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Summer events are here

I always have mixed feelings when summer rolls around in the Inland Empire. On the downside it's hot. Really hot! On the upside, there's lots to do. Really a lot! We've assembled a top 12 list of things to do this month, whether you want to dodge the heat or bask in it. Check out the guide

Additionally, we report on all the usual fun happenings you've come to expect. Happy July!

Tom Pigeon, Editor

Alpine Slide in Big Bear.



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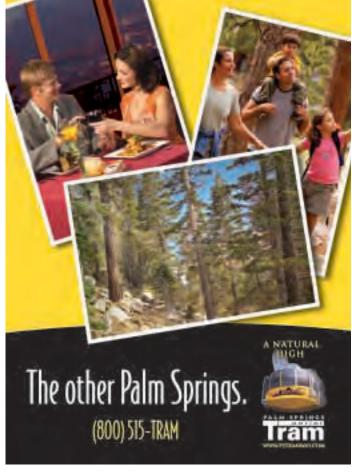
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Looking for an escape from the heat this summer? We've compiled a top twelve list of ways to keep cool that will give the sun a run.

ALPINE SLIDE

Big Bear

Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain is not only a great place for snow sliding during the winter, but a great retreat from the summer heat as well. The Big Bear attraction turns on the water during the summer months with a water slide, and offers other outdoor attractions such as mini-golf and go carts.

Alpine Slide also features an arcade, a snack bar, and is just a 1/4 mile from the Village shopping area. It is located on the boulevard in Big Bear Lake at 800 Wild Rose Lane. For more information, call (909) 866-4626 or go online to www.alpineslidebigbear.com.

ARROWHEAD QUEEN

Lake Arrowhead

Lake Arrowhead always makes a great escape, with picturesque mountains and shopping at the Village. For an extra summer treat, try the Arrowhead Queen boat tour of the Lake. "The Queen," an old-fashioned style paddle boat, can give you

a new perspective on the community as you travel the Lake on a narrated tour. Private charters are also available. For more information, call (909) 336-6992.

BEACH TRAIN SUMMERLINK

If you thought the metrolink was just for people migrating to work, you're in for a surprise. Forget about parking hassles by taking the "Beach Train." Get to the beach in style with service that operates every Saturday and Sunday through Oct. 9 (except Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3-4). The Beach Train has been taking sun-seekers to the beach for ten years, and every year they add more train dates.

They are officially changing the name this year to "Summerlink," adding more round trips and easier ticketing methods (with tickets available at the station's ticket machines).

For more information, go online to www.rctc.org or www.metrolinktrains.com, or call 951-222-7000 x2325 or 1-800-371-LINK.

CAPISTRANO BEACH RESORT

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If you're looking for a beach vacation this year, consider doing it in style with a spacious beachfront suite. The Capistrano Beach Resort, at Capistrano Beach, offers by-the-water convenience with luxury. From jacuzzi to complimentary breakfast, the resort will make your vacation memorable. The Resort is close to Dana Point Harbor and San Clemente. For more information, call (800) 446-2276 or go online to www.capistranobeachresort.com.

DAVEY'S LOCKER

Newport Beach

If your idea of ocean adventure is getting on the water, not just next to it, give Davey's Locker a call. From whale watching to fishing trips, the Locker is a good place to get your charter. Located at Newport Beach, Davey's Locker offers 1/2 and 3/4 and full day rentals.

For more information, call (949) 673-1434 or go online to www.daveyslocker.com.

FIESTA VILLAGE

Colton

Family fun is close to home in the Inland Empire with Fiesta Village. With an assortment of miniature golf, race cars, batting cages and rides, the Village is a good summer day trip for the kids. To help you cool off, Fiesta Village also offers waterpark amusements. Fiesta Village is located at 1405 E. Washington St. in Colton. For more information, call (909) 824-1111.

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER

Idyllwild

Get back to nature this summer by exploring the more than 200 acres of the Idyllwild Nature Center. The area is a hiker's dream with more than three miles of trails. The center features outdoor adventures, educational experiences, a museum and scheduled events.

The Idyllwild Nature Center is located at 25225 Hwy 243, 1 mile north of Idyllwild. For more information, call 951-

659-3850 or go online to www.idyllwildnaturecenter.net.

LAGUNA ART FESTIVALS

Laguna Beach

Art-A-Fair Festival

Rounding out the big art events in Laguna is the Art-A-Fair Festival, now in its 39th year. The 2005 show will see 18 new artists, never before in the show. "Our International status and offer to allow Artists to participate from anywhere in the world is what sets us apart from the other festivals in the canyon," Floyd O'Neil, VP Marketing Director for the Art-A-Fair Festival, said.

The Art-A-Fair Festival allows not only traditional art, but new and controversial mediums such as digital art (the only Laguna art festival that allows it). It also has no residency requirements for its artists. This gives the Art-A-Fair Festival a much different feel than the other Laguna Beach shows. The Art-A-Fair Festival is alive with artists demonstrating in their booths or at many of the festivals free daily workshops.

There is also some great dining at The Tivoli Too Restaurant right on the grounds of the Art-A-Fair. Tivoli Too is located in the rear center of the show, in a romantic European Plaza type setting. It's a peaceful spot with cascading waterfalls, blooming flowers and hillside views.

The 2005 Art-A-Fair Festival features the work of 125 fine artists and master crafts people. Experience the whimsical and functional fused glassworks by Andra Martin, the incredible ceramic work of artists Philippe Chambon and Scott Drake, the fun and vibrant paintings of cartoonist Robert Marble, the striking images of photographer David Linnig, and this year's poster contest winner, Elaine Hughes' striking oil paintings.

Art-A-Fair runs from July 1 through September 4, 2005, Sunday through Thursday from 10 am to 9 pm, Friday through Saturday 10 am to 10 PM. General Admission: Adults \$6.00, 3.00 for Seniors, Children under 12 free with an adult.Each paid admission is a season pass for the show. Art-A-Fair is located at 777 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. For more information call (949) 494-4514 or go online to www.art-a-fair.com.



Festival of Arts

Laguna's fine art gallery "without walls," the Festival of Arts features original works on display and for sale in an open air gallery. More than art, the Festival features tours, wine tastings, live music and special events hosted throughout the year. The Festival of Arts is also home to the annual



New this summer at the Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna is Project Skimboard.

Pageant of the Masters, where works of art are brought to life in staged displays.

Open July 3 through Sept. 1, the Festival of Arts is located at 650 Laguna Canyon Rd. in Laguna Beach. For more information, call (949) 494-1145, or go online at www.lagunafestivalofarts.org.

Sawdust Art Festival

Back in January, when near-record rains made summer seem like a miracle that would never happen, the behind-the-scene staff at the Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna thought of a new way to show off the artistic talents of the Sawdust's exhibitors and help some Orange County non-profits at the same time.

Project Skimboard, in its final form, gave 36 Sawdust Art Festival artists the opportunity to turn an unfinished skimboard into a work of art. The boards will be exhibited at the Sawdust Art Festival for the month of July and then auctioned for charity on August 5.

Tex Haines, owner of Victoria Skim boards of Laguna Beach, loved the idea of Project Skimboard and hopped "on board"

right away, donating the skim boards and signing Victoria Skimboards as a sponsor.

"At first we were hoping that 10 or 15 exhibitors would want boards, but each day another exhibitor would call and ask if he (or she) could participate," Rebecca Meekma, Project Skimboard co-director, said. "I was calling Victoria every few days, asking for more boards. Finally, we capped the number at 36."

The boards will be exhibited at the Sawdust Art Festival from opening day July 1 through Friday, August 5. The boards can be bid on silent-auction-style while they are being exhibited. On August 5 at 7pm, ten skimboards will be the stars of a live auc-

The Sawdust Art Festival features 209 artists and craftspeople exhibiting, selling and demonstrating their work in an enchanting 3-acre eucalyptus grove complete with waterfalls. The Sawdust also includes musical performances, complimentary art classes for children and adults along with three cafes and a saloon. Popular demonstrations such as glass blowing and pottery throwing are daily attractions.

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The 2005 Sawdust Art Festival runs July 1 - September 4 and is open from 10am. to 10 pm every day. One-day adult admission is \$7; seniors, \$5.50; children 6-12, \$2 and children 5 and younger are admitted for free. A Summer Season Pass, allowing unlimited entries is \$16, while an Annual Pass, allowing unlimited entries to both the summer and Winter Fantasy shows is \$20. The Sawdust Art Festival is located at 935 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. For additional information, please visit www.SawdustArtFestival.org on the web or call 949-494-3030.

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK

Big Bear

Known as the "Big Bear Zoo," the Moonridge Animal Park is located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. With the mountains and pines as a backdrop, the Animal Park is a special kind of zoo that kids and parents alike are sure to love. In addition to mountain animals to view, the Park features special

events throughout the year. This month Moonridge will host its annual fundraiser, the Alpine Wildlife Celebration, on July 23 from 10am to 7pm. The event will feature entertainment, music and more. Proceeds from the event go toward the zoo's relocation project.

Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10; kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily with hours Sept. through May 10 am to 4pm Monday through Friday, and until 5pm on weekends. For more information go to www.BigBearZoo.com or call (909) 878-4200.

OAKTREE VILLAGE

Oak Glen

Oak Glen is a beautiful place to visit any time of year, but it can also make for a special summer treat for the kids. OakTree Village in Oak Glen offers the best of the mountain community, with food at Apple Annnie's (include apple pie, of course), kids rides, pony rides, trout fishing animals, shops and crafts, a mountain museum, and more.

Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. The Village is open every day. For more information, call (909) 797-4020 or go online to www.oaktree-village.com.

RAGING WATERS

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Located 30 miles east of Los Angeles, in San Dimas, Raging Waters is California's Largest Water Park. Raging Waters was recently ranked the #3 Water Theme Park in the nation by The Travel Channel. Since 1983, more than 10 million guests have enjoyed its 36 state-of-the-art slides, rides and attractions, which pump 50 millions of gallons of purified water continually throughout its recycling system. Raging Waters offers its guests the choice of eighteen restaurants/food stands and merchandise shops

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poles without the aid of any safety devices whatsoever on the Wheel of Destiny.

Raging Waters is located on the 57 Freeway, between the 10 and 210 Freeways. For more information call (909) 802-2200 or visit their website at www.ragingwaters.com. General Admission for guests 48" and taller is \$27.99. Junior Admission for those guests under 48" is \$16.99. Children two years and younger are free. Call for specials.

AERIAL TRAMWAY Palm Springs

Get outdoors taking the express elevator with the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, a 2.5 mile ride to the San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness area. The famous tram is an adventure in itself. For more information, call (800) 515-TRAM.





Mountain heritage

Old Miners Days in Big Bear Valley

ig Bear Valley was the site of Southern California's largest gold rush, and the folks of Big Bear Valley preserve their historic 19th-century heritage with month-long traditions and events called Old Miners Days.

For 56 years the resort town has thrown this old-fashioned hoedown, and organizers promise this year's Old Miners Days to be bigger and better than ever.

JULY 15 - CALCUTTA DINNER

The Calcutta Dinner precedes the annual Chili Cook-Off and auctions the teams competing in the Chili Cook-Off. Proceeds from the night's auction are divided in thirds between Old Miners Days Association, the next day's winning chili team and the winning bidder who bought that team.

Location: Murray's Saloon & Eatery, 672

Cottage Lane; Time: 5 p.m.; Dinner: \$6 per person.

JULY 16 - CHILI COOK-OFF

Thousands gather at the Visitors' Center parking lot on Bartlett Road in Big Bear Village to sample spicy chilis and salsas prepared by cooks from throughout the Southwest. This is an International Chili Society sanctioned event. For entries, call Mark at 909.866.7076. Location: Bartlett Parking Lot, 630 Bartlett Road; Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Admission: \$5 per person; \$4 with Old Miners Day button; Tasting kit: \$1.

JULY 22 & 23 - COWBOY POETRY

Held at the Performing Arts Center, cowboy poetry featured performers Friday night include Belinda Gale, musician; Curly Musgrave, musician; Yvonne Hollenbeck, poet; and Pat Richardson, poet/humorist. Saturday night, performers include R.W. Hampton, guitarist/singer; Larry Maurice, poet; and Yvonne Hollenbeck. "Justis & the Montanas" is the opening band each night. Location: 39707 Big Bear Blvd.; Showtime: 7 p.m.; Admission: \$25 Friday & \$30 Saturday.

JULY 23 & 24 - COWBOY ENCAMPMENT & PERFORMANCE AT BEAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

Enjoy traditional cowboy music, poetry, storytelling, Wild West re-enactments, mock

jailhouse, old west encampment, Western and Native American arts and crafts, and blacksmith presentations. Location: Bear Mountain Resort 43101 Goldmine Dr.; Showtime: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Junior Rodeo, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.); Admission: \$15 per person, \$13 with Old Miners Days button.

JULY 24 – COWBOY BREAKFAST AT BEAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

Early morning chow includes generous portions of breakfast favorites, such as eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and country gravy, orange juice and pancakes. Location: Bear Mountain Resort 43101 Goldmine Dr.; Time: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Cost: Varies (depends on the grub you choose).

JULY 24 – "COWBOY CHURCH" AT BEAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

A non-denominational service for spiritual healing includes testimonials from cowboy performers. Location: Bear Mountain Resort 43101; Time: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Admission: Free

JULY 24 – MISS CLEMENTINE PAGEANT AT BEAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

This pageant is one of the oldest events at the annual Old Miners Days celebration. Miss Clementine is not a beauty contest, but rather a contest of style and fashion of the 19th century. Contestants appear and are judged in costumes of the 1800's. Miss Clementine becomes the honorary hostess at Old Miners Day Parade. Men's contests include gold miners costumes. Location: Bear Mountain Resort 43101; Time: 12 noon; Admission: Free with Old Miners Day button.

JULY 30 - DOO DAH PARADE

An outrageous parade that gets more inventive each year. The parade takes place in "downtown" Fawnskin on State Route 38. Parade: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Admission: Free.

JULY 30 - HISTORY ALIVE CHAUTAUQUA

Doc Holiday is the featured historic figure portrayed by Arizona actor Wyatt Earp (his real name), a descendent of the famous Wyatt Earp. Location: Assembly of God Church 41965 Garstin Dr., (across the street from Big Bear Lake Branch Library). Showtime: 7 p.m. Admission: Free.

JULY 30 & 31-LOGGER'S JUBILEE

A variety of challenging logger competitions, including chain sawing, log rolling, axe throwing, pole climbing and obstacle course. Location: Peterson's Sawmill in "downtown" Fawnskin; Preliminaries: Saturday, 11 a.m. Final Competition:

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Brandy and Ray J co-host gospel charity event

Performance stars Brandy and Ray J will co-host a charitable musical event headlined by their father, gospel recording artist Willie Ray Norwood.

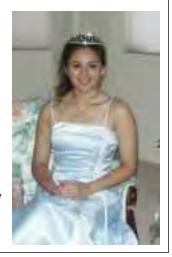
The Amazing Grace Inspiration Musical takes place July 30 at the Ontario Convention Center. A business expo runs from 10am to 10pm, and the musical is from 5-10pm.

The event benefits the Norwood Kids Foundation and Young Talented Achievers. Founded by the Norwood family, the Foundation's goal is to support disadvantaged and at-risk youth. Young Talented Achievers is designed as an academic pageant that

provides scholarships for children grades K-12th. The pageant runs every year, encouraging participants to further their educations.

The Ontario Convention Center is located at 2000 Convention Center Way in Ontario. Admission is \$55. For more information, or to purchase tickets, go online to www.inlandempireservices.com or call (915) 840-0472.

Vanessa Villarruel will attend Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, thanks to a scholarship awarded by Young Talented Achievers.







Joe Bataan headlines evening of soul in Riverside

On August 13, Riverside's Municipal Auditorium will be filled with soulful nostalgia when Classic Soul Entertainment presents a bill loaded with soul artists from the late sixties and early seventies.

The evening's main attraction comes from New York City. Joe Bataan, who has been an icon of Latin soul for over thirty-five years, will perform his classic tunes such as "I Wish You Love," Meztizo," "If I Were A King," and Under The Street Lamp." Bataan's

popularity among Chicano music lovers is still strong as he continues to perform with heart. A product of Spanish Harlem's tough streets, an 18 year-old Bataan chose music as his way out of the barrio. His music reflects the hard times and the good times of barrio life.

Other performers include:

- A veteran of South Los Angeles' group harmony, sound-balladeer Jimmy Conwell will bring you to tears with his songs of lost love and broken hearts.
- The Young Hearts made their way into the hearts of soul fans back in 1968 and 1969 with several charting singles including "Oh, I'll Never Be The Same," and "Sweet Soul Shaking."
- Frankie Karl and the Dreams will be on hand to perform a couple of songs including their hit "Don't Be Afraid (Do As I Say)."
- Also on the bill will be Tommy Turner and the Sessions and Rocky Padilla.

The Riverside Municipal Auditorium is at 3485 Mission Inn Ave. in Riverside. Doors open at 7:30pm, the show starts at 8pm. Tickets available at the Box Office and at ticketmaster.com. Admission is \$61.50 (with a free drink and collector poster), \$31.50, and \$21.50.



OLD MINERS' DAYS



Relive the Gold Rush era in Big Bear with traditional hoedown events!

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July 15 Calcutta Dinner: Murray's Saloon & Eatery, 672 Cottage Lane; 5 p.m. July 16 Chili Cook-off: Bartlett Parking Lot, 630 Bartlett Road; 9 a.m. July 22-23. . . . Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering: 39707 Big Bear Blvd.; 7 p.m. July 23-24 Cowboy Encampment: Bear Mountain Resort; 10 a.m.

July 24...... Cowboy Breakfast: Bear Mountain Resort; 7 a.m.

July 24...... Cowboy Church: Bear Mountain Resort; 9 a.m. July 24..... Miss Clementine Pageant: Bear Mountain Resort; Noon

July 24 Iriss Clementine Pageant: Bear Prountain Resort; Noon

July 30 Doo Dah Parade: Downtown Fawnskin; 10 a.m.

July 30 History Alive: 41965 Garstin Dr.; 7 p.m.

July 30-31.... Loggers Jubilee: Peterson's Sawmill; 11 a.m.

July 31 Children's Events: Sugarloaf Park, 44828 Baldwin Ln.; I p.m.

August 5,6... Square Dances: 44500 Baldwin Ln.; 7:30 p.m.

August 6 . . . Horseshoe Throwing Tournament: 42172 Moonridge Dr.; 9 a.m.

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Sunday, 12 noon; Admission: TBD

JULY 31 – CHILDREN'S DAY IN THE PARK

The fun-for-kids event at Sugarloaf Park includes traditional games. Location: Sugarloaf Park, 44828 Baldwin Lane; Time: 1 p.m.; Admission: Free.

AUGUST 5 & 6 – THE ANNUAL OLD MINERS DAYS SQUARE DANCE

More than 300 dancers from throughout Southern California come to Big Bear for this annual Square Dance competition. Location: Baldwin Lane Elementary School, 44500 Baldwin Lane; Time: 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost: \$10 at the door; Square dance & round dance workshops: Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m; Cost: \$6; Both dances plus workshop: \$20 presale before July 22, or \$22 on the night of the first

dance. For more information call 909.866.6094.

AUGUST 6 – HORSESHOE THROWING TOURNAMENT

Mosey on over to the Bit-n-Spur Saloon and La Montana Restaurant on Moonridge Drive for a day of pitchin' horseshoes. Location: Bit-n-Spur Saloon and La Montana Restaurant 42172 Moonridge Drive; Registration: 9 a.m. Tournament Play: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Entry Fee: \$15 per person (includes commemorative T-shirt). Admission: Free.

AUGUST 7 - OLD MINERS PARADE

The four-week celebration culminates with the grand parade of more than 200 entrants. The procession begins at Summit Blvd. Time: 12:30 p.m. Admission: Free.

For more details about Big Bear Lake's Old Miners Days go online to www.bigbear.com or call 1.800.4.BIG.BEAR.





Looking for a little encouragement to get into summer beach shape? The following Curves ladies give their stories.

I had been gaining weight ever since I became a full-time home-maker five years ago. I saw the Curves ads for quite some time and thought "I should join," but never did. Sometime in January, 2005, I mentioned to my husband, Don, that I was thinking of giving Curves a try. When I opened my birthday card on January 20th, there was a year's membership to the Montclair Curves. On Jan. 21st, I came in and began my journey to a smaller me. Once I started eating right, along with my exercise workout, I saw great results. I am on the low-carb routine, which is a challenge because I love my breads, cereals and pastas. I found great recipes in the Curves book to help me with my journey. To new or struggling members my advice is to stick with it.

Mary Streett

Member of Curves in Montclair, 9505 Central Ave., Ste.. F, (909) 472-3372.

Wow! What a difference a year makes. I am truly amazed at my weight loss success. My weight problem started with my pregnancies, gaining 60 pounds each time with my first two children and 38 pounds with my third child just two years ago. Over the years I would exercise, but not eat right, or vice versa. In January of 2003, I walked into Curves in Moreno Valley and what a blessing that was. After two months of eating right and one month of working out at Curves I had lost I4 inches and almost twice that amount in weight. Curves has been the best exercise program I have ever tried and stuck with consistently. I love the concept, convenience, and the atmosphere. We can all do it, ladies!

Tajuana Gordon

Member of Curves in Moreno Valley, 24318 Hemlock Ave., Ste. G-3, (951) 243-6570

'Rallys for Christ' aims to fire up teens with gospel and music

Sharing the gospel while having a good time, Rallys for Christ on Aug. 13 aims to ignite the spirits of young people.

The free event, held at Fontana High School Football Stadium, is headed by Rick Reyna. In addition to hearing Reyna's gospel message, this 3rd annual "Back to School Jam" includes giveaways and music.

Latin sensation Jaci
Velasquez headlines the musical entertainment, with Moi
and Garaje. Ultimate Fighting
Champion Steve Miller will
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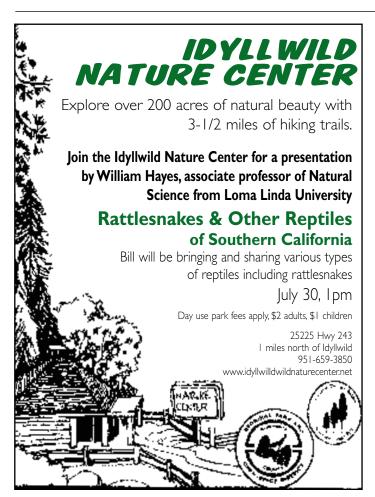
Rick Reyna serving a gospel message at Rallys for Christ.

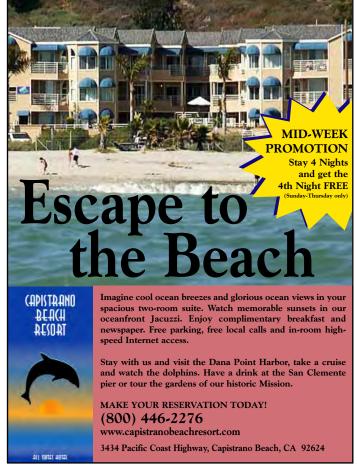
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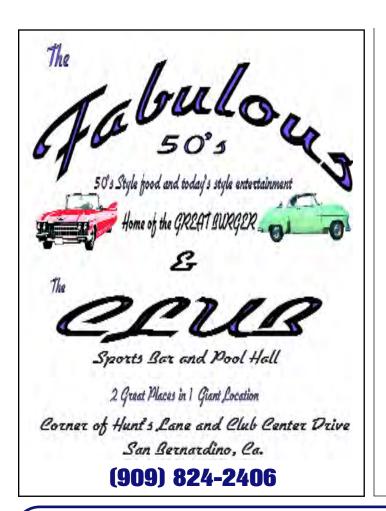
Giveaways include college grants, food boxes, bikes, skateboards, televisions and more.

The event will also feature extreme games and jumpers, food and game booths and vendors.

For more information about Rallys for Christ, call (909) 988-1564, or go online to www.rallysforchrist.org. Fontana High School is located at 9453 Citrus Ave.









Nights at the museum

The Palm Springs Air Museum is extending its Wednesday hours to 8pm for "Hot Wings and Cool Nights." Enjoy the air-conditioned museum to dance to 40's music, movie and popcorn, tours, time in a flight simulator and hot dogs and ice cream.

The family summer special costs \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and free for children under 6. The Palm Springs Air Museum is located at 745 N. Gene Autry Trail in Palm Springs. For more information, call (760) 778-6262, or go online to www.palmspringsairmuseum.org.



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Musical 'Huck Finn' comes alive in San Bernardino

Junior University will bring Mark Twain's classic alive with the musical production The Adventures of Huck Finn. Following is a letter from Huck himself to his friend Tom Sawyer, describing the production.

Dear Tom, How are you! It's me, Huck Finn. Bet'cha didn't guess that one. Well, I have some news for you. Them nice people down there at Junior University is putting some music and some dance together and retelling my adventures down the Mississippi!

Can you believe that this is the third time they are doin' it! I guess I'mpretty popular right down there in that city of San Bernardino. I tried to get ol' Mr. Dixon to name the performance venue after the Duke and King, seein' how they liked to act n' all, but he said that too many people knew it by the Perris Hill Bowl and it would be confusin' folks. I don't wanna confuse nobody.

So I go to Ms. Patsy, who is Billy's wife, and ask her who is gonna put my show together. You know that she has been doin' these shows for forty-four years! My goodness, that's a long time Tom! She gets me all excited with the names she threw out. I mean, directin' it all is James Griffin and he is one of the best. I heard he has done some stuff professionally. I think he's even visited Hollywood before. Maybe we can go there one day Tom.

Then there's the talented Lisa Lyons. Tom, she has trained themcollege people to sing! You gotta be pretty smart to be doin' stuff like that now. I know that last time I talked to Mrs. Lyons, she said that the songs Mr. Dixon wrote were some of the best ever.

For dancin', they were able to get Nicole Robinson. I can't wait for you to meet her. She is gonna be doing the huge raise-your-roof gospel number "Open Up Those Pearly Gates."

I saw Mary Kintner's name down and I got me a big smile. There's something about Mary you gotta know. She is makin' the costumes as historically accurate as possible. There was somethin' down 'bout her using pre-Civil War costumes.

Brian Sandahl will be designin' the set. It is gonna be so great! It looks like some of thempostcards the Widow Douglas has. The sets are all sepia tone like a bunch of picture frames. Each time there is a change in the frames, it is gonna help set another mood and take us to a different place. The best part is the Mississippi River. He is gonna have it runnin' through the set and it is gonna be a focal point for the whole show.

Roundin' out the teamis Jeff Grande. He takes on big projects and he is good at makin' things. This year, he's gonna make a rustic raft glide across the stage like it's on real water, a

funeral where it is actually gonna rain on stage, and a really starry night on the Mississippi.

After Ms. Patsy told me 'bout the staff, I asked her who was gonna be in it. She made me real excited because she said that there is gonna be around eighty people in this show! That's more people than my town Tom!

Well, I better be goin'. I got me some more adventure ahead before helpin' Junior University put on my story.

Take care, Huck Finn 🛭

WHEN: July 22-Aug. 6, 8:15 every night except Mondays

THE ADVENTURES OF

WHERE: Perris Hill Park, 1001 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino TICKETS: Adult \$8, children \$4.

For more information, call (909) 889-0833 www.junioruniversity.org





Orange County Fair

OC Fair offers free admission for opening bour

o kick off the 2005 Orange County Fair, fair officials will offer free admission and parking for the first hour of Opening Day, Friday, July 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. The free, one-hour promotion, titled Play For Free, launches the beginning of an action-packed 21 days of Fair fun, from Friday, July 8, to Sunday, July 31, when the 113th annual OC Fair features the theme "It's Callin' You Out To Play" — the year of the avocado.

The Fair is closed on Mondays, July 11, 18 and 25.

Pacific Amphitheatre again will offer 21 nights of entertainment presented by the Orange County Market Place. Launching the 2005 Summer Concert Series on Friday, July 8, will be The B-52's. For the 2005 season, all seats on Friday and Saturday nights will be \$19.99, which includes free Fair admission.

The Fair will again offer free entertainment at the Citizens Business Bank Arena.

Highlights include the return of the "Orange Crush" Demolition Derby, the Speedway Fair Derby, and bullriding, along with special performances by Carrot Top and latino comedian Julio Sabala.

The Fair would not be the Fair without its abundance of food, contests, exhibits, carnival rides and entertainment.

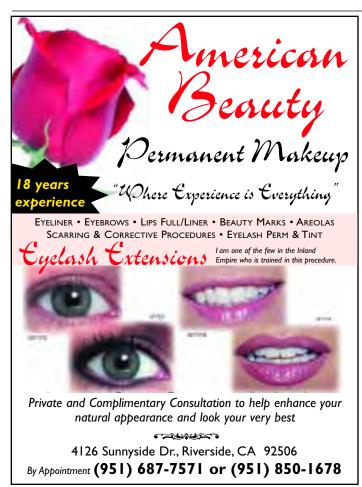
Approximately 80 vendors offer a variety of food choices, including barbecued beef, turkey legs, corn dogs, cinnamon rolls, lemonade, and deep-fried Snickers and Twinkies. And there is always something new to try, such as a fried avocado.

This year's contests feature homemade beer, table-setting, cake decorating, floral arranging and baking to name just a few. There are also exhibits galore, such as the Floral Pavilion, Collectors Corner, Home and Hobbies, Visual Arts, and Gems & Minerals. Other popular Fair attractions are the All Alaskan Racing Pigs, glass-blowing in Crafters Village, hypnotist Mark Yuzuik on Sun Stage, and the annual Junior Livestock Auction.

The Fair is located off the 405 and 55 freeways at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa. For more information, visit www.ocfair.com or call (714) 708-FAIR (3247).



Orange County Fair activities include bullriding, concerts, comedians, food, rides and more.





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

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

LADIES DAY: Tuesday, from 10am-6pm. Ladies receive a coupon for \$2 in slot play, \$2 off any meal priced over \$4 in Cafe' 54, 2 free entries to the cash giveaways every hour from 10am-6pm, \$100 awarded every hour through 5pm. At 6pm one guest will win \$1000 cash. Men are also eligible for the cash giveaways, but get only one free entry.

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

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

BLACKJACK TOURNAMENTS: On Saturdays. Call for details.

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



Los Lonely Boys at Soboba Casino, Thursday, July 28. Tickets are on sale now.



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

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

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(800) 652-6223, www.worldbocce.org.

ANA GABRIEL: July 31, 6pm, at the Special Events Center. Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49, \$59.

PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO:

(951) 693-1819. pechanga.com. 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. Box Office (951) 303-2507.

CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER: With special guest. July 8, 7pm and 9:30pm in the Showroom. Tickets: \$85, \$70, \$60.

THE DOORS: July 14, 8pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$90, \$85, \$75.

FREDDY FENDER: With Little Joe y la familia, July 16, 8pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$35, \$30, \$25

KOOL AND THE GANG: With The Midniters and Little Willie G. July 22, 8pm, Showroom. Tickets: \$50, \$40, \$35.

JOANNE SHENANDOAH: Native American Artist, July 24, 7pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$25, \$20, \$15.

PAT BENATAR: With Neil Gialdo, July 29, 8pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$60, \$55, \$45.

LONESTAR: Aug. 4, 8pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$75, \$65, \$50.

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

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

THE GAP BAND & ROSE ROYCE: July 3.

MEN OF PLAYGIRL: July 21.

LOS LONELY BOYS: July 28, 8pm. Tickets: \$50, \$65, \$75. The band consists of the three Garza brothers - Henry on guitar, Jojo on bass, and Ringo on drums - who have been making music together since they were small children. The band has developed a reputation as one of the most exciting live acts on the extremely competitive Texas and Southeast circuit.

KING OF THE CAGE: Aug. 5. COMEDY NIGHTS: AC's Lounge. Tickets \$5 with Player's Club, \$7 without.

AC'S LOUNGE: Live entertainment throughout the week.

BINGO: Monday through Friday 9am. Early Birds, Regular Session and Intermission Games. \$10 Buy In. 15 Games paying up to \$250. Triple, Triple Play. First Saturday Super Sessions. 1st Saturday of each Month at 10am - \$10 buy in. Progressive number cover-all pays fixed jackpot of \$1199.

Consolation pays \$200 on regular pack or \$250 on extras sold on floor.

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

SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO: (760) 775-5566. www.spotlight29.com. 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella. Tickets for all shows can be purchased through the casino box office or through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or (213) 480-3232.

LUPILLO RIVERA: July 2, 8pm. Tickets: \$65, \$50, \$40.

JAMIE KENNEDY: July 16, 8pm. Tickets: \$40, \$30, \$25, \$20. LEANN RIMES: July 30, 8pm. Tickets: \$65, \$55, \$50.

DJ LIFE: Wednesdays, in the Blue Bar, 8 p.m.- 1:30 a.m. Rock, Spanish rock, blues.

BARRY MINNIEFIELD (4PC BAND): Wednesdays, in the Blue Bar, 9 p.m.- 1:30 a.m. Classic pop to light classical, film and stage.



BLUE BAR: Disco, blues and rock, Thursday - Saturday, 8 p.m. - 1:30 a m

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

ARROWHEAD LOUNGE: Live entertainment daily.

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

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

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

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

FREE \$1,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT:

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

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

\$ 1,600 BLACKJACK TOURNA-

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

BRENDEN THEATRES: For movie schedule, call (702) 535-7469 or go online to www.brendentheatres.com.

FLAMINGO: Features a 60,000 square foot casino, 1,555 slots, fifty-four table games, twelve restaurants and a hotel with 1,996 rooms. For more information go online to www.caesars.com/flamingo/laughlin or call (800) 435-8469. The Laughlin Flamingo is located at 1900 South Casino Drive.

DAVE MASON: July 23, 9pm. MOLLY HATCHET: Aug. 6, 9pm. □



Mexican superstar Ana Gabriel in concert July 31 at Fantasy Springs Resort.



Kid Stuff

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

ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN: A full service family favorite that's also home to the signature bobsled-like ride of the same name. The Alpine Slide lets riders experience Olympic-like action as they negotiate sleds along a guarter-mile track with banked turns and long straightaways. The site features snowtime and summer activities. The Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain is located on the boulevard in Big Bear Lake, 1/4 mile west of the Village shopping area, home to 60 specialty stores. 800 Wild Rose

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

Lane. Call (909) 866-4626.

Summer Camp zoo at Big Bear

If you're looking for a special adventure for your kids this summer, Moonridge Animal Park in Big Bear Lake is offering an unusual day camp. The Moonridge Summer 2005 Zoo Camp offers kids ages 6-12 a chance to enjoy meeting zoo animals during a week-long day camp.

The camp runs weekly through September 2. Each week-long program will feature specific topics and programs, animal interaction, and traditional summer camp activities.

The cost is \$95 per child, and the camp is limited to 20 participants per session. For more information, call (909) 866-9700, or visit www.BigBearZoo.com. Moonridge Animal Park is located at 43285 Goldmine Drive in Big Bear Lake.



W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 985-1313.

CAMPING USA SUMMER CAMP:

Programs designed for children ages 6-12. At Singing Pines Lodge Camp and Conference Center, in Big Bear Lake. Call for information at (800) 898-CAMP, or go online to www.campingusaadventures.com.

GROVE THEATRE: Call for sched-

ule of youth theater productions. Located in historic downtown Upland. (909) 920-4343, grovetheatre.com.

THE LIVING DESERT: Zoo featuring flora and fauna of the area's deserts. Located south of State Highway 111 at 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert. 760-346-5694, www.livingdesert.org. See article on page 21.

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK:

Commonly called the Big Bear Zoo, located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. Alpine Wildlife Celebration, July 23, 10am-7pm, the Zoo's main fundraiser with funds going to the zoo's relocation project. This event features entertainment, music, an animal adoption auction, alive auction, photos with the animals, and specialtours. During





Cool mornings and summer fun at The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens

It's another summer of cool fun and good deals at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens now through August 31. Summer hours are 8am to 1:30pm, with the last admission at 1pm. Living Desert members can enter the park at 7am.

Enjoy reduced rates when you play at the zoo. All adult admissions are only \$7.95 and children ages 3-12 are only \$4.50 each. Children under the age of 3 are free.

The zoo makes for a fun summer family day. Experience Giraffic Park, Gecko Gulch, Children's Discovery Exhibit, the popular Wildlife Wonders live animal show, beautiful gardens and over 450 animals. Enjoy a delicious date shake while you stroll through the grounds. Misters are located throughout the park and shuttles run daily with nine drop-off locations. Shuttle tickets are \$5 per person and are good for the entire day.

The Summer Daily Program Schedule includes:

9am Giraffe Chat

10am Wildlife Wonders Show (subject to cancellation)

Ham Storytelling

12pm Live Small Animal Encounter

The Living Desert is a 1,200 acre private, non-profit zoological park and botanical garden that aims to educate the public in an enjoyable way about the balance of life found in desert ecosystems around the world. The Zoo and Gardens, accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association since 1983, is designed to be accessible to learners of all ages, ability levels and learning styles and offers a year-round schedule of educational programs, events and exhibits for the public.

The Living Desert is located south of State Highway III at 47-900 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert. Parking is free. Admission tickets are available on-line at www.livingdesert.org. Call 760-346-5694 for additional information.

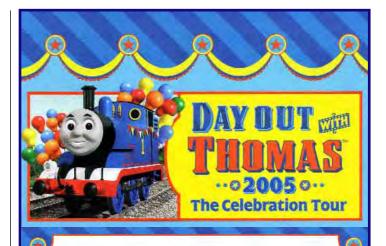


evening hours enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine. Special entry prices for this one day are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10; kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily and hours Sept. through May are 10 am – 4pm Monday through Friday, and until 5pm on weekends. For more information go to www.BigBearZoo.com or call (909) 878-4200.

OAKTREE VILLAGE: 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fishing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktree-village.com.

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S THEATER: Ramona High School. (951) 359-6075.

For more fun kids' events, see the What To Do section on page 28.



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Families can easily spend 4 hours or more at this event. The Museum will open at 7.30 um and close abortly after 5 pm. Preboarding for each Thomas train will be 30 minutes before the scheduled departure.

> For additional information on the event, contact Orange Empire Railway Museum

> > www.oerm.org (951) 443-3264

ART-A-FAIR: July 1-Sept. 4, art on display and to purchase, exhibits, food, kids' activities and more. See article on p. 5. 777 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach. Tickets \$6 adults. (949) 494-4514.

BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER: Dreamgirls, through Aug. 28, see article on p. 27. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

CALIFORNIA CITRUS STATE HISTORIC PARK: Concerts in the Park Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30-8pm. Free admission for concerts. At the corner of Van Buren Blvd. and Dufferin Ave. in Riverside. (951) 780-6222.

CINDERELLA: July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm. Los Osos High School Theatre, 6001 Milliken Ave., Rancho Cucamonga. Adults \$10, child \$8. (909) 919-2628, www.rcpark.com.

COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER SOCIETY: The Sound of Music, July 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9 at 7:30pm. June 26, July 3, 10 at 1:30pm. See article on p. 26. 31970 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake. (909) 866-4970.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK: Fleming Park, Colton, Sundays July 17-Aug. 21, 5:30-8:30pm. Located on F St. and La Cadena Dr.

FESTIVAL OF ARTS: Fine art exhibition, July 3-Sept. 1. 650 Laguna Canyon Rd., in Laguna Beach. (949) 494-1145, www.lagunafestivalofarts.org.

KINGS OF SOUL: July 13, 8-10pm, Riverside Municipal

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Fall in love with 'Ernest'

Riverside Community Players is currently in rehearsal for their upcoming production of Ernest in Love with book and lyrics by Anne Crosswell and a score composed by Lee Prockriss.

Ernest in Love is the musical adaptation of the hit play, The Importance of Being Earnest, by Oscar Wilde. The original play has been produced continuously since it opened at

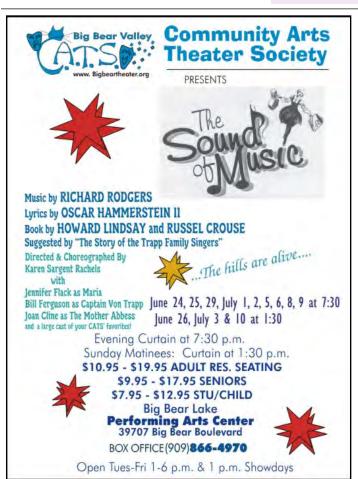
London's St. James Theatre in 1895. The work has been described as the funniest play in the English language.

The musical opened Off-Broadway in 1959 at the Gramercy Arts Theatre, before moving to the Cherry Lane Theatre where it ran for 111 performances.

Director Merrilee Drake has assembled a talented cast of actor/singers including Joe Musil as Jack Worthing, Julia Luster as Gwendolen Fairfax, Kevin Keith as Algernon Moncrieff, Kristin Aoun as Cecily Cardew, Mel Chadwick as Dr. Chasuble, Anne England as Miss Prism, Robert Nicholas Williams as Lane, Elizabeth England as Effie, James Bishop as Perkins, Kristle Bulleman as Alice, and last but never least Karen Merrill as Lady

This delightful ensemble piece uses songs to advance the story and adheres closely to the original play by Oscar Wilde. The musical direction is provided by the very talented Bill Wolfe of Huntington Beach. Julie Kirkpatrick of Rancho Cucamonga provides inventive musical staging. Ms. Drake is also delighted to be working with a fine technical crew including Stacey Clafin, Larry Bates, Karri Bates, Sandra Clafin and Win Carey.

Ernest in Love opens at Riverside Community Theatre on July 15 and runs for three weeks with evening performances on July 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 8pm and matinees at 2pm on July 17, 24, 30, and 31. Reservations can be made by calling (951) 686-4030.





Rancho Cucamonga's Victoria Gardens Cultural Center set to feature family friendly programming

urtains are set to open in Summer 2006, revealing Southern California's newest performing arts venue: the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center in Rancho Cucamonga. But this story comes with a plot twist: the first of its kind in the Western United States, it will feature a 540-seat playhouse theatre and full-service Public Library, with a primary focus of programming for children, young adults and families.

"When we first envisioned this beautiful new center and thought about the needs of our community, we immediately realized that Professional Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) would be a key component of our offerings. We have a community filled with parents and grandparents who are interested in sharing the arts with their children," Kevin McArdle, Community Services Director for the City of Rancho Cucamonga, said. "Families can attend professional stage performances close to home in an inviting, exciting atmosphere at Victoria Gardens."

"The region has grown at such an incredible rate, adding a second Library to serve the eastern portion of the City was very important to us," Deborah Clark, Library Services Director, said. "With the integration of Playhouse and Library programming and services with curriculum



Construction on the new Rancho Cucamonga Cultural Center has begun.

from our regional schools, we're able to provide an entertaining, educational experience that's unique to the Inland Empire, actually, unique to the Nation!"

The 87,000-square-foot Cultural Center is the fifth major anchor to the successful 1.5 million square foot regional shopping district, Victoria Gardens, which opened in October of 2004, at Foothill Boulevard and the I-15 Freeway. The Victoria Gardens Cultural Center is comprised of three elements: the Lewis Family Playhouse, a second full-service Library and a banquet / meeting space venue, Celebration Hall.

The 540-seat Lewis Family Playhouse will host a series of professional TYA performances, which take popular children's literary pieces and create stage productions such as: Charlotte's Web, Wind in the Willows and Adventures of Tom Sawyer. The Playhouse will also host a variety of Specialty Family events, guest artists and Authors' special performances

that are appealing to all age groups.

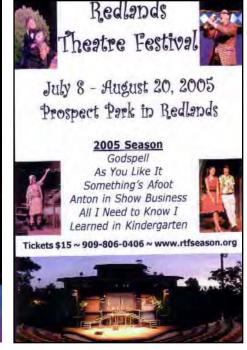
To enhance its performing arts programming, the City of Rancho Cucamonga has launched the "Theatre Arts Academy" through its Community Services
Department, offering learning workshops with hands-on lessons in acting, singing, dancing, stage and set design, and costuming. Workshops are now being offered at the temporary Theatre Arts Center located in Rancho Cucamonga until the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center construction is completed.

The 23,000-square-foot Library will have a state-of-the-art learning technology center, a children's story center, interactive media, young adult reading area, and a special performing arts collection.

Celebration Hall will feature spacious 4,500-square-foot banquet and meeting room facilities to accommodate up to 300 guests for receptions.

For more information, visit www.vgculturalcenter.com. \square







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Auditorium. (951) 788-3944.

LIFEHOUSE THEATER: Pilgrim's Progress, through July 17. 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.

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

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

THEATRE: Metropolitan Community Church of the Coachella Valley, 32-150 Candlewood Dr., Cathedral City. (760) 328-3591.

www.mcccv.org/mct.htm

PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: At Landis Auditorium. For further information or to purchase tickets call the Performance Riverside box office at

(951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

THE PHIL AT FAIRMOUNT PLAYS POPS IN THE PARK: July 10, 6-8pm, Fairmount Park in Riverside, at the Bandstands. (951) 787-0251.

RAMONA BOWL AMPHITHEATRE:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, July 22-23, 29-30, 7pm. 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., Hemet. (951) 658-3111, (800) 645-4465, www.ramonabowl.com.

RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN: Musical Evenings in the Garden, Thursdays, July 7-Aug. 11, 6:30-8pm. Suggested donation \$4. 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont. (909) 625-8767, www.rsabg.org.

REDLANDS THEATRE FESTIVAL: In

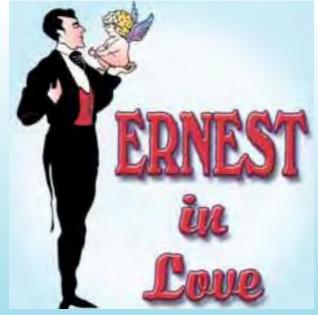
Prospect Park, Redlands. Season begins July 8 through Aug. 20. Godspell, As You Like It, Something's Afoot, Anton in Show Business, All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. Tickets \$15. (909) 806-0406, www.rtfseason.org.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:

Ernest in Love, July 15-31, tickets \$18. 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL: July 1-Sept. 4, 10am-10pm daily. 935
Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach. (949) 494-3030, www.sawdustart-festival.org.





"Ernest in Love" is a beguiling musical version of "The Importance of Being Ernest," Oscar Wilde's sparkling play about social hypocrisy among the creme de la creme of Victorian England. A faithful adaptation of his comic masterpiece, this musical provides a clever, tuneful score that is a perfect complement to Wilde's incomparable wordplay and immortal witticisms in a delightful interpretation of what has been called "the funniest play in the English language."

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The Garden will host an eclectic variety of musical sounds during its family concert series. Enjoy music from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the California Courtyard. A suggested donation of \$4 per individual or \$8 per family is requested.

The series schedule includes:

July 7: The Ravelers — Unplugged!: Classic oldies and rock 'n roll, plus popular Beatles' selections acoustically performed by the popular group.

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July 21: Swing 4 Sale: Music of the Big Band era, lead by the sultry saxophone and vocal harmonies of Leslie Muradian.

July 28: Michael Ryan & Friends: Michael Ryan, Ken Soderlund, Hai Muradian, and Ron Powell perform a blend of renaissance, classical, nuevo flaminco, and contemporary music.

August 4: Chet Jeager's Dixieland Jazz August II: The Transient Jazz Quartet

The Garden is located at 1500 North College Avenue, in Claremont. For more information call 909-625-8767 or go online to www.rsabg.org.

Ramona Bowl to Present Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat

The Ramona Bowl Amphitheater will present its inaugural production of the famous Broadway play Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on the weekends of July 22 and and 23, as well as an encore performance July 29 and 30. Doors open at 5pm with show time beginning promptly at 7pm. Dinner food and beverages will be available.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat first premiered in 1968. The music was written by Broadway composer Andrew Lloyd Webber with lyricist Tim Rice providing the lyrics. The two have collaborated on other renowned Broadway productions, including Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, and the longest running Broadway production, Cats.

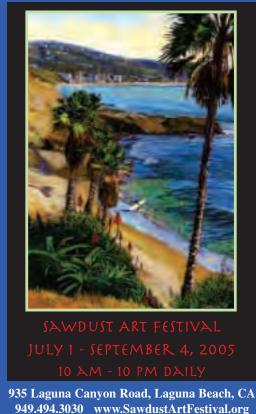
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a comedic musical adaptation of the biblical story of Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, who was betrayed by his jealous brothers and sold into slavery, only to rise and become the Governor of Egypt. All the scenes are set for when his now starving brothers come wandering into Egypt looking for food.

Dennis Anderson, the Artistic Director for the Ramona Bowl, is excited about the upcoming production. "It's a musical that is just fun. It's a great comedic farce that tells the story of Joseph in a way that is fun and will be enjoyed by everyone. It has been absolutely loved by audiences everywhere, from Broadway to off-Broadway. We have never done a production of this play before, but everyone told us we have to do it, that it will just pack the house."

The wide-open outdoor setting of the Ramona Bowl makes a great place to stage the production. The rugged landscape surrounding the Amphitheatre complements the biblical Middle Eastern setting of Egypt.

Tickets are available for \$18, with special group rates available. Tickets can be purchased online at ramonabowl.com, by phone at 800-645-4465 and in person at the Ramona Bowl ticket office from 10am to 4pm Monday through Friday. The Ramona Bowl Amphitheater is located at 27400 Ramona Bowl Road in Hemet.

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The hills are alive ...

The Sound of Music comes to Big Bear

he Community Arts Theater Society (CATS) of Big Bear Lake this month stages The Sound of Music. More than a classic, this show has become a phenomenon, and 2005 is a banner year for this all time favorite musical.

It is the 40th anniversary of the film's release, the 45th anniversary of the musical's first season on Broadway, and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Maria Von Trapp herself. Sellout performances are expected for this most beloved show; advance ticket purchases are highly recommended.

CATS Director and Choreographer Karen Sargent Rachels promises that this production of "The Sound of Music" will be a proper tribute for the show's celebratory, banner year. Starring as Maria Von Trapp, Big Bear's own Jennifer Flack returns from New York as a recent graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Flack is also a veteran of the Big Bear stage, having appeared in CATS productions as a very young lady in a number of shows, including: Annie Get Your Gun, Life With Father, Man of La Mancha and as Luisa in The Fantastiks. Flack comments, "I am

thrilled to be playing Maria and getting the chance to re-visit the place where my love for theater began."

A host of local talent will join Flack including Bill Ferguson as Captain Von Trapp, Joan Cline as Mother Abbess, Alicia Jimenez as Elsa Schroeder and Brian Adams as Max Detweiler.

In an astounding display of young talent, fourteen local children will alternately play the seven Von Trapp children: Amanda Fisch and Ginny Jimenez are double cast as Liesl, Jake Franklin and Kyle Gassmeyer will share the role of Fredrich, Caitlin Barney and Ashley Harris will play Louisa, Spencer Adams and Conner Hennebry will play Kurt, Amber Carpenter and Jodi Cline will alternate as Brigitta, Kayla McNamara and Sam Swanson double as Marta, and Madison and Taylor Waner will share the role of Gretl.

The show also features an exquisite female chorus

of singing nuns which will be directed by Brian Adams. The amazing array of local talent will be showcased with spectacular costumes, sets and lighting.



Local girl Jennifer Flack stars as "Maria" in CATS' upcoming production of "The Sound of Music"

WHEN: July 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 7:30pm, July 3, 10 1:30pm WHERE: Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center TICKETS: \$10.95-\$19.95 adults, \$9.95-\$17.95 seniors, \$7.95-\$12.95 children and students under 18.

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Tony Award-Winning 'Dreamgirls' tells a big, 'Supremes' story

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Ben Bollinger's Candlelight
Pavilion Dinner Theatre in
Claremont presents the
immensely popular sixtime Tony Award-winning fictional story
of The Supremes, "Dreamgirls," running
July 8 through August 28.

"Dreamgirls" is high voltage. It's the fictitious story of three talented singers from Chicago (not Detroit) who rise from nowhere to superstardom. These young and inexperienced members of The Dreamettes appear on Harlem's legendary Apollo Theatre stage in 1962 and become backup singers for hotter n' hot soul singer James Thunder Early. Their manager uses persistence and payola to see that the group hits the top of the pop charts in the early '60s.

"Dreamgirls" first opened on Broadway in 1981 to rave reviews and immediately became one of the most popular musicals ever to play Broadway. It was nominated for 13 Tony's, won six and ran on Broadway for 1,521 performances. The original productions starred Jennifer Holliday and Sheryl Lee Ralph.

"Dreamgirls" will be filmed next year as a major motion picture under the direction of Bill Condon ("Kinsey," "Gods And Monsters") and will star 2004 Academy Award Winning best Actor Jamie Foxx ("Ray"), Destiny's Child lead singer Beyonce, two-time Grammy-winning pop singer Usher and Eddie Murphy as James Thunder Early.

"Dreamgirls" at the Candlelight Pavilion is sponsored by Crestview Cadillac and is followed by a brief Fourth of July holiday weekend (June 30 - July 3) run of "Honk," the delightful family-oriented musical based on the classic tale of "The Ugly Duckling," featuring a cast of sixty-one children. Sixtime Tony Award winner, "Dreamgirls," the hugely successful Broadway musical loosely based on the rise of the Supremes, runs July 8 through August 28.

The National Dinner Theatre Association rates The Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre, which is currently celebrating its 20th Anniversary, as the premiere dinner theatre in the United States.

Admission includes salad (fruit salad for matinees), choice of entrée, beverage, sales tax and the show. Appetizers, alcoholic beverages, desserts and gratuity are additional. All major credit cards are accepted and parking is free.

WHEN: July 8- Aug. 28, Thur.-Sat. seating 6pm, curtain 8:15pm; Sun. seating 5pm, curtain 7:15pm. Matinee Sat., Sun. and select Thurs. seating 11am, curtain 12:45pm.

WHERE: Ben Bollinger's Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre, 455 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont

TICKETS: \$34 to \$70

For more information, call (909) 626-1254 www.candlelightpavilion.com



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BEACH ACTIVITIES

BEACH TRAIN: Take the train to the beach in style. Service operate every Saturday and Sunday from July 16 to October 9, except Labor Day Weekend September 3-4. For more information, www.rctc.org or www.metrolinktrains.com. 951-222-7000 x2325 or 1-800-371-LINK. See article on page

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

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

CHRISTIAN SINGLES: Dinner-dances, at the Spectrum Club in Fullerton, July 2. Salsa workshop and dance, July 9. Country Western and Swing at the Spectrum Club in Fullerton, July 23. West Coast swing dance workshop and dance, July 31. For more information: 714/210-3337, www.ccisingles.com.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

ART-A-FAIR: July 1-Sept. 4, art on display and to purchase, exhibits, food, kids' activities and more. See article on p. 5. 777 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach. Tickets \$6 adults. (949) 494-4514.

OLD MINERS DAYS: In Big Bear, July 15-Aug. 7. Events recalling the gold rush days. See article on page 9. For more information, call (800) 4-BIG-BEAR, or www.bigbear.com.

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COMPUTER FAIR: July 9, 10am-5pm, building 6 & 7 at the Fairplex in Pomona. Hundreds of computer related items at wholesale prices. General admission \$8.

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FAIRPLEX FLEA MARKET: July 31, R.G. Canning flea market at the Fairplex, Pomona. In the Floral Plaza, Grandstand Pavilion.

FESTIVAL OF ARTS: Fine art exhibition, July 3-Sept. 1. 650 Laguna Canyon Rd., in Laguna Beach. (949) 494-1145, www.lagunafestivalofarts.org.

4TH ANNUAL LAKE ARROWHEAD SUMMER FESTIVAL: July 23-Sept. 3, 6:30pm, at Santa's Village off Hwy 18. Christopher Cross, July 23; Porterhouse Bob and Down to the Bone, July 30. (909) 337-5338, www.lakearrowheadfestival.com.

MOUNTAINEER DAYS: July 2-3, in Wrightwood. Free admission. Family fun with bluegrass music, contests, crafts, and more. (760) 249-4320. www.wrightwoodchamber.org.

NHRA TWILIGHT CRUISE: July 6 & Aug. 3, at the Fairplex in Pomona, Lower Administration Lot, 4-8pm. Admission free to view pre-1970 cars, rods, customs, classics and muscle cars. Parking at Gate 1B. (909) 622-2133.

ORANGE COUNTY FAIR: July 8-July 31, 113th annual Fair. See article on page 16. Concerts, demolition derby, bullriding, food, contests, exhibits and more. In Costa Mesa. (714) 708-3247, www.ocfair.com.

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

RIVERSIDE WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Wednesday nights, 5-9pm, in downtown Riverside at the Pedestrian Mall. (951) 715-3400, www.obfa.org.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL: July 1-Sept. 4, 10am-10pm daily. 935 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach. (949) 494-3030, www.sawdustartfestival.org.

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MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK: Commonly called the Big Bear Zoo, located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. Alpine Wildlife Celebration, July 23, 10am-7pm, the Zoo's main fundraiser with funds going to the zoo's relocation project. This event features entertainment, music, an animal adoption auction, alive auction, photos with the animals, and specialtours. During evening hours enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine. Special entry prices for this one day are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10; kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily and hours Sept.

through May are 10 am – 4pm Monday through Friday, and until 5pm on weekends. For more information go to www.BigBearZoo.com or call (909) 878-4200.

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER:

Hiking trails, museum, education, 1 mile northwest of Idyllwild on 25225 Hwy 243. Children's Discovery area, local history, wildlife, gift shop. (951) 659-3850, www.idyllwilldwildnaturecenter.net

PALM SPRINGS TRAMWAY: A 2.5 mile ride to the San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness area in Palm Springs. See article on page 7. (800) 515-TRAM.

MUSEUMS

GILMAN HISTORIC RANCH: The ranch features the original Gilman house, a carriage house, a native memorial garden, and more. Open Saturdays from 10am to 4pm.

Admission for adults is \$2, kids 12 and under are \$1. The ranch is located at 16th and Wilson Streets in Banning. For more information, call (951) 922-9200 or (951) 955-4300.

MARCH FIELD AIR MUSEUM: Van Buren Boulevard and I-215, Riverside, Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 for children (5-11), and kids under 5 are free. Information is available at 909-697-6600 or 909-697-6602.

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSE-UM: Open House on June 4 & 5 with activities and fun. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 2201 S. A St., Perris; train and trolley rides, weekends and holidays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; all-day train and trolley pass \$8, children 5-11 \$6. (909) 943-

PLANES OF FAME: \$8.95 general, children 11 to 5 are \$1.95 and children under 5 are free. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722.

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UM: 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, \$6, seniors and students \$5, children 5-12 \$4, (909) 307-2669. www.sbcountymuseum.org.

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am to 4 pm. Trails, picnic facilities
and activity building rentals. Park
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ADAMS KART TRACK: For ages 5 and up. Pro shop, kart track, racing school. 5292 24th St. in Riverside. (951) 686-3826. www.adamskarttrack.net.

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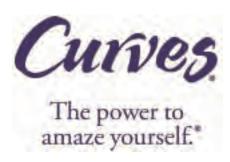
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