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Tom Pigeon, Editor

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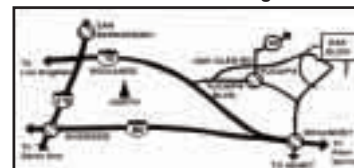
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The snow continues in Big Bear!

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Families are enjoying one of the best winters in years at two inner tubing areas in Big Bear. At Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain, the snow had reached a depth of an incredible 20 feet early in the season. The snow slide area operates four downhill runs and the "snake" run.

Alpine Slide's sister location, Big Bear Snow Play, is also reporting good conditions.

Both locations make tubing easy with "magic carpet" uphill lifts.


Snowplay passes, which include tube rental and Magic Carpet lift, cost \$18 at Big Bear Snow Play and \$20 at Alpine Slide. Passes are good all day, allowing guests to come and go as they wish. Both areas are open daily from 10am to



4pm, and on weekends Alpine Slide stays open from 5-9pm. Night tubing costs \$14.

Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain is located on the boulevard in Big Bear Lake, west of the Village shopping area.

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Now you have the opportunity to view these astounding creatures, which can exceed 40 feet in length and can weigh over 40 tons, on their annual migration from the Arctic oceans in Alaska heading south to the warm lagoons of Baja, Mexico. The earliest of these giants migrate past the Southern California coast headed south as early as mid-December, then begin their return north along our coast during February and March. Although mating and calving occur primarily in the lagoons of Baja California, both

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A family getaway idea you may want to try is Apple Annie's at OakTree Village in Oak Glen. Set aside a couple of hours or a whole day and enjoy their new Snow & Soup package. For \$10.95 per person, you can share a tureen of homemade vegetable soup and a basket of cornbread with your family or friends. Drink delicious hot chocolate or coffee and top it off with apple or cherry turnover. The package includes all-day admission into their Animal Park and Petting Farm. Visit the Live Exotic Animal Exhibit, which holds some endangered species, and the Reptile Cave.

Kids will enjoy getting a cup of animal food to feed to some of the friendliest animals you'll find in the mountains. OakTree's animals include Bambi, a fallow deer, Henrietta the Zebu, Rupee the Indian Crested Porcupine and Lulu, an 80-pound tortoise. Play peek-a-boo with Pretty Boy and Pretty Girl, a pair of macaws, located at Mountain Town.

OakTree Village has something to offer everyone in the family, making it an ideal afternoon excursion. Parents can shop the craft booths, kids can enjoy a caramel apple, and everyone can enjoy the fresh air and beautiful environment. Don't forget, too, that there is still snow on the ground to play in.

Apple Annie's also offers a five course family dinner from 4-8pm every day. OakTree Village is open year-round, from 10am to 5pm, and Apple Annie's is open from 8am to 8pm.

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The Gettysburg Address and stories of Lincoln's presidency will be given on Sunday. "Lincoln" himself will be on hand to review the troops and greet visitors.

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“This is the sixth year that the Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival has come to the Ontario Convention Center,” Amita Patel, the Ontario & Convention Visitor Bureau’s director of sales and marketing, said. “Each year, thousands of people attend to catch a glimpse of the Greek heritage, and they can’t seem to get enough of it.”

This Festival is the largest and longest running authentic Greek Folk Dance competition in the world. Each year teams come from all over the country to compete in eight different categories for the chance to win gold, silver, bronze and pewter medals. Awards are also presented to teams



The 29th Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival comes to Ontario

for best costume, special achievement, outstanding director and music. Categories are determined by age and skill level and will feature two rounds of competition: Semi-final and Final. Internationally, Greek Folk

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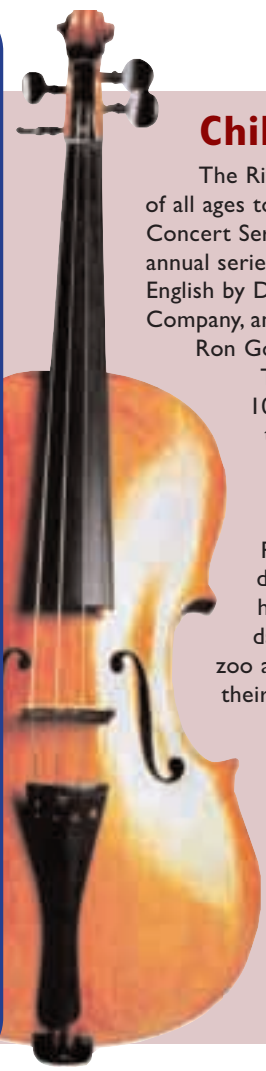
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The concerts, held daily February 7, 8, 9 and 10, will be filled with opportunities for children to get involved with The Phil's musicians, who often roam the audience, and learn about the orchestra and its various instruments. Patrick Flynn, Music Director and Conductor of the Riverside County Philharmonic, helps the children get involved by inviting them on stage to help conduct the orchestra. Each concert date will also feature an instrument petting zoo at 12:30 pm. Teachers are encouraged to bring their students as these concerts also satisfy the grade 4 California curriculum music standards.

Admission is \$5 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the Philharmonic office at 951-787-0251. For more information call 951-682-5110.

The concerts will be held February 7-10 at 11:30 am at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Avenue in downtown Riverside.



Prokofiev's "Romeo & Juliet"

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Beginning February 12 through February 14, various animal exhibits at the Palm Desert zoo will be "enriched" with some unique toys and items. Many hours are spent by the animal staff and volunteers to research and develop appropriate enrichment items for the animals. Things such as safety and does it encourage a natural behavior have to be considered.

"Enrichment programs make a captive animal's life a little more interesting by providing mental stimulation, physical activity and in some cases, interaction with their keepers," Candice Weber, Senior Keeper and Animal Enrichment Committee co-

chairperson, said. "The items used also provide additional ways for the animals to interact with their environment."


To help defray the cost of building these toys and providing the treats, a raffle will be held to raise money for the enrichment program beginning Saturday, February 12 through March 20. Prizes include a luxurious desert vacation package with lodging at Marriott's Shadow Ridge Resort, dinner at LG's Steakhouse and Castelli's Ristorante, plus golf packages at Indian Palms Golf Course in Indio and Oasis Golf Course in Palm Desert and a Family Pack of four admission and shuttle tickets including a Behind The Scene Tours at The Living Desert and more. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

The Living Desert is a 1,200 acre private, non-profit zoological park and botanical gardens that aims to educate the public in an enjoyable way about the delicate balance of life found in desert ecosystems.

The zoo is located south of State



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A Living Desert resident with his Valentine's toy.

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The Beauty of Weight Training

Jennifer Pigeon, MPH, CPT

You diligently work out on the treadmill and faithfully go to aerobics classes. Yet, you still aren't achieving your ideal health and image. Your body seems to want to hold onto the poundage you keep trying to blast off. What's the answer?

It may be time for you to give strength training a try. While aerobics is important for losing fat from all over your body, strength training offers a host of additional benefits, including making you look strong and fit. Women often overlook this vital component because they are afraid they will get big and bulky with all the extra muscle. In fact, the opposite is true. Since fat takes up five times as much space as muscle, you will look more

lean and toned. You can have two people who weigh about the same, yet the one who does weight training is two sizes smaller.

Also, don't get too attached to your scale: your body weight is not the most important factor of overall health. If you're going to look at a number, periodically check your percentage of body fat. According to the American Council on Exercise (ACE), a healthy body fat for men is 14-17% while 21-24% body fat is a good target for women.

Here is another point to consider in favor of strength training: for every pound of muscle you gain,

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Besides dropping fat and sculpting a better appearance, weight training can also improve your balance and posture, lessen lower back pain, and keep your bones healthy.

If you're brand new to weight training, you can introduce yourself by checking out your local Curves or by hiring a reputable personal trainer (Note: Many gyms offer personal trainers on site. Be sure to check their credentials. ACE or ACSM are two of the best.). If you're browsing the bookstore or library, I would highly recommend "Weight Training For Dummies," Dr. Miriam Nelson's "Strong Women Stay Young," Kathy Smith's "Lift Weights to Lose Weight" and Bill Phillip's "Body For Life."

Jennifer Pigeon, an ACE certified personal trainer, holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from Loma Linda University. □

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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.

FONTANA MUMMERS INC.: The Ransom of Red Chief, Feb. 5-20, 8pm Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30pm Sundays. An all-youth musical comedy based on the story by O. Henry. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students, \$8 children 3-11. *See article on page 21.* 8443 Nuevo Ave., Fontana. (909) 822-4052.

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

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL: Feb. 17-20 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, 2000 Convention Center Way. Tickets \$25 for one day pass, \$60 for

Children's Theater

Grease is the word

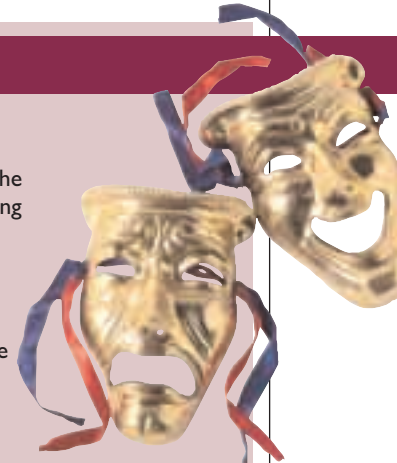
Break out the hair gel and prepare for a children's musical extravaganza as the Riverside Children's Theatre performs "Grease." The cast includes 97 kids ranging from kindergarten through 8th grade in ages.

The musical is helmed by an experienced staff at the Theatre. Director Judy Conover is a Children's Theatre veteran with 25 years of experience. Choreographer Jerusha Needham is a graduate of the theater and a performer with the Riverside Ballet. Music directors Vicki and Adrian Haggerty teach dance and vocal lessons in the Riverside area.

The Riverside Children's Theatre has been performing for 48 years, staging two plays each year. The theater was formed to give children a chance to learn and develop in the arts. Students attend classes on Saturdays for three hours, receiving a half-hour of music, half-hour of dance and two hours of drama.

Every child who auditions with the plays gets a part at the Children's Theatre, giving every child a chance to perform.

For more information, call (951) 359-6075 or visit the Membership Booth at a performance. The Children's Theatre performs at Ramona Auditorium, 7675 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside.



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PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE:

Anansi the Spider, Feb. 26 at 2pm. Oregon's Tears of Joy Theatre brings this popular children's book to life through the magic of its internationally acclaimed puppetry. You'll see why this centuries-old West African legend about the heroic trickster Anansi has stood the test of time. *See article on page 18.* At Landis Auditorium. For further information or to purchase tickets call the Performance Riverside box office at (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S

THEATER: "Grease," on March 4, 5, 11, 12. Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 1:30pm. Tickets: (951) 735-5401. 7675 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY

PLAYERS: Schoolhouse Rock Live!, Feb. 18 7pm, Feb. 19 2pm & 7pm, Feb. 20 2pm. Tickets: \$8. *See article on page 18.* 4026 14th St., Riverside. (951) 686-4030.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

PHILHARMONIC: 2--5 Children's Concert Series, Feb. 7-10, 11:30am. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (951) 682-5110. At the Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. *See article on page 8.*

For more fun kids' events, such as Beach Activities, Fairs & Festivals, Miniature Golf, Museums, and Theme Parks, see the What To Do section on page 23.

Riverside Children's Theatre Presents

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A Spider Story

Performance Riverside performs 'Anansi the Spider'



Performance Riverside's Family Series of Riverside Community College presents one of the country's most prestigious puppet theatres, the Tears of Joy Theatre, in their production of *Anansi the Spider*.

Anansi, the trickster spider of West Africa, is brought to life in two hilarious tales. The first tells how the famous spider won naming rights to a host of animal stories by tricking an egotistical snake. The second story, involving a gullible elephant and a melon, is adapted from a tale retold by acclaimed children's author Eric Kimmel.

The play is written and directed by Nancy Aldrich, artistic director of Tears of Joy Theatre. The large as life (and larger than life) puppets are endowed with amazing character by two puppeteers who both

speak and sing for Anansi, Snake, Turtle, Lion, Elephant, Warthog and Ostrich.

Tears of Joy Theatre brings puppet theatre to audiences throughout the U.S. and abroad. Founded in 1971, the theatre is recognized nationally for its commitment to excellence and innovation. Three of the theatre's productions have received American puppetry's highest honor, the Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry.

Anansi the Spider will be presented to the public at 2 pm on February 26 at Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Tickets: \$11, \$14, and \$19. For tickets call (951) 222-8100. Specially discounted weekday performances are available for school groups on February 24 and 25 at 9:30 and 11 am. Call (951) 222-8372 for more information. ■

Time to rock the school

'Schoolhouse Rock Live!' comes to Riverside

The animated series "Schoolhouse Rock" comes alive at the Riverside Community Players this month for one weekend, Feb. 18-20, in the production, "Schoolhouse Rock Live!"

"Everyone's favorite songs from the cartoon series are in the show, and are presented in a playful way by a talented and energetic cast," Director Jennifer Young Lawson said.

The show centers on Tom, a nerve-wracked student studying for a big exam. As he finally gives into his exhaustion, Tom slips into a dreamland where five lovable characters from his imagination help him build his confidence and get ready for his big day.

Cast members hail from all over the Inland Empire, including Andrea Beemer McGuire, Richard King and Mark Haines of Redlands, Cheryl Starr of Corona, Cherie Riley of Oak Glen, and Adam Demerath

and Daniel Schultz of Riverside.

Because the songs from "Schoolhouse Rock" teach as well as entertain, educators and parents have used it as a learning tool throughout the past three decades. "Figure Eight' is my favorite song because when I was a kid its great melody helped drum the eights times tables into my head," laughed McGuire, who plays Dorie in the production.

Children can learn about math, science, history and grammar during the show, as the performers sing and dance their way through such songs as "I'm Just a Bill," "Conjunction Junction" and "Interplanet Janet."

There's something for every musical taste in this production, since the composers enjoyed writing in a different flavor for each of the tunes. Greg Nabours, the musical director, said he enjoyed working on this production because "it encompasses many styles that range from pop to country to blues to funk to Doo-wop." Although the

subject matter is sometimes simple, the music is fairly complex with the cast singing in six-part harmonies at times. "Holding onto those difficult vocal parts while they are dancing or acting like animals or bandits, or even a jukebox, proves that these cast members have amazing abilities to concentrate," Lawson said.

Whether you want to share of piece of your childhood with children or grandchildren, or just to reminisce, "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" is sure to be a production to please young and old. ■

WHEN: Feb. 18 7pm, Feb. 19 2pm & 7pm, Feb. 20 2pm.

WHERE: Riverside Community Players, 4026 14th St., Riverside

TICKETS: \$8

For more information, call (951) 686-4030

Theater & the Arts

Text in RED denotes an event occurring this month.

A Theater Classic

'Fiddler on the Roof' comes alive at Performance Riverside



Inland Empire audiences will fall in love with "Fiddler on the Roof" all over again when Performance Riverside brings the story of duty, love and freedom to the stage at the Landis Performing Arts Center this month.

Acclaimed New York and Los Angeles actor Ciro Barbaro takes on the demanding role of Tevye, a peasant dairyman in pre-revolutionary Russia who is trying to hold his family and his village together in the face of Czarist oppression. Labeled "the Jewish Everyman" by Back Stage West, Barbaro earned a Drama-Logue Award for his performance in "Harry Chapin: Lies and Legends," and has appeared in such productions as "Mendel and Moses," "Morning Star," "Dinner at Grandpa's," and "The Sisters Rosensweig."

As directed by Redlands, California, native Carey Curtis Smith, "Fiddler" promises an evening of visual excitement and charm as action on stage spills into the house, engaging the audience in the story's drama.

"This version of Fiddler will light up the house, drawing audiences into the lives and hearts of Tevye, Golde, Yente, the Matchmaker and their fellow villagers," Smith said.

Theatergoers unfamiliar with the play will "get it" the moment they hear Tevye (Barbaro) proclaim that without their traditions, he and the other villagers would find their lives "as shaky as a fiddler on the roof."

Joining Ciro Barbaro on stage are Debbie Prutsman (Golde), Performance Riverside favorite Jennifer Pryor (Tzeitel), Barbara Chiofalo (Hodel) fresh from an LA performance of "A Room With a View," nationally known actor Tom Andrew (Motel), stage and TV veteran Matthew Gasper (Fyedka), critically acclaimed actress Jennifer Bryce (Yente/Grandma Tzeitel), 15-year-old

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ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Godspell, Feb. 9-11, 8pm, Feb. 12 2pm. (951) 275-5896.

BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER: (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

BIG BEAR LAKE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: On Golden Pond, February 11-13. Tickets: \$25. Box Office 909-866-4970. 39797 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake. *See article on page 21.*

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY WALLACE THEATER: Smoke on the Mountain, March 4 8pm, March 5 2pm. (951) 343-4319

CHINO COMMUNITY THEATRE: 13123 Seventh St., Chino. 909-590-1149. www.chinocommunitytheatre.org

FONTANA MUMMERS INC.: The Ransom of

Red Chief, Feb. 5-20, 8pm Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30pm Sundays. An all-youth musical comedy based on the story by O. Henry. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students, \$8 children 3-11. *See article on page 21.* 8443 Nuevo Ave., Fontana. (909) 822-4052.

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

HEMET COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION: Feb. 27, 2:30pm, Calle Sur and Los Llaneros, charismatic ensemble performs vocal and instrumental music from all over Latin America. *See article on page 20.* Tickets: Adult \$15, student \$5. For more information, call (951) 927-3798.

MCCALLUM THEATRE: Feb. 3, Lewis Black, comedian, 8pm. Tickets: \$35, \$45, \$55, \$65. Feb. 5, Virginia Waring International Piano Competition, Gala Winners Concert, 4pm. Tickets: \$10, \$20, \$30. Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, by the St. Petersburg Ballet, Feb. 14, 8pm. Tickets: \$20, \$55, \$65. Box Office: (760) 340-ARTS. www.mccallumtheatre.com. 73000 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert.

REDLANDS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Vocal artists Laurie Gayle Stephenson and Steve Amerson, March 5, 7:30pm. Riverside Municipal Auditorium. Tickets: \$15-\$150. For more information, call (909) 335-5202.

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Broadway comes to Riverside


An evening of Broadway music hits historic downtown Riverside at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at 7:30 p.m.

The Redlands Symphony Orchestra, awarded the California Art Council's highest rating for the past seven years, under the baton of Maestro Jon Robertson, will be joined by two guest vocal artists, Laurie Gayle Stephenson and Steve Amerson, for an evening of timeless musical hits from the very heart of Broadway.

Laurie Gayle Stephenson has recently starred on Broadway as Christian Daae in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera. She has sung with most major

symphony orchestras across the country, including the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center with Marvin Hamlisch in an evening of Richard Rogers's music.

Joining Stephenson is tenor Steve Amerson, dubbed "America's tenor." Amerson has made numerous appearances at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and the Hollywood Bowl and has been guest soloist with numerous orchestras across the United States.


This concert is sponsored by Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$150. For more information, call (909) 558-7193. 

Laurie Gayle Stephenson

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European actress Dimyana Pelev (Chava), 14-year-old Performance Riverside veteran Heather Noriega (Shprintze), and newcomer Elizabeth Lancaster (Bielke).

Befitting the sweeping traditions and themes of love and duty that "Fiddler" encompasses, Performance Riverside matches the excellent cast with a full orchestra to bring the music and lyrics of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick to life. And for the first time in many Performance Riverside seasons, talented local students are cast in supporting roles and share the stage with seasoned professionals.

Performance Riverside's "Fiddler on the Roof" promises an evening of fun and drama for the entire family. 



Jennifer Bryce, Ciro Barbaro and Debbie Prutsman in Performance Riverside's "Fiddler on the Roof."

WHEN: Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, & 19 at 8pm, Feb. 6, 12, & 20 at 2pm.
WHERE: Landis Performing Arts Center, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.
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Celebrate Valentine Weekend at "On Golden Pond"



John Grandi and Elen Peavy star in "On Golden Pond," Feb. 11-13 at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center.

The Bear Valley Community Healthcare District (BVCHD) Foundation will present Valentine Weekend performances of "On Golden Pond" at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center.

There are three performances only, including a 7:30 performance on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12, and a 1:30 matinee on Sunday, February 13, 2005.

"On Golden Pond" is the love story of Norman and Ethel Thayer, who are returning to their summer home on Golden Pond for the forty-fourth year. It is often best known

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Authentic Latin music featured in Hemet

The Hemet Community Concert Association presents the South American ensemble Los Llaneros (pronounced Los Yah-NEH-ros) and Calle Sur at the First Southern Baptist Church, on San Jacinto St. between Acacia and Mayberry in Hemet, on Feb. 27 at 2:30pm.

The groups' concerts are known as lively, interactive, educational and enjoyable for all ages. Calle Sur, Spanish for "South Street," has traveled nation-wide, has been featured on a variety of TV shows, and has provided the film score for three documentaries.

This Panamanian-Colombian duo bring to life the rich diversity of Latin American music with exuberant rhythms of Africa, mystic sounds of the Andes and the red-hot passion of the music of Spain.

The Los Llaneros ensemble specializes in the music of the Llanos or savannas along the vast basin of the Orinoco River in Colombia and Venezuela. This music is rarely performed in its authentic style outside the Llanos, and remains one of Latin America's best kept secrets.

Using a colorful array of string and percussion instruments, this concert is sprinkled with riveting musicianship, a warm stage presence, anecdotes and humor.

Adult admission is \$15, students \$5. For more information, call (951) 927-1775. ■



Calle Sur, performing with Los Llaneros in Hemet, Feb. 27.



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Theater Spotlight

Meet the 'Mummers'

The Inland Empire is rich with theater heritage. One of the oldest operating community theaters is the Fontana Mummers, Inc., founded in the summer of 1973. The troupe has been a mainstay of local theater for decades.

The operation began in humble surroundings, opening at a city community center. The next year they moved to a former bar, using donations and volunteer labor to turn it into a small theater.

Over the following years, the Mummers grew, moving from one location to the next as their needs expanded. They performed for nine years at the Fontana Cultural Arts Center until 1998 when the Mummers purchased their own building, a former movie theater built in 1937. The expense for maintaining a building of its size and age, however, caused the Mummers to sell it in 2003. They are now back at one of their former locations at 8443 Nuevo Road.

You can catch the Fontana Mummers performing this month with "The Ransom of Red Chief," a musical comedy that is part of their all-youth program. "Ransom" runs from Feb. 5 to Feb. 20, performing at 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30pm on Sundays. For more information, call the Fontana Mummers at (909) 822-4052.

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from the movie version starring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn. The original stage version of this play is charming and features John Grandi and Elena Peavy in the lead roles. These two sparkle in their parts. John's innate comedic timing and physicality makes Norman come alive, and Elena's intelligent wit and dynamic presence on stage is the perfect counterpoint.

Beth Gardner both directs the play and is featured as the daughter, Chelsea. She brings a wide range of theatrical experience to this show and adds her own special dimension to the part. Art Harriman's connection with "Golden Pond" has really resonated with the entire cast. Harriman's grandfather was the original mailman who delivered mail by boat on Squam Lake where "Golden Pond" was filmed. His interpretation of Charlie, the mailman, is particularly charming and engaging because of this connection as well as his own New Hampshire roots. Walter Con, making his first-ever appearance on stage, has surprised everyone involved with the project with his affinity for acting. Jack Gardner, who brings a wealth of experi-

ence for his years, plays the troubled young Billy with a blend of pathos and light and exquisite honesty.

According to Director Beth Gardner, "On Golden Pond" promises a touch of poignancy and nostalgia, sometimes bittersweet, punctuated by raucous humor and a quick tempo that won't allow for lingering long in fear or sadness - not unlike a great recipe for a rich and satisfying life. Near Big Bear's own beloved "pond" and surrounded by natural beauty, Big Bear is the perfect place for a production of "On Golden Pond".

Tickets are on sale at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center or by calling the Box Office at 909-866-4970. Tickets are \$25 for reserved seating and include complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres, as well as an afterglow with the cast. The net proceeds will go to help support the hospital in the Big Bear Community. Box office hours are Tuesday to Friday from 1:00 to 6:00 PM and starting at 1:00 PM on show days. Credit cards are accepted. There is a \$1 handling charge for each ticket sold through the Box Office. ■

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CASINOS

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CHARITY EVENTS

SB SYMPHONY FASHION SHOW: The San Bernardino Symphony Gourmet Champagne Brunch and Fashion Show, Feb. 13, 11:30am, celebrating Valentine's Day. \$50 per person. Held at the National Orange Show Events Center in San Bernardino. (909) 864-0381.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

See Kid Stuff on page 17.

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

CHRISTIAN SINGLES EVENTS: Valentine's Dinner-Dance at Four Points Sheraton, Fullerton on February 12. Men change tables for each dinner course. Country Western & Swing Night, Feb. 26, at the Spectrum Club in Fullerton, 8pm-midnight. Dinner-dance at Spectrum Club-Fullerton on March 5. For more information: 714/210-3337, www.ccsingles.com.

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DANCE

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL: Feb. 17-20, at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, 2000 Convention Center Way. \$25 for one-day pass, \$60 for all three days. 888-FDF-YOUTH. www.gofdf.org. See article on page 8.

LA ELITE DANCE CONVENTION: Feb. 5-6, 7am - 3pm, at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, 2000 Convention Center Way. Spectators \$20. (909) 937-3000. www.laelitedance.com.

RCC DANCE DEPARTMENT: Landis Auditorium, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. Tickets: \$10 students/RCC staff/senior/child, \$12 general. (951) 222-8100.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

25TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW: Feb. 11-12, 10am-4pm, featuring

a boutique, consignment shop and more. Held at Valley Wide Recreation Center, 901 W. Esplanade Ave. in San Jacinto. Admission \$5 (no children under 6). For more information, call (951) 654-5851.

42ND ANNUAL SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB: Displays of coins, tokens, stamps and postcards, Feb. 19-20, 10am. \$2 per person. Held at the National Orange Show Events Center in San Bernardino. (909) 496-1267.

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT: Calico Ghost Towne will host a Civil War re-enactment from Feb. 19-21. Get a dose of living history at this American Civil War Society event that offers historic presentations, skirmishes, era replicas and military battles from 11:45am to 2:30pm. Adults \$8, juniors \$5 and children free. 1-800-to-calico. Calico Ghost Town is located off the I-15 freeway at Ghost Town Road North of Barstow. See the article on page 7.

FLU VACCINATION: Canyon Crest merchants in Riverside are hosting this Feb. 5, Noon to 4pm, flu clinic. Services provided by Test-Med Vaccination Services. \$20 for flu, \$35 pneumonia, \$35 tetanus. At the Canyon Crest Towne Centre in Riverside, (951) 686-1222, www.canyoncresttownecentre.com.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR, NATIONAL DATE FESTIVAL: Feb. 18-27, Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio. 1-800-811-

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Dance groups have come from as far as Greece, Cyprus, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Australia to compete in the event.

This year's Festival will be one of the largest in its nearly three-decade history with more than 2,500 participants and 15,000 – 20,000 anticipated spectators. Helping to make this year's Festival even more special is the fact that the entire celebration will be dedicated to the loving memory of the late Metropolitan Anthony, the presiding hierarch of the Western Diocese of the Greek Orthodox Church for the past 25 years, who recently passed away on Christmas day after years of promoting this, his favorite ministry of the Church, all over the world.

Twenty-nine years ago the Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival (FDF) was created as the brainchild of Peter E. Prevolos of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in San Diego. What was originally a small inter-parish dance competition has grown into one of the largest and most successful ministries of the entire Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The first ever FDF was held in San Diego, CA in 1976 and featured a mere five dance groups with only 39 total participants. The concept was an instant hit and since that time the FDF has experienced unprecedented growth and been hosted in such cities as Los Angeles, Anaheim, Pasadena, San Francisco, Sacramento, Phoenix and Seattle, to name a few. Participants range in age from toddlers to seniors, with the bulk of the performers in the 10-20 year old age range. The Advanced Senior category of competition features high school and college age performers who are some of the best in the world.

The FDF is unique in that it's not only a dance and choral competition, but it's also a highly sophisticated training opportunity for the young adults of the Western Metropolis. Annually the event is entirely run by a group of 20-25 individuals ranging in age from 15-25 years old. The group of young adults who are chosen to put the event on each year, or the Management Team as they are referred to, are put through a comprehensive training program throughout the year designed to develop valuable leadership, business and communication skills while emphasizing Orthodox spirituality. These young adults manage a half million dollar budget over 11 months and are entirely responsible for the production of the Festival from contract negotiations (i.e. hotels, conven-

tion centers) to signing contracts, to producing all correspondence, to organizing and recruiting performing groups, to personally working and staffing the requirements of the weekend event. Being on an FDF Management Team is a once in a lifetime experience and several former FDF Management Team members have gone on to achieve very impressive accolades in their professional careers. Because of the FDF's innovative and impressive accomplishments in both preservation of the Folk Arts and developing Youth Leadership, the event has been recognized by the United Nations as an exceptional model for this type of function. As such, the FDF now serves as one of the flagship ministries that other districts in the United States and South America are now modeling their own youth development programs after.

The FDF has found the city of Ontario to be a virtual oasis for their Festival due to the Ontario Convention Center and the fantastic local support. "It's no coincidence that we've come here six times now in our 29-year history," said Louie Kades of the FDF Board of Trustees. "The Ontario Convention Center had just finished building its state-of-the-art facilities in time for our event's second trip to this city. The venue was instantly a huge hit with our participants and spectators alike. The ample space and the high-tech nature of the facility has really raised the level of professionalism for this event. Plus, every time we've hosted the Festival here, people have come from all over the Inland Empire to witness and be a part of the festivities - they've been great supporters and they always have a great time!"

In addition to the teams coming from out of state, some of the California cities that will be represented during the competition include: Anaheim, Belmont, Cardiff, Castro Valley, Covina, Downey, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Marin County, Modesto, Northridge, Oakland, Pasadena, Redondo Beach, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz.

The Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival Ministry is dedicated, through Orthodox Christian fellowship and committed leadership, to promoting, encouraging and perpetuating Greek heritage and culture among individuals, families and communities expressed in folk dance, folk art, music and language. The FDF Management Team and Board of Trustees invites everyone to come visit, witness and take part in one of the most impressive and high energy, authentic folk dance and choral events anywhere! ■

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RACING

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THEATER AND THE ARTS

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Goodbye, Johnny

A tribute to Johnny Carson



Shirlee Pigeon

Johnny Carson was about 28 years old when we met. I was about 13.

I started his first fan club.

My mom and I were visiting relatives in Glendale and during the day we filled many hours by attending free “live” local television shows. One of these was Carson’s Cellar at the Channel 2, KNXT-TV, studios in Burbank. This show ran from 1951 to 1953 and was his first television comedy show.

The performance we attended was one of his first Carson’s Cellar shows. I recall, most of all, he was cute. And I was a teenager who instantly developed a crush on this cute guy.

In fact, after his show, I made sure to meet him. He was friendly - and cute. I immediately asked him if he would like me to start a fan club for him. He immediately replied, “Yes,


would you? That would be great. It would be my first fan club.” But he was quick to add that he didn’t have any photos made yet, but as soon as he did he would contact me. He did. He always remembered to thank me for starting his fan club and for “taking time out to write me.”

Thus started our brief but memorable friendship. I still have those early correspondences and photos (yes, in his handwriting).

Looking back, I guess Johnny never changed too much. In the 1950s, when I met him, he was a little shy, extremely talented, and cute.

I treasure these memories and these mementos.

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Shirlee Pigeon is the Inland Entertainment Review Sales Manager. 

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