment, dancing and zany German antics exclusive to Big Bear's festival.

The 2009 entertainment lineup features the Franken Power Express band direct from Germany and the Express, Southern California's premiere German band. Authentic dance groups perform each weekend and the Buden Strasse (Ave. of the Booths) provides a variety of children entertainment and arts and crafts vendors.

"We've been celebrating the same great traditions for 39 years, yet, it's always a

new adventure," explained Burgermeister Hans Bandows. "While the good times are always the same, each Oktoberfest provides its' own memories. We now have second and third generations of families celebrating with us. When you leave with a smile on your face, we've done our job!"

The Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest began in 1970 when Hans Bandows, a German immigrant, threw the first Oktoberfest in Big Bear. Bandows and his family moved from New York City to Big Bear Lake.

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## Stagecoach Days in Banning take you back in time

Stagecoach Days return to Banning, Oct. 1-4, as the town revisits the old west. The celebration, which takes place at A.C. Dysart Park, includes a carnival, an historical encampment, and more.



The Carnival runs Thursday through Sunday, and includes rides, midway games, vendor booths, and food. An all day wristband is available for \$25. Parking is free.

Saturday and Sunday, step back in time at the historical encampment. Enjoy tomahawk throwing, musket loading, and plenty of free entertainment.

A parade on Saturday begins at 10am, starting at Ramsey Street between San Geronio Ave. and 16th St.

For more information, go online to [www.banning-stagecoachdays.com](http://www.banning-stagecoachdays.com), or call (951) 922-3242. IER

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## 'Hardest working man in country music' performs at Fantasy Springs

Long before Phil Vassar started on his journey of becoming a legend in the country music industry, he cranked out hit after hit for singers and bands he idolized. In the 1990s, he wrote music for major country artists such as Alan Jackson ("Right On The Money"), Tim McGraw ("For A Little While"), Jo Dee Messina ("Bye Bye," "I'm Alright") and BlackHawk ("Postmarked Birmingham").

In 2000, Vassar decided to make things happen for himself as a singer/songwriter, and found his own success in the public eye. In conjunction with 106.1 FM KPLM, Phil Vassar plays one night only at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino inside the Fantasy Lounge on September 22 at 8pm.

This small theater-showroom provides an intimate setting for fans to see one of country music's self-made celebrities. Tickets are \$40 and \$55 and are now on sale at the Fantasy Springs box office, by calling (800) 827-2946 or online at [www.FantasySpringsResort.com](http://www.FantasySpringsResort.com).

Those who best understand Phil Vassar as a good-time, singer-piano extraordinaire and someone who puts his heart and soul into his music, also understand his mostly self-penned music has undergone a complete evolution from where it first came. Vassar, now touring in support of his fourth studio album with Universal Records, "And Prayer Of A Common



Man," turned introspective and drew out more layers of artistic expression than before. Building off the success of songs that have become radio staples such as "Just Another Day in Paradise" and "Six-Pack Summer," Vassar gives fans more happy-go-lucky songs on his new album, while also making a slight departure into more personal issues. The artist says his young daughters, ages 9 and 4, have much to do with the turn his music has taken recently.

"Having kids raises your level of

concern about just about everything," he said.

The Virginia-born singer, songwriter and musician says he enjoys his grueling tour schedule and actually feels enabled to write more material on the road, which may just spawn Vassar's fifth Universal Records album sometime in the future.

For more information on Phil Vassar's music or to hear it for yourself, log onto the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino website at [www.FantasySpringsResort.com](http://www.FantasySpringsResort.com) and click on the "Entertainment" tab. **187**

## Crosby, Stills & Nash at Fantasy Springs Resort



Forty years into their creative partnership, Crosby, Stills & Nash take to the road to entertain fans new and old. The three legends of rock hit the stage at Fantasy Springs together, Friday, September 25. Tickets are now on sale and start at \$49. Tickets may be purchased at the Fantasy Springs Box office, by calling (800) 827-2946, or online at [www.FantasySpringsResort.com](http://www.FantasySpringsResort.com).

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### AGUA CALIENTE CASINO

(866) 858-3600. [www.hotwatercasino.com](http://www.hotwatercasino.com).  
32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage.

### AUGUSTINE CASINO

760-391-9500. [www.augustinecasino.com](http://www.augustinecasino.com).  
84-001 Avenue 54, Coachella.

### CAHUILLA CASINO

(951) 763-1200. [www.cahuillacasino.com](http://www.cahuillacasino.com).  
52702 Highway 371, Anza.

### CASINO MORONGO

(800) 252-4499. [www.casinomorongo.com](http://www.casinomorongo.com).  
49750 Seminole Drive, Cabazon.

### FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is located north of Interstate 10 at the Golf Center Parkway exit near Indio (22 miles east of Palm Springs). Featuring 2000 slots, 40+ table games including TableMAX, five restaurants. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is owned and operated by the

Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. For tickets and information, call (760) 342-5000, (800) 827-2946 or visit [www.fantasyspringsresort.com](http://www.fantasyspringsresort.com).  
**ROCK YARD:** Every Saturday, live tribute rock bands at Rock Yard Outdoor Concert Stage.



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

**LYNYRD SKYNYRD:** Sept. 12, 8pm.

**PHIL VASSAR:** Sept. 22. *See article on page 22.*

**CROSBY, STILLS & NASH:** Sept. 25. *See article on page 22.*

### PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO

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

### SAN MANUEL INDIAN BINGO AND CASINO

(909) 864-5050. [www.sanmanuel.com](http://www.sanmanuel.com). 5797 North Victoria Avenue, Highland.

### SOBOBA CASINO

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](http://www.soboba.net). 23333 Soboba Road, San Jacinto. Tickets: 1-866-4-SOBOBA, ext. 183.

**CLINT BLACK:** Sept. 4.

**PGA TOUR:** A \$1 million purse to be played at the Country Club at Soboba Springs in San Jacinto. Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. *See article on page 6.*

### SPA RESORT CASINO

(760) 323-5865. [www.sparesortcasino.com](http://www.sparesortcasino.com). 401 E. Amado Rd., Palm Springs.

### SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO

46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella. Show tickets available online at [www.spotlight29.com](http://www.spotlight29.com) or call (800) 585-3737 or (760) 775-5566. 

# Rockaoke crowns 'Big Daddy' Al

**M**any came, many sang, but there could only be only one victor. Rockaoke at the Rock Yard at Fantasy Springs Resort crowned its grand finale winner last month. In the finals round, Al Robertson of La Quinta sang "Red House" by Jimi Hendrix and by all audience accounts, "nailed it."

Al took home \$1,000 cash for his foray into singing. "I think this will help propel me to the front of the stage more often," Al said as he beamed from ear to ear.

For several years, audiences may not have seen Al at the back of stages, playing gigs around the Coachella Valley as the drummer of the band "Rico & Friends." "I better watch out for my job now that Al's making a big name for himself. I don't think any of us in the band knew Al to be a front guy," Rico Brown, the lead singer of Rico & Friends, said.

Al's band members affectionately call




*Al Robertson, winner of Fantasy Springs' Rockaoke contest*

him "Big Daddy Al." With his big win at Rockaoke at the Rock Yard, Al said he certainly felt larger than life.

Rockaoke at the Rock Yard ran for four weeks and culminated with the finale Friday, August 7. Each week, rock star wannabes called into the 99.5 FM The Heat studios to audition for the DJs. The station selected five singers each week to perform with a live band at the Rock Yard that Friday night. Audience applause and cheers selected the best singer each week.

On the final Friday, the top four contestants came back to sing with all they had for a \$1,000 prize and some coveted bragging rights. Al Robertson defeated a harmonica playing classic rock singer who says he picked up his musical chops from his days chopping as a chef at the Las Vegas House of Blues, as well as two women with powerful song and stage prowess.

Rockaoke has proved so popular that Fantasy Springs Resort Casino and 99.5FM The Heat have teamed up again to find the next, best rock and roll singer in the Coachella Valley and beyond. The round two finale will take place Friday, September 25 at 10:30pm. The winner will take home \$1,000 cash. Potential contestants should call the 99.5 FM studios at (760) 778-6995 to sign up.

For more information on Rockaoke or the lineup of Saturday night tribute bands at the Rock Yard at Fantasy Springs, log onto [www.FantasySpringsResort.com](http://www.FantasySpringsResort.com). 

As with all their productions, Main-Street has assembled a top-notch creative team. Director John-David Keller is best known for his directorial work with South

Coast Repertory Theatre where he has been a resident artist for 35 years. He has directed their annual production of *A Christmas Carol* for 30 years. Set and costume designer Dwight Richard Odle's career includes 22 years working with South

Coast Rep, an 11-year scenic and costume design residency at Laguna Playhouse and 15 McCoy-Rigby productions at the La Mirada Performing Arts Center. Lighting design is by Kim Killingsworth, and sound design and original music are by Vincent Olivieri.

*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, appropriate for ages four years and up, runs Saturdays at 1pm and 4pm, and one Sunday matinee October 4 at 1pm., which will also be interpreted in American Sign Language. The city also runs special weekday matinees for school children. Tickets are \$16.50 for General admission, \$14.50 for Seniors, and \$13.50 for Youth up to age 12. Specially priced \$8 tickets are available during the Target Family Weekend performances on September 26th. For tickets, call the Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office at (909) 477-2752, (877) 858-8422 or visit on-line at [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com).

The Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 6pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 6pm. **IER**



**BANNING STAGECOACH DAYS 09!**  
**October 1st-4th, 2009**  
**at A.C. DYSART PARK**  
 Exit at 22nd St. of the 1-10 in Banning, CA  
 Head south on 22nd and follow the signs!

**CARNIVAL** Thursday - Sunday, \$25 All Day Wristband. Free Parking.  
 Family Fun! Carnival Rides, Midway Games, Vendor Booths, and Great food!

**REVISIT THE OLD WEST!** Saturday and Sunday  
 Step back in time and revisit the old west. Historical encampments where you can enjoy tomahawk throwing, musket loading, fire-building, storytelling and other reenactments throughout the day.  
 Pies cooked in Dutch ovens, fur trappers in buckskins and calico shirts, artisans demonstrating rope making and black smithing. All this and more make for a distinctively turn of the century atmosphere.

Enjoy free entertainment and arena events all day long! Especially for the kids... Petting Zoo, old fashioned games and crafts, Mutton-Bustin' and dummy steer roping. There will also be Cowboy Mounted Shooters, Barrel Racing, Team Roping and much more! Come out for family fun!

For more info, please visit...  
**BanningStagecoachDays.com**

**PARADE**  
 Saturday, October 3rd  
 Begins at 10am  
 On Ramsey Street, between San Geronimo Ave and 16th St.  
 Over 60 entries.  
 don't miss out on all the fun!

**KICK-OFF!**  
 Dance and Queens Coronation  
 Saturday, Sept. 26th, 7:30pm  
 Come dance at the Banning Armory!  
 Rotary / Habitat for Humanity  
 Spaghetti Dinner  
 Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 4:30 - 7:00pm  
 Grandparents of The Year  
 Banning Community Center

or call...  
**951.922.3242**

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[www.festaitalianariverside.com](http://www.festaitalianariverside.com)

Interested in being a sponsor? Interested in being a vendor?  
 Contact: Bill Calvino # (951) 263-7994  
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**3rd Annual Health Fair**  
 Monday, October 19, 2009 • 9 am - Noon

Free health screening and health care information  
 First come first served



At the  
**Mary Phillips Senior Center**  
 41845 Sixth Street. • Temecula, Ca. 92590

also ...

**"One Stop Shop"! HMO Information Fair**  
 Monday November 9 from 9-noon

Fall is the time to get information about your HMO medical benefits. Representatives from the following agencies: SCAN, Inter Valley Health Plan, Aetna, Blue Shield, MD Care, Kaiser Permanente, Secure Horizons and Health Net will be present to answer questions and provide information. Each HMO representative will give a 20 minutes seminar on 2010 benefits.

Time:	Agency:
9:00 am	SCAN Health Plan
9:30 am	InterValley Health Plan
10:00am	Aetna
10:30 am	Secure Horizons
11:00 am	MD Care
11:30 am	Kaiser Permanente
12:00 pm	Health Net

For more information  
 call the center at  
**951-694-6464**

Event Co-sponsored by Scan Health Plan.



# Ren Faire finds permanent home at Ramona Bowl



**T**he lush and shady groves on the lower 15 acres of the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre in Hemet will be transformed this September into the merry town of Port Talbot circa 1585.

Beginning on Labor Day weekend, and running every weekend the entire month of September, fairgoers can play, dine, and shop in Southern California's newest permanent site renaissance vil-

lage. The faire will be filled with the finest artisans in all the land and four nonstop stages of singing, dancing and plays which will also feature live combat and jousting demonstrations.

The Faire opens on the weekend of September 5 and runs every weekend through the 27th. Faire hours are Saturdays 10am to 7pm, Sundays 10am to 6pm. On late night weekends, faire closes at 9pm on Saturday, and opens at 11am on Sunday. Ticket Pricing: Adults: \$16, (special "Cart Load" offer buy four for the price of three), Senior/Student/Military: \$12, Children: \$12.

For more information, visit [www.ramonabowlrenaissancefair.com](http://www.ramonabowlrenaissancefair.com) or call (951) 658-3111 x 103. **IER**

# Women in Aviation

**W**omen in Aviation will be the subject of the Living History Flying Event hosted by Planes of Fame Air Museum at the Chino Airport on Saturday, October 3. The event will begin at 10am with a seminar describing the influence of women in aviation from its very earliest days and conclude with a flight demonstration by the Planes of Fame North American B-25J Mitchell World War II medium bomber.

An independent, non-profit institution dedicated to the preservation of the artifacts and history of aviation, Planes of Fame was founded in 1957 as the first permanent air museum in the American West and a pioneer in the concept of restoring historic display aircraft to flying condition.

Planes of Fame is open to the public every day 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)597-3722 or visit the Planes of Fame website at [www.planesoffame.org](http://www.planesoffame.org).

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# Canyon Crest Towne Centre



Celebrating 30 Years

### September Schedule of Events (weather permitting)

#### TUESDAY NIGHT MUSIC

has been continued for three more weeks,  
Sept, 1st, 8th and 15th. near the fountain  
between Cline's Hallmark and Papi's.  
6:30-8:30pm

#### FRANK WILSON TRIO

Smooth sounds of Jazz Wed. nights near  
Extreme Pita and Cold Stone Creamery  
6:30 until 8:30pm

#### ART SHOW

Second Saturday of each month  
10am until 3pm.

#### CAR SHOW

Second Sunday of each month,  
4pm until 7pm

#### THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT

will be Sat., Oct 31st, 4pm.

Visit our newly designed website for more info about our centre at [www.cctownecentre.com](http://www.cctownecentre.com).

5225 Canyon Crest Drive, Riverside, California 92507 • 951.686.1222

## Lollipop Park offers family fun in Arrowhead




**T**he new Lollipop Theme Park in Lake Arrowhead Village makes the mountain getaway an even more attractive location for families. Nestled right in the Village, Lollipop has brought a new element of kid fun to the popular lake.

Lollipop Park offers a wide range of rides and attractions that are sure to be hits with your kids. Parents may appreciate the forest vistas, but kids will be drawn to the horse carousel and swing ride.

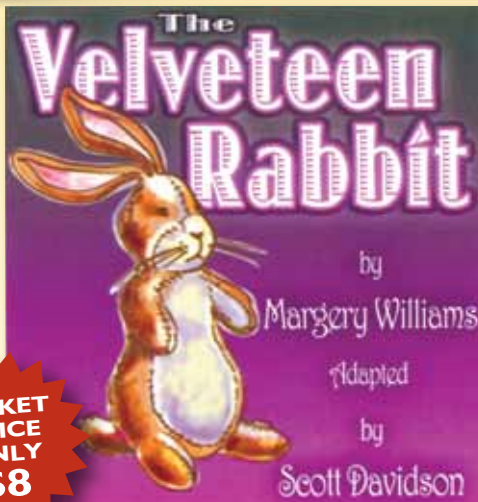
Lollipop Park also offers a swinging pirate ship ride, a train, go carts that are appropriate for children and adults, a funhouse and a nine hole golf course.

The park debuted in May, and will be open daily throughout the rest of the summer and weekends throughout the year.

In addition to the attractions, Lollipop Park can be hired out as a location for birthday parties and corporate events.

Lollipop Park is located in Lake Arrowhead Village, which also offers more than 50 stores and restaurants. For more information, go online to [www.lakearrowheadvillage.com](http://www.lakearrowheadvillage.com) or call (909) 337-2533. 

**CELEBRATING 85 YEARS OF QUALITY THEATRE!**



**October 2 - 4, 2009**

This timeless tale of love and sacrifice as revealed through the story of a small stuffed rabbit given as a gift to a child is a gentle and tender fable for the young and young at heart.

*Sorry, no children under 5 are admitted.*

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
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### EVENT GUIDE



#### ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN

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#### ASTRONOMY VILLAGE

The Village is located 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, Two Arcades, Snack Bar & Cafe. 1500 W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 946-9555.

#### 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](http://www.discoverycube.org).

## Players present the 'Velveteen Rabbit'

**“W**hat is real?” That is a question we adults generally approach with skepticism, focusing on impossibilities. Hence the popularity of television shows like “Myth Busters.” But to a child, the question has a magical component. The young contemplate “real” in terms of possibilities, and in the Riverside Community Players’ current production a cherished toy rabbit is made real through the warmth and strength of a child’s unwavering love. Witness the magic for yourself when RCP presents Margery Williams’ children’s classic *The Velveteen Rabbit*, playing one weekend only, October 2-4, 2009.

Scott Davidson’s adaptation of Ms. Williams’ timeless masterpiece captures the spirit of her words so well that her grandson was moved to write a note

to Mr. Davidson, thanking him for the adaptation. In order to bring the entertaining and genuinely moving tale to life, RCP brought in Jennifer Young Lawson, one of Riverside Community Players’ resident directors for the Family Series, who previously helmed award-winning RCP productions of *Oz*, *Schoolhouse Rock*, *Stone Soup* and *Schoolhouse Rock, Too*. Last season her engaging production of *The Fabulous Fable Factory* earned her a Founder’s Award from the Inland Theatre League, the League’s highest honor.

“I have very fond memories of this book,” recalled Lawson. “It was definitely a childhood favorite. In fact, as a child I played the Velveteen Rabbit in an original musical based on the story. Of course, I was about six and that production took place in my best friend’s



*Velveteen Rabbit actress Joanne Lapointe as the Hare in RCP's The Fabulous Fable Factory.*

garage. The script and music were written by my friend’s ten-year-old sister. But the whole experience made such an impact on me that I still remember some of the songs! Now that I have a child of my own, the story hits home even more for me. My son has a stuffed pig instead of a rabbit, but there is so much love invested in, and sentimental value attached to, that tattered, old, loveable,

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### FAMILY FUN DAY

Free family event in downtown Riverside, at the museums and library, with hands-on activities. Held on the first Sunday of each month. Admission is free. Event runs from 1pm to 4pm.

### FIESTA VILLAGE

Two miniature golf courses, race cars, the largest batting cage facility in Southern California, amusement rides, Lazer Odyssey, arcade and waterpark. 1405 E. Washington St., Colton, (909) 824-1111. [www.FiestaVillage.com](http://www.FiestaVillage.com).

### KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

With over 165 rides, shows and attractions in five themed areas, Knott's Berry Farm has it all when it comes to family fun. [www.knotts.com](http://www.knotts.com).

### LOLLIPOP PARK

In Lake Arrowhead Village. The park features go karts, mini golf, pirate ship ride, swing ride, train and fun house. *See article on page 26.*

### 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](http://www.oerm.org).

### RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

4026 14th St., Riverside. (951) 686-4030, [riversidecommunityplayers.com](http://riversidecommunityplayers.com). **THE VELVETEEN RABBIT:** Oct. 2-4. *See article on this page.*

### RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE

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

### WILDHAVEN RANCH

Wildlife tours on Fridays and Saturdays at 1pm (by appointment). Educational programs on wildlife. Located in Lake Arrowhead. (909) 337-7389. [www.wildhaven.org](http://www.wildhaven.org).

**FOR MORE FUN EVENTS, SEE THE WHAT TO DO SECTION ON PAGE 28.**

# What To Do

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### FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

#### ARMC'S 7TH ANNUAL HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

Come to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) for a healthy dose of fun. It's ARMC's 7th Annual Community Health and Safety Fair, from 10am to 2pm, on Saturday, Sept. 26. All are invited to this free event. The fair will include health screenings; doctor consultations; a teddy bear for the first 200 kids who do health screenings; safety, fitness and disaster demonstrations; Child ID; raffle prizes, and more. New this year is the American Red Cross "Disaster Land" area, where children can learn disaster preparedness techniques; and 200 free seasonal flu (not swine flu) shots for adults only. ARMC is located at 400 North Pepper Avenue, just north of Interstate 10, in Colton. For more information, call (909) 580-3290, or visit their website at [www.arrowheadmedcenter.org](http://www.arrowheadmedcenter.org). *See article on page 11.*

#### BANNING STAGECOACH DAYS

Stagecoach Days return to Banning, Oct. 1-4, as the town revisits the old west. The celebration, which takes place at A.C. Dysart Park, includes

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a carnival, an historical encampment, and more. *See article on page 21.*

#### BIG BEAR LAKE OKTOBERFEST

The Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest celebrates 39 years of German style family fun and good times this Fall. *See article on page 21.*

#### 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](http://www.cctownecentre.com).

**TUESDAY NIGHT MUSIC:** Sept. 1st, 8th and 15th. near the fountain between Cline's Hallmark and Papi's. 6:30-8:30pm

**FRANK WILSON TRIO:** Smooth sounds of Jazz Wed. nights near Extreme Pita and Cold Stone Creamery, 6:30 until 8:30pm (Weather Permitting)

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

**CAR SHOW:** Second Sunday of each month, 4pm until 7pm.

**THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT:** Sat., Oct 31st, 3:30pm.

#### CORONA FRIDAY NIGHT BAND JAM

Through Sept. 25, every Friday night, 7-9pm, live entertainment at the Dos Lagos Amphitheater, 2755 Lakeshore Dr., in Corona. (951) 277-7601. [promenadeshopsatdoslagos.com](http://promenadeshopsatdoslagos.com).

#### 6TH ANNUAL FESTA ITALIANA

An old-fashioned Italian street festival, Oct. 18, in White Park, 3901 Market Place, in Riverside. Live performance by Italian singer Romina Arcona. [www.festaitalianariverside.com](http://www.festaitalianariverside.com). (951) 283-7594.

#### GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Join California's Oldest Grape Harvest Festival as it celebrates 70 years of tradition, October 2, 3 and 4 at Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga. *See article on page 8.*

#### 3RD ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Oct. 19, 9am-Noon, Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 Sixth St., Temecula. (951) 694-6464. *See article on page 24.*

#### PGA TOUR

A \$1 million purse to be played at the Country Club at Soboba Springs in San Jacinto. Sept. 28 to Oct. 4. *See article on page 6.*

#### LA COUNTY FAIR

At the Pomona Fairplex, Sept. 5 - Oct. 4. Opens Sept. 5, open through Monday Sept. 7, closed subsequent Mondays and Tuesdays and running through Sunday, Oct. 4. [www.lacountyfair.com](http://www.lacountyfair.com).

#### LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The school is turning 100 years old this year, and a large centennial celebration will take place on the Southern California campus during October 28 to 31. *See article on page 20.*

#### RAMONA BOWL

27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., Hemet. (800) 645-4465. [www.ramonabowl.com](http://www.ramonabowl.com).

**RENAISSANCE FAIRE:** Sept. 5-7, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27. Adults \$16, senior/student/military/children \$12. For more information, [ramonabowlrenaissancefaire.com](http://ramonabowlrenaissancefaire.com). *See article on page 25.*

**AWESOME 80S SHOW:** Sept. 19. Admission: \$25 to \$86. Parking \$5.

#### RIVERSIDE PLAZA

(951) 683-1066 x.113. [shopriverside-plaza.com](http://shopriverside-plaza.com). The Riverside Plaza is located in Riverside off of Central Ave.

#### SOBOBA INTER-TRIBAL POWWOW

Sept. 18-20, 23333 Soboba Rd. in San Jacinto. [www.soboba.nsn.gov/powwow](http://www.soboba.nsn.gov/powwow)

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FAIR

October 10 through the 18th at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds. Action packed motorsports, fabulous fair food and hours of family entertainment. *See article on page 5.*

### MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

#### ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN

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#### LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE

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**FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** September 4, Moving Pictures (Rush tribute); September 5, Atomic Punks (Van Halen tribute);

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](mailto:IER@InlandReview.com)

**FAX:** (951) 686-0290

**MAIL:** Inland Entertainment Review  
c/o Word Mill Publishing  
5005 La Mart Dr. #204  
Riverside, CA 92507

**WEB:** Go online at [www.InlandReview.com](http://www.InlandReview.com) and fill out our online submission form.

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September 6, Spazmatics; Labor Day (September 7), Heartbreaker (Pat Benatar tribute).

#### LOLLIPOP PARK

In Lake Arrowhead Village. The park features go karts, mini golf, pirate ship ride, swing ride, train and fun house. See article on page 26.

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### MUSEUMS

#### 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.

#### EDWARD-DEAN MUSEUM AND GARDENS

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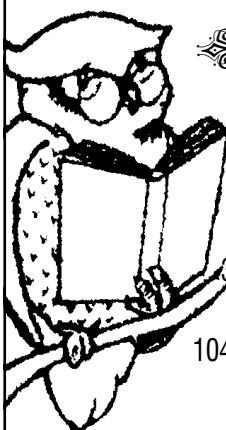
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For this production, Lawson gathered a talented ensemble cast which includes delightful newcomers as well as seasoned veterans of the theatre. Joanne Lapointe of Moreno Valley, who appeared in last season's *The Fabulous Fable Factory*, returns to the RCP stage to give sage advice as the Skin Horse, the nursery toy who has seen it all. Lapointe frequently performs with the San Diego Opera and at the Lawrence Welk Dinner Theatre in Escondido, in addition to performing her own cabaret act all over the Southland.

Marci Olin of San Jacinto, who previously charmed RCP audiences in both *Schoolhouse Rock, Too!* and *Stone Soup*, plays the warm and loving Nana in this show, as well as the pompous and humorously condescending Toy Train. Ms. Olin is an award-winning actress who performed all over the United States with original productions of shows such as *Beauty and the Beast* and *Cinderella*. She also graced the Performance Riverside stage on many occasions.

When Michelle Tabula is not in the studio doing voice-over work, she enjoys performing at RCP's theatre-in-the-round. Ms. Tabula won the children's hearts when she played a spritely pixie as well as a graceful swan in RCP's production of *Pixies, King and Magical Things*. This time she will portray not only a mechanical mouse and a live bunny, but the very essence of magic itself.

Lawson again happily teams up with RCP's technical dynamic duo, Dona and Ric Sisk, who have won numerous awards for their theatrical efforts.

Tickets are available by phone for what will surely be a heart-warming production for the entire family. For ticket reservations and season ticket information, call the Riverside Community Players' box office at (951) 686-4030. The box office also will be open for walk-up business starting on September 28, and will be open Monday-Saturday 5pm-7pm and Saturday and Sunday 12pm-2pm the week of the show. Tickets are \$8. There will be no late seating, and no children under 5 years of age will be admitted. A group rate for parties of 20 or more is available. Weekday performances for school groups are also available.

For more information on school group performances, call (951) 369-1200. The Riverside Community Playhouse is located at 4026 14th Street in Riverside, between Magnolia and Brockton. On the day of the show, the hour prior to curtain time is reserved for business pertaining to that performance only. You may visit the RCP website at [www.riversidecommunityplayers.com](http://www.riversidecommunityplayers.com). **IER**

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