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Theater events in the Inland Empire are very lively in August! Our cover features the Candlelight Dinner Theater in Claremont, which is celebrating 20 years of great productions. Read all about it on page 20. There are great productions coming up from Riverside Community Players ("The Constant Wife"), Ramona Bowl ("Odd Couple"), Sinbad and Jonny Lang at Soboba Casino, and more.

In out continuing quest to keep you cool, we offer a couple of articles from heading out to the ocean (p. 4) to heading up to the mountains (p. 10). Also, check out Tom's Farms new car show, Blazing August Nights (p. 5). It's their first hot rod event and is designed to please car enthusiasts and the entire family, making it a fun event.

Tom Pigeon, Editor

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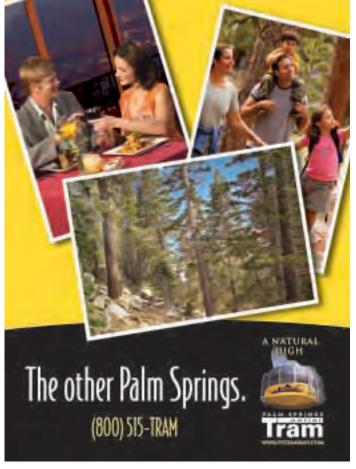


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Ocean adventures

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ith the summer months beating down on the Inland Empire, escaping to the ocean starts looking particularly attractive. If you've never been on a boat for an outing at sea, this may just be your ticket out of the heat.

Davey's Locker Sportfishing and Whale Watching, located at the historic Balboa Pavilion in Newport Beach, offers entertaining ocean excursions year round. Davey's Locker offers 1/2 day, 3/4 day, full day, twilight, and shark trips with multi-day trips mixed in.

When the curtain of summer begins to close, the fishing really starts to heat up, along with the water. Wide open sand bass and barracuda continue to be the hot species in the area with the highest concentrations conveniently located directly off Newport Beach, making for some of the best fishing in California.

In August, big game such as yellow-

tail, dorado, and yellowfin tuna steal the show, with the water temperature at its peak of the entire year.

Through August, a kids' fishing tournament takes place through Davey's Locker aimed at promoting the future of sportfishing. Through this tournament, Davey's Locker provides a positive, safe, and fun environment for young anglers when school is out and award them with cool prizes and trophies.

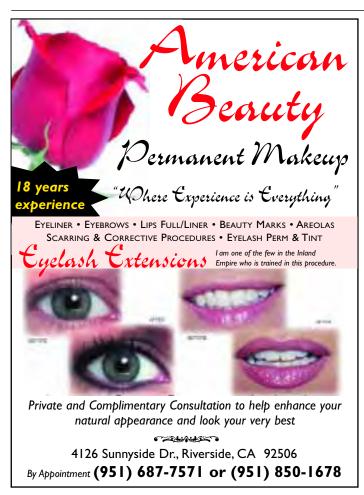
During the holiday season of late December, the annual Newport Harbor Parade of Lights quickly takes center stage, drawing in thousands of people to gaze at the multitude of ornately lighted yachts and homes. With nightly tours, Davey's Locker gets right in the middle of the action. Each vessel is decorated with lights that allow for them to be a part of the processional route, not just a bystander. Each of the boats is also available for private parties.

Davey's Locker begins its season of



whale watching December 26 through March. In those few months, hundreds of California Gray whales grace the water with their enormous presence while Davey's sends a minimum of 2 to 3 trips daily to catch a glimpse. Every year, the California Gray whale migrates from the bone-chilling waters of the Arctic to the warm, tropical lagoons of Baja California and Mexico. It is this migratory route that allows humans to view these remarkable creatures in their natural habitat.

To get more information, call Davey's Locker at (949) 673-1434, or go online to www.daveyslocker.com. □





Tom's Farms is 'Blazin"

Car show and family fun in August

om's Farms in Corona is "Blazin'" in August, hosting their new car show event, Blazin' August Nights. From 3pm to 10pm every Thursday in August, Tom's Farms will host the festival style event, featuring car shows and competition, live music, as well as rides and games.

Blazin August Nights features more than 200 of Southern California's finest custom automobiles and choppers on display ranging from Hot Rods & Super Customs to Lamborghini's and Bentley's.

There is plenty of family fun as well, with carnival rides and Tom's new 24 gauge replica steam train, food, refreshments, raffles and giveaways.

Not just for car enthusiasts, Blazin' August Nights offers something for the whole family. "We have a long tradition of family events here at Tom's Farms," owners Tom and Kristine Barnes said. "Our goal is to bring together the best automobiles in a fun safe family environment to provide entertainment for our guests and a positive event for the southland."

Starting as a produce stand in 1974, Tom's Farms has grown to now include a hamburger restaurant, wine and cheese shoppe, duck pond, country furniture store, and a mexican restaurant. A new Family Fun Center is under construction, which will include a train ride that runs under a covered bridge and an old time carousel.

Tom's Farms is located in Corona off the 15 frwy at Temescal Canyon Rd., south of the 91 frwy.

For more information, go online to www.tomsfarms.com, or call (949) 494-9840.





OakTree Village - family fun close to home



"Chuckie," the green iguana, one of many animal encounters at OakTree Village.

If you're looking for a location for family fun, that the kids can enjoy and the adults appreciate, check out the hidden charm of OakTree Village in Oak Glen.

Nestled in the tranquil San Bernardino Mountains, OakTree Village has something for everyone. Shop the stores, take the kids to the Animal Park, see an animal show and let your kids touch some of them in the Petting Farm. You can even try your hand at trout fishing in one of three stocked kid-friendly ponds, or feed fish, ducks, geese and swans.

Take a walk on a scenic nature trail or visit the 10,000 square-foot Mountain Town Museum, home to animal mounts from around the world.

New to OakTree is the Exotic Animal exhibit, including a 40-pound indian crested porcupine, an endangered South African serval cat and a 16-foot albino burmese python and baby anaconda.

Every weekend at OakTree Village witness a live gunfight, take a pony ride or a train ride, and visit the crafters' booths.

OakTree Village is open throughout the year, from 10am to 5pm, and is located at 38480 Oak Glen Rd. in Oak Glen. For more information, call (909) 797-4020 or go online to www.oaktree-village.com.



New Guinea singing dog "Chastity."

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Toyo Tires California Truck Jamboree, the Show of Shows



n May 22, the Toyo Tires California Truck Jamboree returned for a record breaking event, with 550 vehicles, 60 vendors and over 8,500 spectators. The massive truck fest, with custom and classic trucks, a bikini contest and more, returns this month at the Verizon Amphitheater in Irvine, Aug. 28.

The California Truck Jamboree was originally created in 1987. The show went unchanged for many years, until recently when the new owners decided to bring it more up to date.

"We have created a family atmosphere event with the excitement of many different activities in one show and lowering the admission price," Pierre Hoffmann, President of California Jamboree, said. Admission is now \$12, with kids 12 and under free.

ESPN and TV show Eye Candy will cover the August event, promising that many show truck owners will show off in the burnout contest, air hop and style contests. More than 700 trucks will display the best in modifications to showcase the best of the best in trucks and compete for prizes and over 180 trophies.

Activities for kids have been added to the Jam, including a chocolate milk contest, jumpers and more. To keep things cool, misters are available throughout the event.

The Toyo Tires California Truck Jamboree takes place from 9am to 5pm at the Verizon Amphitheater at the Hidden Valley Park, 8800 Irvine Center Drive, Irvine. Parking is free. Discount tickets are available online at www.TruckJam.com. For more information visit the website or call 310-326-4526.



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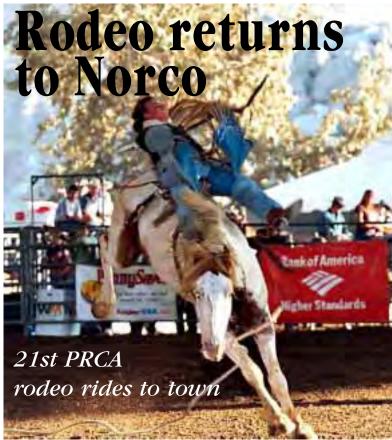
Summer Inspiration

Our series of success letters from the weight-loss battlefields

A year and a half ago my life changed. I will never forget the first day I walked into Curves. I had no idea what 30 min. a day three times a week would do for me. I was 230 lbs and 5'6" tall and I can honestly say I have tried everything known to man to lose weight. The staff at Curves was so understanding and friendly. A staff member weighed me after my first month at Curves and I had lost I 6 lbs and so many inches I couldn't count. Today, I am 60 lbs lighter and the friends I have made at Curves are like family. Curves to me is not a weight loss program but a lifestyle change I decided to make for me.

Evie Frigaard Member of Curves in Canyon Crest, Riverside, 5225 Canyon Crest Blvd., Ste. 400 - (951) 684-1076





T's rodeo time once again in Norco, the Inland Empire's own "Horsetown." The 21st Annual Norco Mounted Posse PRCA Rodeo runs August 26-28 at Ingalls Park in Norco.

The event will feature three performances of rodeo action, including bullriding, barrel racing, bareback riding and more. The top PRCA cowboys and cowgirls will do their best to claim thousands in prize money, to the delight of rodeo fans.

Vendor row provides food, western art and more.

Following the performances on Friday and Saturday, enjoy a rodeo dance with live music provided by the Merchants of Moonshine. Held at the rodeo grounds, the event will feature a 5,000 square-feet dance floor, a full bar and food. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. The dance is free on Friday night for rodeo ticket holders and \$5 on Saturday.

In addition to the rodeo performance, the event will feature

a Challenged Children's Rodeo on Sunday, at 4:30pm. Special needs children compete in a mock rodeo, giving them the opportunity to experience the thrills they see in the arena.

Also on Sunday, Cowboy Church will be performed in the grandstands at 10am.

Ingalls Park can be found off the 15
Freeway, exit 6th St. in Norco and head east.

WHEN: Aug. 26-28, Fri. & Sat. gates open 5pm, rodeo 7:30pm, Sun. gates open 3pm, rodeo 6pm.

WHERE: Ingalls Park, Norco TICKETS: Fri. & Sat. \$10 presale, \$12 at the gate. Kids 10 and under free. Sat. \$15, kids 3 and under free. Parking \$5.

For more information, call (951) 371-1204 www.norcoprcarodeo.com



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- August 20th Mountain Lions & other large mammals in the mountains.
- August 27th Cahuilla culture & art

Jr. Naturalists are accepted on a first-come basis (limited space available). Children ages 7 to 12 are welcome. Children under 5 years accompanied by an Adult.

For additional information call Shelley Kibby, Park Interpreter - Idyllwild Nature Center (909) 659-3850. There is a day use fee.

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Escape to the Lake

Big Bear Lake offers retreat from summer beat

any Inland Empire residents looking to escape the summer heat head for the hills of Big Bear Lake. While the mountain is a snowtime retreat in the winter, it makes an equally enjoyable watery getaway in the summer. The deep blue skies, mild temperatures,

sunshine, and vast amounts of aquatic sports make the trek to the seven-mile lake a must for many. Activities range from action-packed to easy-going. Visitors can be found racing across the lake on waverunners or jet skis, kayaking or canoeing along the lake's coves and inlets, skimming the water on skis or wakeboards, or

sailing with a little help from the constant lake breezes. Another oneof-kind experience is parasailing to experience a completely different perspective of Big Bear Valley's beauty.

For the less adventurous, narrated lake tours are offered onboard the Big Bear Queen paddlewheel boat or the Spanish galleon replica, the Big Bear Pirate Ship. Meadow Park Swim Beach is open daily and has protected areas for children to enjoy splashing in the clear lake waters. Adjacent, there are play areas for volleyball, tennis and barbecues.

Big Bear Lake is a first-rate trout fishery because its depths allow trout to thrive, even in the heat of summer. It is one of only a handful of Southern California lakes to get planted with rainbow trout. Big Bear Lake received 154,000 lbs. of rainbow trout last year from the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and from April through October DFG will once again stock the lake regularly with approximately 2000 lbs. of rainbow trout every two weeks.

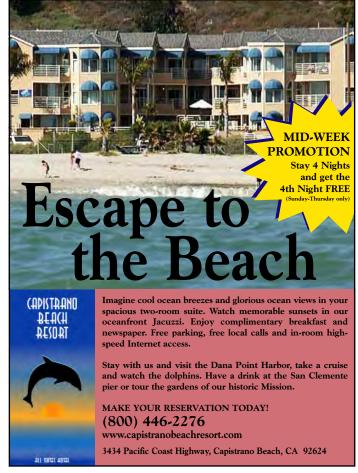
Several marinas offer boat rentals, bait, tackle and licenses, docks and repair services. Launch ramps are found at all marinas and the north shore public ramps.

For more information about Big Bear Lake activities, to book accommodations, or to request a Visitors Guide, log on to www.bigbear.com or call 1.800.4.BIG.BEAR (1.800.424.4232).



A wakeboarder takes to the air at Big Bear Lake.





Summer Deals

Head to the mountains on a free tank of gas

Go to Big Bear, get a tank of gas.

That's the deal the Big Bear Lake Resort Association is extending to Southland vacationers through Nov. 20, 2005. Big Bear Lake is less than a tank of gas away from the Inland Empire, making the trip gas-expense free.

Travelers who book accommodations at any participating lodge receive the free \$25 gas card at check in.

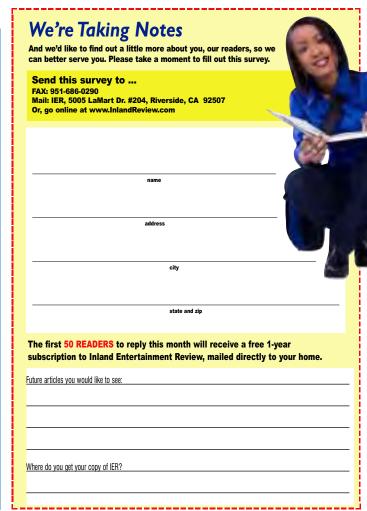
"Travelers appreciate a cool getaway that is close to home during the summer months," Big Bear Lake Resort Association CEO Ken Brengle said. "Add \$25 worth of free gas and the traveler benefits more ways than one."

Many families seek the mountains during the summer since it is cooler than the valleys below. Add in the scenery, the fresh air and green pines, and the free gas, and the package becomes hard to resist.

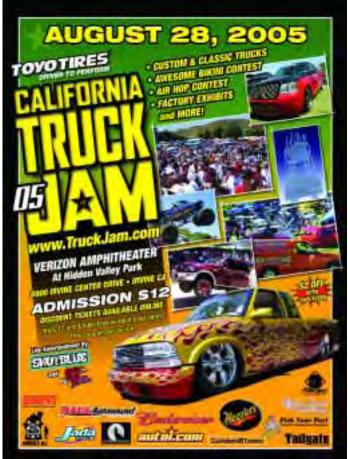
Favorite summertime activities in Big Bear include fishing, water skiing, hiking, kayaking, off-roading, horseback riding, mountain biking, and golf. Also, this summer, Big Bear Lake has over 30 events scheduled, giving tourists plenty to do in the mountains.

The free tank of gas offer is available to visitors booking a minimum two nights stay at a participating lodges through November 20, 2005 (non-holiday). Lodging packages start as low as \$65 per night. Restrictions may apply per lodge; call Big Bear Lake Resort Association for details. A \$25 Arco Gas Card, redeemable at participating Arco gas stations, will be given to the guest at check-in. Limit one gas card per reservation. This offer may not be used in combination with any other Big Bear Lake Resort Association (BBLRA) offer or promotion.

To get details on the "Free Tank of Gas" special, or to book reservations, log onto www.bigbear.com or call 1.800.4.BIG.BEAR (1.800.424.4232).







Make a break for the beach!

Summer Link continues with easy travel to the surf and sand

here's still time to hop aboard the Summer Link Beach Train for a fun day at the beaches of San Clemente and Oceanside. Summer Link service continues until the second weekend of October with the choice of three trains per day between Rialto and Oceanside. Given the traffic on the freeway, the rising cost of gas and the hassle of parking at the beach, Riverside and San Bernardino County residents are taking the train in record numbers. The new schedules and choice of trains make it so easy to get to the Beach without having to make the drive," said San Jacinto resident Anne Hallberg. "Driving to the Beach can be such a hassle. Metrolink takes away the stress of driving, parking and getting all that sand out of

The Beach Train used to be a special charter that offered

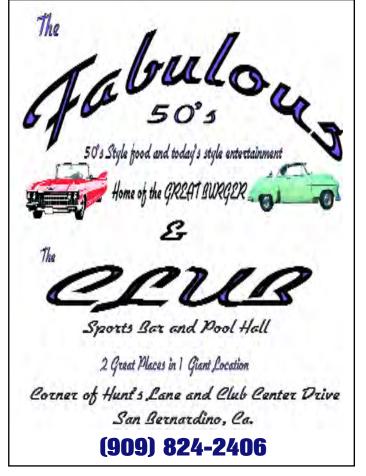
only one round-trip per day. The new Summer Link service offers a number of conveniences that are available only to regular Metrolink passengers. Tickets are purchased from machines on the platforms, instead of through advance purchase ticket outlets, and riders have more choices regarding when they can make their trip. As a result, no more worries about missing the only train or having to plan ahead to make the trip.

The other good news is that there is so much to do when you get off the train. The San Clemente shuttle, which runs between the San Clemente Pier and Downtown, is operating on a regular schedule and a number of major events are planned throughout the summer, including the Oceanside Harbor Day Festival on September 17 and 18 and the San Clemente Sea Fest and Chowder Cook Off on October 9.

Passengers also have the chance to win gift certificates and gift baskets throughout the season by entering a drawing conducted by merchants in Downtown San Clemente.

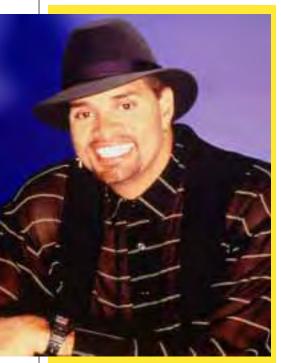
Summer Link Beach Train service will be offered every Saturday and Sunday until October 9, with the exception of Labor Day weekend. For Summer Link Beach Train information log on to www.rctc.org and click on the Beach Train button or go to www.metrolinktrains.com/beachtrains. Or, call 1-800-371-LINK for information.





your car."

Casinos



Sinbad performs at Soboba, Aug. 26

Comedian Sinbad is set to bring down the house at Soboba Casino on Aug. 26. Tickets for the 8pm show are \$35 reserved and \$20 general admission.

Born in Benton Harbor, MI, Sinbad grew up telling jokes to his three brothers and two sisters. Sinbad's first love was basketball and the Globetrotters were a childhood dream. He won a basketball scholarship to the University of Denver. Basketball's loss was comedy's gain and Sinbad has become one of stand-up's biggest names.

It began in 1983, when he embarked on his Poverty Tour, going from city to city on the Greyhound, from comedy club to comedy club, working for meals, changing out of hotel restrooms. Sinbad's break was Star Search in the mid eighties. He was never a winner, but good enough to get on the show seven times and become a finalist. That led to a TV movie and a role as Redd Foxx's son on The New Redd Fox Show. The next break came from Bill Cosby, who became a fan and cast him in A Different World which, along with Sinbad's stint as host of It's Showtime at the Apollo, allowed him to eventually do the 1991 Share the Dream Tour of historically black colleges - a tour backed by Coca-Cola, United Airlines and B.E.T. (Black Entertainment Television).

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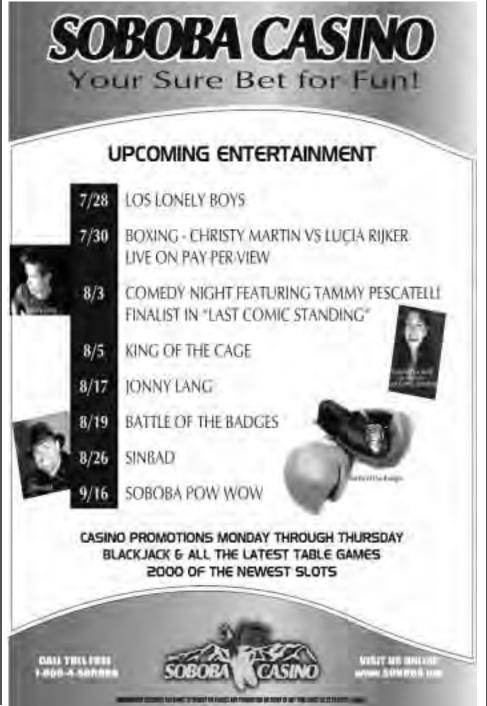
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Tickets to Rogers, Crosby, Stills & Nash, on sale

The Flamingo Laughlin continues its series of outdoor concerts well into the warm Fall months with September concerts of Kenny Rogers and Crosby, Stills & Nash. Tickets are on sale now.

Country superstar Kenny Rogers will take the stage of the Flamingo Amphitheater, Sept. 10-11 at 8pm. Rogers will perform material from his extensive catalogue of music including countless hits that have defined his career. Tickets to the Sept. 10 performance are \$30, \$35 and \$40. Tickets to the Sept. 11 performance are \$25, \$30 and \$35 plus tax.

The Flamingo Laughlin presents an "An Evening with Crosby, Stills and Nash" live on Sept. 16 at 9pm. For over three decades, Crosby, Stills and Nash have enthralled the world with their impeccable three-part harmony. Tickets to the onenight only performance of Crosby, Stills and Nash are \$40, \$45 and \$50 plus tax.

Tickets may be purchased at the Flamingo Box Office or by calling (702) 298-5111.

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

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

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

CAROLE KING: Aug. 6 8pm & Aug. 7 7pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$110, \$95, \$80.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS: Jazz, Aug. 26, 8pm,

in the Showroom. Tickets: \$90, \$75, \$65. **RON WHITE:** Aug. 27, 7 & 9:30pm, in the Showroom. Tickets: \$75, \$60, \$50.

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COMEDY NIGHT: Aug. 3, featuring Tammy Pescatellli, finalist in "Last Comic Standing."

KING OF THE CAGE: Aug. 5. JOHNNY LANG: Aug. 17.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES: Aug. 19.

SINBAD LIVE: Aug. 26, 8pm. See article on

page 14.

COMEDY NIGHTS: AC's Lounge. Tickets \$5 with Player's Club, \$7 without.

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A gun and knife show at the Sahara Hotel & Casino on the Las Vegas strip



Las Vegas turns its glitz and glamor into a hunters and shooters paradise Sept. 16-18, as the Sahara Hotel and Casino hosts a massive gun and knife show.

Attracting dealers and enthusiasts from across the country, the show offers the opportunity to buy, sell and trade all types of guns, knives and related hunting equipment.

The event will feature more than 500 vendor tables, displaying their wares from morning to night. A \$10 fee will grant admission and

the Sahara has offered \$10 in free slot play to all new club sign-ups, making entry to the show free. Secure, well-lit parking is also free. Admission for military and law enforcement personnel with ID is free as well.

An agent will be onsite to transfer firearms to your California FFL.

The event takes place Friday, Sept. 16 from Noon to 8pm, Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9am to 7pm and Sunday, Sept. 18 from 9am to 5pm.

In addition to the show, the Sahara Hotel and Casino has its own attractions, with live action gaming, restaurants, rooms, live entertainment, CyberSpeedway, Speed The Ride Rollercoaster, Players' Club, promotions, special events and some of the best entertainment experience in Las Vegas.

For more information call toll free 1.800.634.6010, or go online to www.saharavegas.com/gun-knife-show. The Sahara is offering special room rates for event attendees. Just call and ask for the special gun show room rates.

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.

TERRI CLARK: Aug. 13, 8pm. Award winning country artist performing hits such as "Girls Lie Too," and "Poor Poor Pitiful Me." Tickets \$45, \$35, \$30.

SURVIVOR: Aug. 27, 8pm, singing their greatest hits "Eye of the Tiger," "Is this love?" Tickets \$40, \$30, \$25, \$20

TRUE LEGENDS OF POP: Sept. 3, 8pm. Bobby Vee, Fabian, Johnny Tillotson, Brian Hyland and The Chiffons. Tickets: \$55, \$45, \$35, \$30.

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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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.

for the price of one at Kids Quest.

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 rebuy

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

PYRAMID OF CASH

SWEEPSTAKES: \$10,000 in prizes. Ends on August 31. See article on this page.

MOLLY HATCHET: Aug. 6, 9pm. ■

Laughlin Games

Popular 'Pyramid of Cash Sweepstakes' returns to Flamingo Laughlin

A player favorite promotion at the Laughlin Flamingo promises to win some lucky player a "mountain of money." The "Pyramid of Cash" sweepstakes is back for a fourth year and brings with it thousands of dollars in cash prizes.

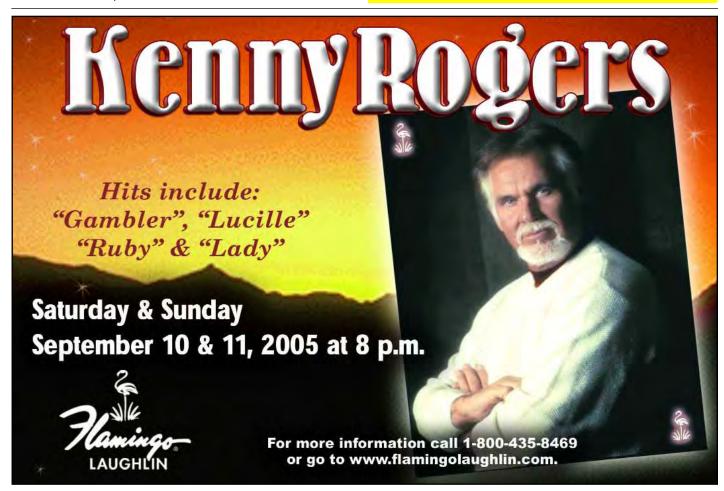
With \$10,000 at stake per player, participants can earn entries to daily drawings and a possible chance at the "Pyramid of Cash" by playing their favorite slot and table games. Drawings and qualifying rounds will be held twice daily at 1pm and 6pm at the Center Stage.

Once five contestants have been drawn, they will participate in a two-minute slot tournament to determine one lucky winner who will play "Pyramid of Cash."

Complete with three "second chances," the player who advances to "Pyramid of Cash" can win cash prizes ranging from \$5 to \$10,000 by rolling specially marked dice. Prizes are determined by the number square, multiplied by the dollar amount on that particular square's level. A player may choose not to continue at any level and keep the last cash prize already earned.

Contestants must be present at the time of drawing to play and can only play once per day. Tickets to enter the daily drawings can be earned in many ways. For more information on the "Pryamid of Cash" promotion, stop by the Flamingo Connection Center in the Flamingo Laughlin casino or call (702) 298-5111 or (800) 435-8469.

The promotion ends on August 31, 2005. No purchase is necessary.



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.adamskart-track.net.

AIRTIME: Indoor playground of large inflated toys. Areas for private parties. 26670 Madison Ave., Murrieta. (951) 304-2028, www.airtimeparty.com. See article on page 19.

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 quartermile track with banked turns and long straightaways. The site features snow-time and summer activities. The Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain is located on the boulevard in Big Bear Lake, 1/4 mile west of the Village shopping area, home to 60 specialty stores. 800 Wild Rose Lane. Call (909) 866-4626.

BOOMERS: In Upland. Miniature Golf

Summer Fun Idea

Fiesta Village returns as a family favorite

When it comes to family fun and enterainment, Fiesta Village Family Fun Park has been a local favorite for years. The park opened its doors in 1971 and enjoyed great success for many years as one of the most popular family destinations in the Inland Empire.

As the Inland Empire grew, and competition increased, Fiesta Village felt the crunch in the late 1990's and closed for a short time. In 2002 it was purchased by its current owner, and attendance has doubled since the reopening.

Fiesta Village's recent success is due to a complete remodeling of the facility, the addition of new attractions including the Carnival Rides, the building of more party facilities with expanded services and a strong focus on guest services.

Today, Fiesta Village offers a variety of fun experiences throughout the year. The Pyrite Rapids Waterpark is perfect for cool summer fun, complete with its own party areas. The Village also boasts two of the largest 18 hole miniature golf



courses in the Inland Empire, with challenges for golfers of all ages.

Fiesta's Carnival Rides offer guests a brand new experience at the park and the Fiesta Raceway is competitive four-wheel fun.

Fiesta Village is home to the largest batting cage facility in Southern California, with both baseball and softball.

The Fiesta Arcade, in addition to the games, offers several indoor party areas.

Fiesta Village has undergone many changes over the last three years, making it once again a family favorite.

Fiesta Village is located at 1405 E.Washington St. in Colton. For more information, call (909) 824-1111 or go online to www.fiestavillage.com.





Clyde the Camel



Meet Clyde the camel, a resident the the Living Desert in Palm Desert. The zoo features plant and animal life from our local deserts. Find out more about the Living Desert at www.livingdesert.org.

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.

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.

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

GROVE THEATRE: Cinderella, through Aug. 30, Saturdays at 2pm, \$6. Located in historic downtown Upland, 276 E 9th St.. (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.

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK:

Commonly called the Big Bear Zoo, located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10; kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily and hours Sept. through May

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

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.

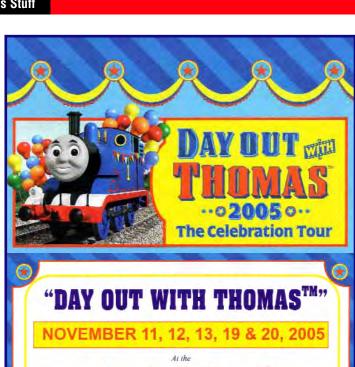
ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSE-

UM: 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) 943-3020. www.oerm.org.

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

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

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



Orange Empire Railway Museum

"Southern California's Largest Operating Railway Museum"



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Thomas the Tank Engine¹⁴ will pull a Juli-star train lia adults and children to ride.

The event will also include:

- · Other train and trolley rides
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- Clowns
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- Storytelling
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All-event tickets are \$16. Children 2 years and under are free. Tickets are limited, so reserve your seat today!

www.ticketweb.com

Or call

1-866-468-7630

There will also be a large Thomas merchandise store, souvenir sales at the Museum Store, food sales by various vendors, shaded picnic areas, and free onsite parking

Families can easily spend 4 hours or more at this event. The Museum will open at 7:30 am and close shortly after 5 pm. Preboardary 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

The 'ultimate' party house

AirTime caters to kids' desire to move

here's no way around it ... kids love to bounce! Whether it's on the bed, a trampoline, or a bouncy, they can't get enough of it. AirTime, "the ultimate party house," in Murrieta has taken this fact and created a party fun zone for kids full of inflatable entertain-

AirTime is an indoor playground full of inflated toys, bouncies, and activities designed for kids parties. AirTime is only

the ultimate

private bouncy event. In addition to the inflatable attractions, AirTime can offer pizza, goodie bags and balloons.

The 10,000 square-foot facility is filled with activity, from the inflatable attractions to a karaoke stage and a video arcade. Party packages start at \$250 and can include up to 25 guests.

In addition to hosting parties, AirTime also offers a special

opportunity for busy parents. Mom's

Out on Tuesdays, from 6 to 9pm, give parents a chance to enjoy some time alone while their children have the time of their life. AirTime will supervise and entertain your child, giving parents some free time of their own. For \$25 for the first child, and \$15 for each additional child, AirTime will treat them to pizza and drinks along with their usual activities.

AirTime is located in Murrieta at 26670 Madison Ave. For more information, go online to www.airtimeparty.com or call





Theater & the Arts

The Candlelight Pavilion

Twenty years of shows and dining

ombining fine theater, family entertainment, and exquisite dining, the Candlelight Pavilion dinner theater in Claremont has been treating audiences for twenty years. Under the guidance of the same owner for all that time, the Candlelight has established itself as a unique Inland Empire experience.

"The Candlelight Pavilion is currently celebrating its 20th Anniversary 'Season of Excellence' and offers the community outstanding culture by presenting the finest in musical theatre productions the entire family will love," General Manager Mick Bollinger said.

Bollinger should know. He's been at the theatre since day one and follows in the footsteps of his father, Ben, the well-known and respected owner of the theatre. Ben faces another milestone this month when he retires on August 31 as Dean of Fine Arts at Citrus College in Glendora, where he taught for

more than thirty-five years. Ben's annual "Christmas Is..." productions have become the stuff of local legend and this heartwarming and highly popular tradition will continue at the college under the direction of Ben's longtime right-hand man, Doug Austin.

The intimate and elegant Candlelight Pavilion seats 300 comfortably and is an ideal venue for fundraisers, company events, church and club outings, civic and community organizations and other groups.

The setting and production are only part of the equation at the Candlelight. The Bollinger's are also proud of the culinary experience patrons enjoy.

"Our chef, Kerry McCain, is a true master who never ceases to dazzle our audience with his latest gourmet culinary creations," Bollinger said. "An evening at

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Academy Award nominated Cinematographer, DANTE SPINOTTI ("The Insider" and "L.A. Confidential") will receive this year's Lifetime Achievement Award for Cinematography on

Friday, Sept. 16. Mr. Spinotti vill participate in a Cinematography Showcase of his films followed by a Q&A on Saturday, Sept. 17.

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION 9:00 am at the PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake (909) 866-3433

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, & 18

- Independent Films
- · Short Films
- · Student Films
- · Documentaries
- Animation
- · Family Films
- · Jury and Audience

 Awards
- · Showcase of German Language Films
- · Screenwriting competition
- · Seminars

See coupon on page 30.

The Big Bear Lake International Film Festival is a non-profit organization dedicated to showcasing emerging screenwriters, film talent and independent films.



2005-2006 SEASON

Drinking Habite

A new farce by Tom Smith. August 12-28, 2005

Done to Death

A mystery-comedy by Fred Carmichael.

October 14-30, 2005

Scrooge!

The classic Christmas musical based on "A Christmas Carol." Book, music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. December 2-18, 2005

California Suite

Fred A comedy by Neil Simon. February 10-26, 2006

Hollywood Hillbillies

Our all youth show, a musical by Tim Kelly. April 21 - May 7, 2006

Bye Bye Birdie

The award-winning musical. Book by Michael Stewart, music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Lee Adams. June 9-25, 2006

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Broadway classic

Welk Theatre presents '42nd Street'

he Welk Resort Theatre presents its third production of the 2005 season with "42nd Street," playing through August 28. The Tony Award winning play, originally directed on Broadway by Gower Champion, relates the story of a stage struck actress, Peggy Sawyer, who comes to the big city to begin her theatrical career as a chorus girl.

The show's leading lady cannot go on and Peggy is thrust into her role and must learn twenty-five pages of dialogue, six songs, and ten dance numbers in twentyfour hours. The journey to opening night includes comedy, drama, much humor, and great musical numbers reminescent of Broadway from years past.

Well known musical numbers from 42nd Street include We're In The Money, Lullaby of Broadway, Shuffle Off To Buffalo, Dames, and of course, 42nd Street.

Director Jon Engstrom was in the Broadway production under the direction of Gower Champion and brings a great deal of knowledge and ingenuity to this production. A very talented cast has been assembled to bring this show to life. The choreography is sure to delight audiences and will bring back memories of great dance shows from years past.

42nd Street is well known for tap danc-

ing numbers which sizzle. San Diego resident and San Diego State M.F.A. student Nicole Werner makes her Welk Theatre debut as Peggy Sawyer. Welk favorite Andrew Hussmann and former San Diego resident Jamie Torcellini also join the cast in leading roles.

WHEN: Through Aug. 28, Sun., Tues., Wed.,
Thurs., Sat. at 1:45pm, Tues., Thurs., Sat. at 8pm
WHERE: Welk Resort, 8860 Lawrence Welk
Dr., Escondido
TICKETS: \$33-\$36 performance only, \$50-\$55
with buffet

For more information, call
(760) 749-3448 or (888) 802-7469
www.welkresort.com

Performance Riverside presents Ragtime

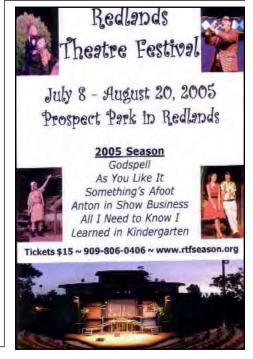
Performance Riverside opens its 2005-2006 season with the Tony Award-winning musical Ragtime. Drawing on musical traditions ranging from Jewish folk to vaudeville to Joplin to jazz, Ragtime invokes the magic and spirit of Harlem at the turn of the century. Performance Riverside hired Ragtime veteran Paul David Bryant as director/choreographer.

Performance Riverside's production reunites Bryant with Musical Director Paul LeMaster. They last paired in the Moonlight Stage Productions' Smokey Joe's Café in 2003, which played to widespread acclaim.

Ragtime runs at the Riverside Community College Landis Performing Arts Center (4800 Magnolia Ave.) in Riverside on Sept. 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8pm, Sept. 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 2pm, and Sept. 25 at 7pm. Ticket prices are \$35, \$30, \$25, and \$20. For more information call 951-222-8100 or go online to www.performanceriverside.org.



Director & choreographer Paul David Bryant



Text in RED denotes an event occurring this month

ANNENBERG THEATER: Theater located on the lower level of the Palm Springs Desert Museum at 101 Museum Drive, Palm Springs. www.psmuseum.org. (760) 325-4490.

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. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY WALLACE THEATER: (951) 343-4319.

CAT COMMUNITY THEATER: To Kill a Mockingbird, Aug. 6, 2pm; Aug. 4, 7:30pm. Nunsense, Aug. 7, 2pm; Aug. 6, 8pm. Seven

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Brides for Seven Brothers, Aug. 5, 8pm; Aug. 7, 6pm. At the Historic Corona Civic Center Theater, 815 W. 6th. (951) 279-2298.

COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER SOCIETY: 31970 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake. (909) 866-4970.

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

ELSINORE VALLEY ARTS NETWORK: Music with a View, Aug. 13 through Sept. 3, 7:30pm. Free concerts ranging from country western to the Riverside Philharmonic Orchestra. At McVicker Park in Lake Elsinore.

FONTANA MUMMERS COMMUNITY THEATRE:

Drinking Habits, Aug. 12-28. (909) 822-4052. 8443 Nuevo Ave. Fontana, on the corner of Nuevo and Spring, across from the Fontana Water Co. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to show time

GROVE THEATRE: The Wizard of Oz, through Aug. 21. Tickets \$15 & \$17, all seats reserved. Located in historic downtown Upland on the corner of Ninth St. and Third Ave. (909) 920-4343, grovetheatre.com.

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

HEMET COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION:

For information, call (951) 927-3798.

HYUNDAI PAVILION: Toby Keith plus special guests Lee Ann Womack and Shooter Jennings, Aug. 13, 6:30pm. Aug. 13. Ozzfest Aug. 20 with Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Slipknot, Shadows Fall, Mudvayne, In Flames, Rob Zombie and more. Gates open 9am, concert at Noon. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Aug. 21, 7:30pm. In Devore. www.ticketmaster.com.

JAZZ IN BLUE JAY: Aug. 11. Greg Adams performing big band smooth j azz. Aug. 18 Joey Defrancesco jazz organist, sax legend Red Holloway. www.bluejayjazz.com or (909) 336-7949.

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.

MAIN STREET CONCERT SERIES: Aug. 13, 20, Red Street R&B 1-4pm, Aug. 20 Ray Jay (blues, jazz, R&B), 1-4pm. Aug. 27, TBA, 1-4pm. Court Street Square in downtown San Bernardino, at the corner of Court and E St. (909) 663-1044 or (909) 384-5277, www.courtstreetsquare.com.

MAIN STREET NIGHTS: Music at Old Town Temecula, Aug. 20. Call for concert lineup, (951) 694-6412.

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.

MURRIETA REPERTORY THEATRE: At the Murrieta Community Center, 41810 Juniper St., in Old Towne Murrieta. (951) 600-7273. www.murrietarep.org.

PALM CANYON THEATRE: Palm Springs. Information (760) 288-4897 or (760) 574-1063, www.palmcanyontheatre.org.

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: Playing pops in the Park at Fairmount Park in Riverside, at the Bandstand, Aug. 28, 6-8pm. Free event. 2601 Fairmount, Riverside. (951) 787-0251.

PROJECT ROA, RESSURECTION OF ART: Aug. 24-27, performing dance on the entrance steps of the Riverside Public Library. Free event, 6pm. 3581 Mission Inn Ave.

RAMONA BOWL AMPHITHEATRE: The Odd Couple, Aug. 12-20. Gates open 6:30pm, dinner 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets \$30. Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre, 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., San

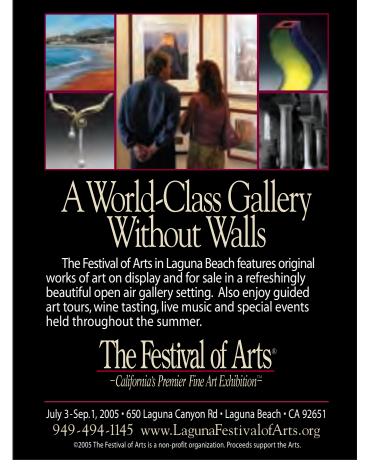
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Originally produced in 1927 at the Strand Theatre in London, this intelligent and witty comedy from W. Somerset Maugham takes a surprisingly modern look at the relationship of marriage. To all outward appearances, Constance and John Middleton have the ideal marriage. Appearances, however, can be deceiving as one of them has a very big secret. The real question is just which one is actually keeping the secret? A sophisticated and brilliant English comedy about marital fidelity.

September 9-25 • Tickets: \$15

Riverside Community Players (951) 686-4030 • 4026 14th St. • Riverside



Amphitheatre dining

Opposites repel in Neil Simon's 'Odd Couple'

he historic Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre in Hemet presents in August Neil Simon's bestloved comedy, The Odd Couple. The production is part of the Bowl's Courtyard Dinner Theatre presentations.

The Courtyard Dinner Theatre Program, in its fifth season, features a fully catered and served dinner and a performance on the Courtyard Theatre stage, set at the entrance to the Ramona Bowl.

Tables of eight are available as well as

WHEN: Aug. 12, 13, 19, 20, gates 6:30pm, dinner 7pm, show 8pm. WHERE: Ramona Bowl, Hemet TICKETS: \$30

For more information, call (800) 645-4465 www.ramonabowl.com

individual seats, with all tables less than 50 feet from the stage. Adding to the uniqueness of this theatre experience is the outdoor setting of the Courtyard Theatre, which capitalizes on the fabulous sunsets, the summer evening breeze and incredible valley view the Ramona Bowl offers.

The Odd Couple first opened on Broadway in 1965. The play stars recently divorced neat freak Felix Unger, forced to move in with his pal Oscar Madison, a total slob who is himself divorced. The play documents the humorous conflict that develops as these friends try to live together as best they can, while slowly but surely their opposite personalities clash with more and more intensity.

Janine Mundwiler, General Manager of the Ramona Bowl, thinks The Odd Couple will make a great play for the Courtyard Dinner. "The play is all about the dynamics of living with someone else. Almost everyone has had to endure living or working with people who have habits and personali-



ties that conflicted with our own, especially when it came to cleanliness. I think one of the reasons the play is so popular is that it makes fun of that situation. We all can relate and laugh with Felix and Oscar as they try to live with each other," Mundwiler said.

The Ramona Bowl ticket office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre is located at 27400 Ramona Bowl Road in Hemet.





Jacinto. (951) 658-3111. See article on page 24

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 COMMUNITY MUSIC

ASSOCIATION: • A Tribute to the Greatest Generation, Songs of World War II, Aug. 16, 8:15pm. Free event. • Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival, through Aug. 23. Begins at 8:15pm. Community Sing held on Tuesdays prior to program, at 7:20pm. Free admission. • John Jorgenson Quintet, Aug. 23, 8:15pm. Inspired by 1930's gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt. Free admission. • Summer Festival Symphony Orchestra, Aug. 26, 8:15pm. Admission is free. Features guest pianist Xin Xin, Tchaikovsky's piano concerto #1 in B-flat Major. At the Redlands Bowl, 25 Grant St., Redlands.

REDLANDS FOOTLIGHTERS: 1810 Barton Rd., Redlands. (909) 793-2909. www.redlandsfootlighters.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: The Constant Wife, September 9-25. Tickets: \$15. 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUAD AMPHITHEATRE: Through Aug. 30, The World Goes Round, 7pm. Tickets \$10. (951) 222-8100. 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

RIVERSIDE LITTLE OPERA: Held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Riverside. (951) 781-9561. www.riversidelittleopera.com.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: I Refuse to Let You Go, Aug. 20. Tickets TBA. A comedy that brings to mind the great traditions of the American stage. (951) 788-3944.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: Guys and Dolls, Aug. 4, 5, 6, 12, 13 7:30pm, Aug. 7, 14 2pm, Aug. 4 10am. \$10 reserved seating, \$5 for Aug. 4. The Wallace Theatre, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. (951) 485-7648.

SAN BERNARDINO SYMPHONY: California Theatre in downtown San Bernardino. 562 W. 4th St. (909) 381-5388.

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

SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK: In Ontario, Wednesday evening through Aug. 18, 7-8:30pm, at the R. Jack Mercer Community Bandstand, Euclid Ave., downtown between C and D St. Aug. 3 features Soto (Latin and Salsa), Aug. 10 Surf Party (60's California surf rock), Aug. 18 Big City Band (Latin jazz and fusion). The events are free.

TEMECULA ONSTAGE: In Old Town Temecula, Sept. 3, headliner LoveShack plus three other bands, fine restaurants and festival gala. (951) 699-6820, www.temeculatheaterfoundation.org.

THEATRE 29: Disney's Beauty and the Beast, through Aug. 20. \$8 general, \$7 seniors and military, \$6 children and students. Fri. and Sat. 7pm, Thurs. July 28 and Aug. 4 7pm, Aug. 14 2:30pm. 73637 Sullivan Rd., Twentynine Palms. (760) 367-6563.

THURSDAY NIGHT CONCERTS IN THE PARK:

Every Thurs. night in Aug. in Fontana. Family concert Happy Crowd Aug. 4, classic rock Film at Eleven Aug. 18, gospel concert Aug. 25. 6:30pm at Miller Park, 17004 Arrow Blvd. (909) 428-8360.

WELK RESORT THEATRE: 42nd Street, through Aug. 28, Sun., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. at 1:45pm, Tues., Thurs., Sat. at 8pm. Tickets: \$33-\$36 performance only, \$50-\$55 with buffet. See article on page 21. 8860 Lawrence Welk Dr., Escondido. (760) 749-3448 or (888) 802-7469, www.welkresort.com. □



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Victoria Gardens Cultural Center

Donation brings Center closer to completion

he Victoria Gardens Cultural Center took a big step toward completion July 15 when administrators announced a donation of \$500,000 from Bank of America.

The donation will help fund the Rancho Cucamonga Cultural Center, which will become a community gathering-place with a new theater, library, and events center. The Center is currently under construction.

The donation will go toward construction and to fund an endowment for literacy and cultural programs. Sponsors and endorsements from other sources are being sought, and the Bank of America contribution brings the total to about \$3 million.

Plans call for the center to be completed in about a year. The courtyard outside of the Lewis Family Playhouse will be named the "Bank of America Imagination Courtyard."

The newly established Rancho Cucamonga Theatre Arts Academy, which will stage productions in the Lewis Family Playhouse, has found a temporary home at the James L. Brulte Senior Center. Performing arts education and instruction will provide opportunities for children, teens and adults to explore their knowledge and skills in acting, musical theatre, auditioning, make-up, costuming, theatre craft and technical theatre. Programs designed specifically for each age group (youth, teens and adults) will be offered with professional theatre artists, teachers and directors.

The temporary site will also serve as auditioning and rehearsal space for the Community Theatre group who recently held a performance of "The World Goes 'Round" to christen this temporary space.



The Rancho Cucamonga Theatre Arts Academy staged a production of "The World Goes Round" to commemorate their temporary lodgings at the James L. Brulte Senior Center. The group is set to move into the Lewis Family Playhouse when completed.

Film Fest coming to Big Bear Lake

The sixth annual Big Bear Lake International Film Festival will be held the weekend of September 16-18, 2005. The festival highlights independent featurelength films, student films, short films, documentaries, family films, animation films, digital films and a screen-



writing competition. Juried awards, audience awards, animation awards, family film award and screenwriting competition awards will be presented. This year's Lifetime Achievement Award for Cinematography will be given to Dante Spinotti, ASC on Friday, September 16 at the Opening Night Gala.

"We are excited about going into our sixth year and we continue to grow as a film festival," festival president Gail M. McCarthy said.

In addition to a successful screenwriting competition, the festival hosts an annual screenwriting/filmmaker panel discussion with many of the film industry jurors in attendance. There will be a special Cinematography event with Dante Spinotti, ASC on Saturday, September 17. Clips of his films will be showcased along with a Q&A session.

For more information, tickets, becoming a volunteer or festival sponsor visit www.bigbearlakefilmfestival.com or call (909) 866-3433. The Big Bear Lake International Film Festival is a non-profit organization.



the Candlelight is a real treat, if I do say so myself. To arrive a couple hours early and enjoy an appetizer, a drink or two and one of Kerry's wonderful meals and then see our musical presentation really is a wonderful way to spend an evening."

Bollinger emphasized that his theatre is a family affair and indeed, is all about families, noting that his sister Mindy is Marketing Director and his brother Mark is Chief Financial Officer.

"Theater in general is a uniting enterprise that brings together men, women and children of all backgrounds and we've tried our best to bring that one-ness to our community for the past two decades," Bollinger said.

The theater isn't just for adults, either, Bollinger said. With budget cuts forcing many schools to cut music appreciation and drama courses, an experience at the theater is more important than ever for children.

The Candlelight Pavilion's 2005 season continues with the following productions:

• "Dreamgirls" (through August 28), the high-voltage Tony Award winner based on the rise of one of the greatest pop singing groups in history, the Supremes.

- "20th Anniversary Jubilee" (September 2 18), featuring many favorite musical moments from the Candlelight stage these past two decades.
- "Forever Plaid" (September 23 October 9), the very popular, irresistibly melodic and hilarious musical featuring hits made famous by the "boy groups" of the '50s and '60s.
- "The Sound of Music" (October 14 November 20), simply the most popular musical of all time, beloved of families the world over.
- "The Wonderful World of Christmas" (November 25 December 30) is a magical and nostalgic favorite that has become legend, with a story that changes with each year.

Ben Bollinger's Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre is located at 455 W. Foothill Blvd. in Claremont. Seating for the dinner shows Thursday through Saturday begins at 6pm, with the curtain rising at 8:15pm. Seating on Sunday evenings begins at 5pm with a 7:15pm curtain time. There are also matinee performances on Saturdays, Sunday and selected Thursdays, with seating beginning at 11am and curtain at 12:45pm.

For information and reservations, call (909) 626-1254 or see their website, www.candlelight-pavilion.com.

Show Review

Candlelight Pavilion serves up a fine evening

By Joe Colella

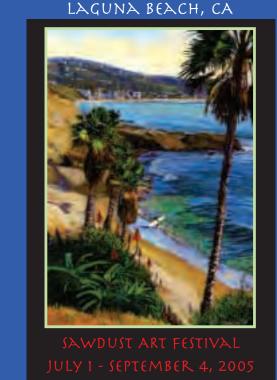
Without question, the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater, in Claremont, is a tremendous entertainment value. Where else can you have a gourmet meal, live musical theater entertainment, excellent service in an elegant atmosphere with first class décor and pay as low as \$35.00?

I tried the Chicken Breast stuffed with Tasso and Boursin cheese wrapped in puff pastry served with Cajun Buerre Blanc. It was wonderful. My wife had the Slow Roasted Tri Tip entre marinated with French dressing and served with tomato concasse, sautéed mushrooms and Cabernet

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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.

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CHRISTIAN EVENTS

CHRISTIAN SINGLES: Karaoke speedy introductions and bunco, Aug. 27. For more information: 714/210-3337, www.ccisingles.com.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

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Concerts in the Park Fridays, 6:30-8pm. Free admission for concerts. Museum open Wed., Sat., and Sun., from 10 am to 4 pm. Trails, picnic facilities and activity building rentals. Park hours are 8 am - 5 pm winter and 7 pm summer. At the corner of Van Buren Blvd. and Dufferin Ave. in Riverside. (951) 780-6222.

CALIFORNIA TRUCK JAM: Aug. 28, 9am-5pm, Verizon Amphitheater at Hidden Valley Park, 8800 Irvine Center Dr., in Irvine. Classic and custom trucks, bikini contest, air hopping contest and more. See article on page 7. (310) 326-4526. www.truckjam.com.

CLAREMONT HERITAGE VILLAGE WALKING

TOUR: Aug. 6, tour the downtown Village with a guide, 10am in front of the Historic Claremont Metrolink Depot, 200 W. First St., Walk includes a 2 hour tour of the village, historic Victorians, college and commercial buildings. \$5 per person. (909) 621-0848.

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NHRA TWILIGHT CRUISE: Aug. 3, 31, 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.

NORCO RODEO: 21st annual PRCA rodeo, Aug. 26-28, at Ingalls Park in Norco. See article on page 8. (951) 371-1204. www.norcoprcarodeo.com.

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ORANGE SHOW SWAP MEET: Every

Sun. in Aug. and Sept. at the Orange Show, Carnival Lot, gate 4. (909) 888-6788.

RG CANNING SWAP MEET: Every Sun. in Aug., 7am-3pm, at the Orange Show in San Bernardino. www.rgcshows.com, free admission. (909) 889-9300. Carnival lot, gate 7.

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:

Through August, 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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VILLAGEFEST: August through Sept. 30 in downtown Palm Springs. Weekly spring festival held every Thursday evening. Arts, crafts, food and entertainment. Free admission. Between Amado and Baristo Roads.

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article on page 14). Admission \$10 adults, \$5 youth ages 6-17, children under 6 free, seniors and military \$8.50. 745 N. Gene Autry Trail. For more information, call (760) 778-6262 or go online to www.palmspringsairmuseum.org.

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sauce. My friends, the Slow Roasted Tri Tip is fantastic. You could cut it with a fork and it melts in your mouth.

The ticket price includes the show, dinner entre with salad, fresh rolls and sales tax.

The currently running show, the Tony Award winning Dreamgirls, is a song-filled feast of music and dance loosely based on the career of the Supremes.

What a talented cast of singers! They were all fantastic. The vocal talent of Vonetta Mixson, who plays the character of Effie, absolutely blew me away. You can go to Boston, New York and Los Angeles and you will not find a stronger and more versatile vocal presence as I heard from Vonetta Mixson. She was worth the price of admission herself.

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