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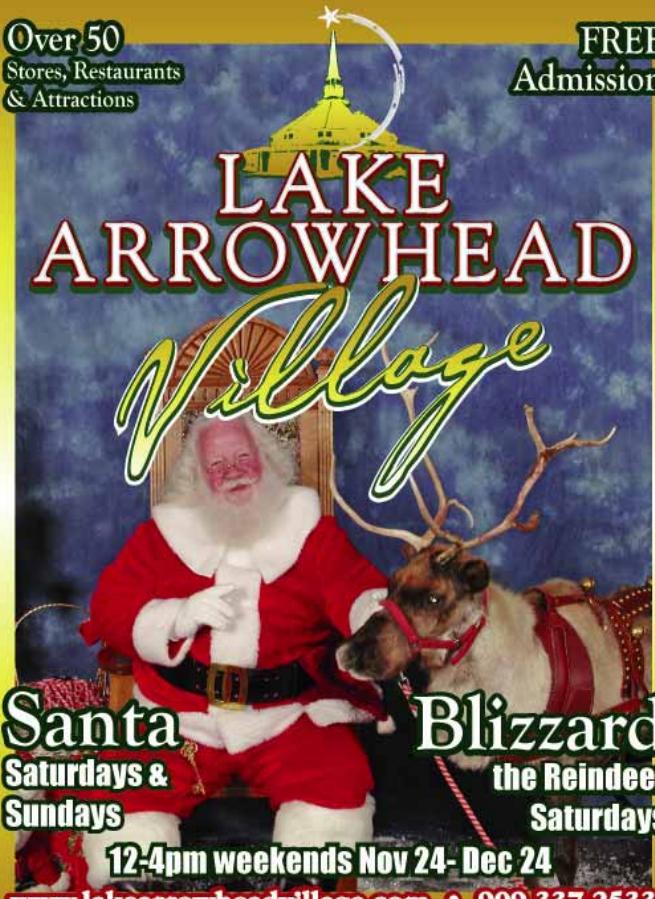
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Christmas in November

It might be turkey month, but Santa's on his way. We kick off our Christmas Guide this month (starting on page 6) with all the good holiday events that begin in November and early December. The Inland Empire loves Christmas and just can't get to it early enough, it seems! Our rundown includes family activities, places to shop and where to get your tree. And speaking of trees, don't forget to check out the Festival of Trees in Riverside, a convention hall full of the most spectacularly decorated trees you are likely to ever see. It's all in our guide, so check it out!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Tom Pigeon, IER Editor

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Christmas in the Inland Empire

It may only be November, but the Inland Empire has Christmas on its mind. This month marks the beginning of tree lighting ceremonies, Christmas tree sales, and fun, family events. To help you take advantage of the yule-time festivities, we've compiled a list of Christmas events and highlights.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION'S FESTIVAL OF TREES

Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC) Foundation's Festival of Trees has become a special holiday tradition. Scheduled over five days during Thanksgiving week – this year from November 22 through 26 – the Festival of Trees will attract over

The Festival of Trees, held at the Riverside Convention Center, is the Inland Empire's premier Christmas tree showcase.



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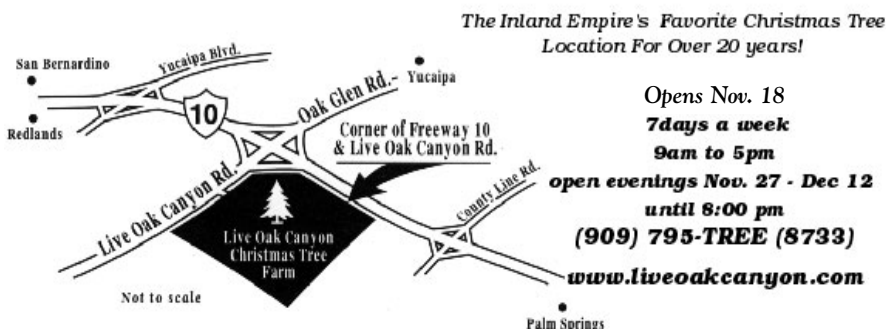
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draw even more visitors to the Festival each year.

RCRMC Foundation's Festival of Trees is the only major fundraiser benefiting pediatric care at the hospital. Proceeds are used to purchase desperately needed life saving and life supportive equipment for children's medical services at RCRMC. It is the Foundation's goal to assist in providing RCRMC with equipment and programs to best serve the young patients who are in need. Monies raised by the Foundation augment rather than substitute the existing public funding sources for RCRMC, thereby strengthening the

healthcare services provided to the ever-increasing number of residents who are in need of medical care in Riverside County.

During this week-long celebration, the Festival offers a myriad of events suitable for children and families. These events are free to the public and include various performances by local artists, Family Day, Frosty's Fun Land, Gingerbread Village, Holiday Mart, North Pole School District Presents - Elves Forest, Santa's Elves Activity Corner, Santa Land, Santa's Secret Shoppe and Storytime with Santa. For information on event dates and times log onto www.rcrmc.org and read about the Foundation.

The two main Festival events are Mistletoe Magic Gala on November 21 and Teddy Bear Tea Party on Friday November 24. Paid admission and advance reservations are required for these special events. Space sells out fast, so please make your reservations early.

For additional information, contact Jeri Vaughan, Event Coordinator, at 951-486-4461.

RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Riverside Festival of Lights has become a family tradition in downtown Riverside. Celebrating its 13th year, the festival will kick off with the Switch-on ceremony on Friday,

November 24 at 6:15pm at the Mission Inn Hotel and Spa. Thousands of people will crowd the streets of downtown Riverside to see the millions of twinkling lights and hundreds of animated holiday characters come alive with the flick of a switch by the Master of Ceremony and Keeper of the Inn Duane Roberts.

Riverside's signature event, the Riverside Festival of Lights brings holiday magic to downtown Riverside with performances by the Dickens Carolers, dressed in 17th Century costumes singing holiday songs, carriage rides, lots of delicious fanfare including hot cocoa, eggnog, a variety of delicious holiday treats, roasted chestnuts and more.


For the first time ever, the Riverside Festival of Lights' will feature an ice-skating rink at the Main Library parking lot adjacent to the Mission Inn. The ice-skating rink officially opens at Noon on November 24. Prices are \$10 an hour and \$3 for skate rentals. Group sales are available. The ice-skating rink will be open every day, Monday-Thursday from 2 to 9pm, Friday from 2 to 10pm, and Saturday-Sunday from 10am to 10pm (hours subject to flex due to holiday schedule).

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CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND PERFORMANCES

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BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER: The Wonderful World of Christmas, Nov. 17 through Dec. 31. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

32ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND LIGHTS: See "Calimesa chorale Christmas" article on page 21.

COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER SOCIETY (CATS): A Christmas Carol, Nov. 18, 21, 24, 25, 29, Dec. 1, 2, 7:30pm; Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 1:30pm. See article on page 18. At the Big Bear Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard. (909) 866-4970.

GLORIOUS LIGHTS: Dec. 9, 6pm. California Baptist University Choir and Orchestra presents an evening of delightful Christmas music. At Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside. Tickets \$20 donation. (951) 343-4251.

LAKE ARROWHEAD CLASSICAL BALLET COMPANY: The Nutcracker. Dec. 1, 8pm. Dec. 2, 2:30pm and 8pm. Dec. 3, 2:30pm. (909) 336-9206.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER: Home for the Holidays, Nov. 18, 7:30pm, Nov. 19, 2pm. \$36, \$34, \$30. (866) 653-8696, temeculatheater.org. 42051 Main St., Temecula.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: A Christmas Carol, Dec. 8-10. \$8. • 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

TEMECULA VALLEY PLAYERS: Scrooge the Musical, Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 8pm, Dec. 3, 9, 10, 2pm. Tickets \$15. Old Town Temecula Community Theater, 42051 Main St., Temecula. (866) 653-8696. www.temeculatheater.org.

jazz groups and other entertainment, as well as food and craft vendors on the Main Street Mall every day from 5 to 9pm.

Downtown Riverside's holiday shopping experience is fun and exciting on the Main Street Mall with an assortment of everything from unique and eclectic shops, antique stores where you can find house wares and other beautiful items, clothing stores offering something trendy and chic or dressy casual, and handmade jewelry including exquisite raincross pieces, shoppers can find all their gift needs to put under their tree here.

Aside from the Mission Inn's lights, city buildings will be adorned with lights and decorations throughout downtown.

Look for the Riverside Festival of Lights to be featured on The Travel Channel's segment called "Dazzling Holiday Lights" on Dec. 12, 9pm.

If you are interested in performing during Riverside Festival of Lights, or would like information about the ice-skating rink or the holiday schedule, email specialevents@riversideca.gov.

BIG BEAR LAKE MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Make your Christmas gifts unique this year by shopping at the Big Bear Mountain Christmas Boutique event, Nov. 24-26. Peruse the wares of crafters and artists from across the Western United States. Located at the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake, admission is \$3 for adults, with children 12 and under free. For more information, call (909) 585-3000 or go online to www.bigbearevents.com.

CANYON CREST TOWNE CENTRE

Meet Santa Claus at the Canyon Crest Towne Centre in Riverside. The outdoor Towne Centre, with its old-world charm, is the perfect place for children to deliver their Christmas wish list. Santa will be on hand Dec. 9, from 11am to 2pm. The event includes free photos with Santa, a free children's craft table, and free face painting. The Canyon Crest Towne Centre is located at 5225 Canyon



Mountain Christmas Boutique

November 24 - 26

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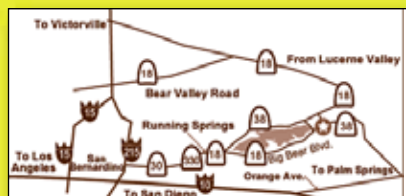
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

Enjoy Christmas crafts and arts, and a children's parade, in historic Downtown Upland on Dec. 2. The parade begins at 11am, with activities from 1pm to 3pm. For more information, call (909) 949-4499, or go online to www.historicdowntownupland.com.

CHRISTMAS ON EUCLID

Head to downtown Ontario for an old-fash-

ioned Arts and Crafts Fair at Christmas on Euclid, Dec. 2, from 9am to 4pm. This 24th annual event features crafts, fun for kids, a health fair, a classic car show, and more. It takes place in Downtown Ontario on Euclid Avenue. For more information, call (909) 984-2458.

FONTANA HOLIDAY MAGIC

Let it Snow, let it snow, let it snow! The City of Fontana invites everyone to ring in the holidays with a little Holiday Magic at Fontana's Annual Festival of Winter, Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. The festival will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 10am to 6:4pm.



It's snowing in Fontana, during their Holiday Magic celebration on Dec. 9.

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This year's parade theme is "Rock-n-Roll Christmas" and promises to be just that. Local High School marching bands, vintage cars and trucks, floats, and an array of organizations will show off their community pride while visiting the past. The parade will travel down Sierra from Arrow Boulevard to Merrill Avenue.

Starting at 12:00pm at the Art Depot located across from City Hall at 16833 Spring Street will be games, arts and crafts, live bands and performances, food and craft vendors, inflatable rides, roving entertainment, pictures with Santa, and real snow. That's right, real snow! Every year the City of Fontana provides a snow zone for children of all ages to enjoy.

"My children had never played in the snow until last year when we took them to the Festival of Winter," Leslie Ramirez said. "They had so much fun they didn't want to go home! I will definitely take them again this year."

The City of Fontana will have its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:15pm. Mariachis from the Los Posada event, being held that same evening, will lead the way from the Festival of Winter location to City Hall where Christmas Carols will be sung, city officials will light up the City's Christmas tree and Santa Claus will make a special appearance. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

For more information call (909) 428-8360 or visit the City's website at www.fontanarecreation.org.

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LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE

This November, join in the true spirit of the Holiday season at Lake Arrowhead Village at their free community holiday tree lighting ceremony at the Center Stage on Friday, November 24. The family friendly event will kick-off at 6:30pm with Santa lighting the tree and a concert with jazzy, upbeat Holiday sounds.

This free Holiday event looks to bring the community together and to share new traditions and experiences with the people of Southern California.

Holiday décor and entertainment will continue from November 24 through Christmas Eve. Santa will visit the Village every weekend from 12-4pm beginning November 24 to take pictures with children. His reindeer, Blizzard, will also visit on Saturdays through December 23.

Lake Arrowhead Village boasts of over 50 stores, restaurants and attractions for people of all ages. The Village is open at 10am everyday and stays open late for the Holiday season.

Parking is available at the Lake Arrowhead Village at no cost. For more information on this event, visit the Lake Arrowhead Village website at www.lakearrowheadvillage.com or call (909) 337-2533.

These events are supported by Coca Cola, Burretec, Sylvan Learning Center, Arrowhead Arts

Association, Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce, Charter Communications, Glenn Goodwin and Associates, Pendelton Woolen Mills, Washington Mutual, ReMax, Yellow Book, Savage BMW, Papaya Bay Thai Restaurant, Cedar Glen Auto Body, Village Health Services, Vineyard Bank and Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa.

NOS EVENTS CENTER 5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The NOS Events Center in San Bernardino invites residents and visitors to attend its Fifth Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5pm, by the Lagoon on Nov. 26. The NOS Events Center scenic Lagoon is transformed into a glowing, enchanted wonderland with lighting of a 70-foot tall holiday tree. Festivities include: Holiday lights extravaganza, carolers, visit from Santa, forest of hope and more. Reservations are not needed and parking is free. The NOS Events Center is located in San Bernardino. Enter at gate 9 off So. Arrowhead Ave. For more information, visit their website at www.NOSevents.com or call (909) 888-6788.

NEWPORT HARBOR PARADE OF LIGHTS

Mixing the beauty of holiday light spectacles with the tranquil splendor of Newport Bay, the "Newport Harbor Parade of Lights" is a truly



Santa and Blizzard the reindeer can be found weekends at Lake Arrowhead Village during their Christmas festivities.

unique 5-day event. This annual event runs Dec. 13-17 this year and features boats and homes in Newport Harbor decorated for the holiday season. This is the 96th year of this event and is hailed by the New York Times as one of the top ten holiday happenings in the nation.

The "Parade" features more than 150 decorated boats which form the procession and 100's of decorated homes lining the parade route.

Davey's Locker can take you out on the water, joining in the procession so that you, your family, friends or group can view the spectacle firsthand. They offer two trips nightly, at 6pm and 8pm. Private charters are also available for a very special

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Phone: (951) 657-2605.

Proceeds benefit preservation and education activities of Orange Empire Railway Museum, a California non-profit organization.

Holiday Magic in Fontana

Saturday

December 9, 2006

Ring in the holidays and enjoy some "Holiday Magic" at Fontana's Festival of Winter. There's real snow, live entertainment, and a special visit from Santa!

★ Christmas Parade

10:00 a.m.

On Sierra between Arrow & Merrill in Fontana
Parade sponsored by the Exchange Club of Fontana

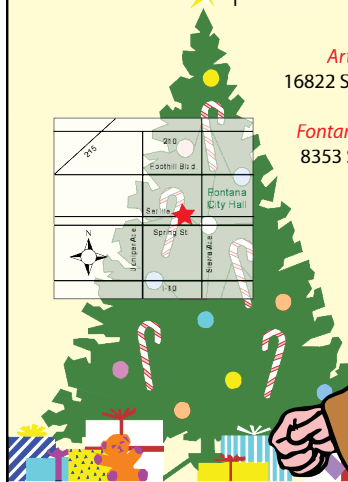
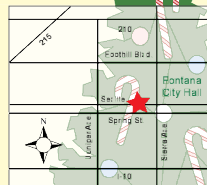
★ Festival of Winter Activities

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

★ Tree Lighting Ceremony

6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Art Depot
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and
Fontana City Hall
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For more information call:
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Community Services Department

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ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM SANTA'S TRAIN

The Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris will welcome visits from Santa Claus on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10 and 16-17. Children can ride Santa's North Pole Express Train and tell him what they would like for Christmas, and they will receive a gift as a memory of their day with Santa.

The Santa Train is an annual event at the Museum. There will be many train trips each day between 11am and 4:30pm, offering ample opportunity for children and parents to ride with Santa. Guests may also ride Los Angeles Railway Yellow Cars from Southern California's past and visit the Pinacate Station Gift Shop. There will be refreshments, holiday music, and family fun.

Admission to the Museum grounds is free, and an All Day Pass to ride the trolleys and trains (including the Santa Train) is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children 5 to 11, free for kids under 5. Parking is free.

The Orange Empire Railway Museum is located at 2201 South "A" Street in Perris, California, 17 miles south of Riverside on Interstate 215. For more information call (951) 657-2605.

PALM DESERT WILDLIGHTS AT THE LIVING DESERT

The Berger Foundation's WildLights Holiday Lights Festival, presented by the City of Indian Wells at The Living Desert, runs

Nov. 24-26, Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10, Dec. 15-23, and Dec. 26-31, from 6pm to 9pm, last admission at 8:30pm.

The desert zoo shines brightly with more than 350,000 lights, new larger-than-life illuminated and animated displays, a super glide "ice-less" skating rink (separate ticket required), Santa's Corner, live entertainment, Wildlife Wonders Animal Show Nightly at 6:30pm, LGB (G-gauge) Model Trains, cozy outdoor fireplaces with s'mores, holiday shopping, food courts and refreshments.

The opening weekend, Nov. 24-26, features The Glassblower Artists and the Evaros, Coachella Valley's Premier Family Music Group, also performs from 7pm to 9pm.

General admission is \$7.25. Children ages 3-12 are \$5.50. Living Desert Members cost \$6.

The Living Desert is a 1,200 acre private, non-profit zoological park and botanical gardens that aims to educate the public in an enjoyable way about the delicate balance of life found in desert ecosystems around the world. The Living Desert is located a 1/2 mile south of State Highway 111 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.

PALM SPRINGS 15TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE

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REDLANDS FEAST OF LIGHTS


The University of Redlands' Feast of Lights performance will take place Dec. 1-4 at the Memorial Chapel on campus, 1200 E. Colton Ave. in Redlands. This traditional event is a service of worship in spo-

ken word, tableaux, song and music. Friday, Saturday and Monday performances will begin at 8pm; the Sunday performance starts at 4pm. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. For more information, call (909) 748-8881, or go online to www.redlands.edu/feastoflights.

RIVERSIDE SNOW PLAY DAY

Oh the Weather Outside is Frightful, but Snow Play Day is so Delightful! Bring your family and friends to celebrate the winter season at the Annual Snow Play Day on Saturday, December 2, from 10am to 2pm. The City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will provide 40 tons of fresh snow for sledding and snow play fun at Bordwell Park, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd. (at Kansas Ave.). Enjoy live entertainment while you make holiday crafts and cookies, play games, and visit with Santa. Vendors will sell refreshments and Snow Play wristbands are \$5 per person. Each Snow Play participant must register in advance for a 25-minute time slot. Space is limited to the first 500 participants. All youth must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (951) 826-2000. Register at your local community center, at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department office (3936 Chestnut St.), or online at www.riversideca.gov/park_rec.

SAN BERNARDINO MERRI-ACHI CHRISTMAS

See article on page 24. 

Christmas Trees

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Continue the holiday spirit at Randy's, with trees, a petting zoo, pony rides and more kid-oriented fun. Randy's Christmas Trees is located in Moreno Valley at 23106 Sunnymead Blvd. and is open daily from Nov. 25 to Christmas Day. For more information, call (951) 295-8445.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY: MENIFEE

Experience 47 acres of Christmas trees, with family fun thrown in, at the Wicker Farm in Menifee. Christmas Tree reservations start Nov. 18-19, 10am to 5pm, with the farm opening Nov. 24. Check out the annual tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 1, at 6pm. Throughout the month of December, on Saturdays, the farm will also host arts and crafts. The Wickerd Farm is located at 26852 Scott Rd. For more information, call (951) 286-8289.

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Whether you're looking for the perfect Christmas tree, or the perfect wreath, Greenspot Farm offers a wide range of trees and decorations. Located on 28 acres in Mentone, Greenspot Farms also includes hayrides, train rides, mazes, farm animals, and more. They are open every day from 9am to 5pm., at 10133 Ward Way, just off Hwy. 38. For more information, call (909) 794-7653.

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The secrets of Da Vinci revealed

The Machines are Coming, the Machines are Coming! The Palm Springs Air Museum is preparing to meet up with one of the greatest inventors and artists in history. The Leonardo da Vinci "Father of Flight" Machines Exhibit, opening Friday, November 3, at the Palm Springs Air Museum, showcases some of the master's most interesting work with real life recreations of some of his designs.

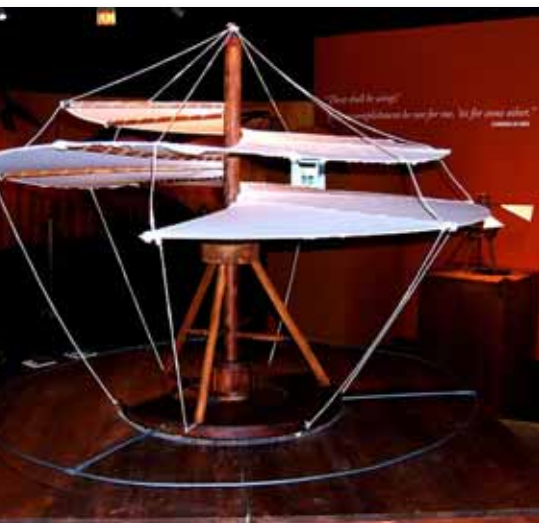
This is the Premiere Southern California exhibit of sixty working replica machines designed and described by Leonardo 554 years ago. Many of the

machines are interactive.

Highlights include a spring driven car, moveable bridge, hang gliders and the Air Screw, forerunner of today's helicopter.

For information call (760) 778-6262 x 239 or visit the website at www.PalmSpringsAirMuseum.org.

The Palm Springs Air Museum is located at 745 N. Gene Autry Trail, in Palm Springs. Tickets are available at the Museum box office, on the website, or by phone at 1-800-514-ETIX.



A replica of Da Vinci's "Air Screw," an attempt at an early helicopter.

Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest makes AOL's list for top Oktoberfests

According to America Online (AOL) the Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest is one of the top Oktoberfest celebrations in the United States.

(<http://cg.channel.aol.com/photo-gallery/oktoberfest>). AOL applauds Big Bear's Oktoberfest because it offers six straight weekends of entertainment and competitive fun.

"We're not surprised AOL finds our Oktoberfest celebration list worthy," Monica Marini of the Big Bear Lake Convention Center said. "But we are thrilled to be compared with Boston and Cincinnati's festivals."

The Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest placed number 8 on AOL's list of top 12 Oktoberfests Across America and for Southern California, Big Bear's Oktoberfest maintains its position as number one in the rankings.

As one of the largest and most authentic festivals in Southern California, the Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest has celebrated 36 years of German-style good times in an alpine setting. Running every weekend through October 28, revelers party to traditional Oompah folk music and consume genuine cuisine finished off with German beers and non-alcoholic beverages, all in an atmosphere of freedom and well-being.

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'Planes of Fame' spotlights the infamous Zero

Zero Fighters Over China will be the subject of the monthly special event hosted by The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" at the Chino Airport on Saturday, December 2.

The event will begin at 10am with a seminar describing the initial combat exploits of Japan's most famous fighter plane, the Mitsubishi A6M Zero, and conclude with a flight demonstration by the "Planes of Fame" A6M5 Zero.

Although most Americans didn't realize that the Japanese had a fighter plane with the capabilities of the Mitsubishi A6M Zero until the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the Zero actually made its combat debut in China more than a year before the Pearl Harbor attack.

Although Claire Chennault, a retired U.S. Army Air Corps officer serving with the Chinese Air Force, did relay detailed reports about the Zero fighter to Washington before the attack on Pearl Harbor, those reports were ignored, much to the regret of the Allied flyers who wound up



facing the Zero fighters in combat during the first months of the war.

Eventually, the Allies did manage to master the vaunted Zero fighter, but it was a long and costly struggle.

The first permanent air museum in the American West, The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" is an independent, non-profit, educational institution staffed primarily by a core of dedicated volunteers.

The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" was also a pioneer in the concept of restoring historic display aircraft to flying condition so that they can be more fully appreciated by the public.


The museum supports its daily operations with admission fees, donations, facilities rentals and proceeds from the use of its aircraft in various productions.

A special membership program is also available to the public, with one of the benefits of membership being the opportunity to experience the thrill of orientation flights in genuine warbirds.

At each monthly special event, members in attendance, including last-minute sign-ups, can have their names entered into a free drawing for such a flight.

The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" is open to the public every day, except Christmas and Thanksgiving, from 9am until 5pm.

General admission is \$8.95; youngsters 11 and under are admitted for \$1.95; and admission is free for accompanied children under five.

For more information about The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" and its program of events, call (909) 597-3722; or visit the museum's website at www.planesoffame.org. 



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Theater & the Arts

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BEN BOLLINGER'S

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DINNER THEATER: • Anything Goes, through Nov. 12, 6pm. Tickets \$43-\$73, includes show and dinner. • The Wonderful World of Christmas, Nov. 17 through Dec. 31. • (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

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COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER

SOCIETY (CATS): A Christmas Carol, Nov. 18, 21, 24, 25, 29, Dec. 1, 2, 7:30pm; Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 1:30pm. See article on page 18. At the Big Bear Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard. (909) 866-4970.

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'A Christmas Carol' returns to Riverside

Continuing its holiday tradition, the Riverside Community Players will present Charles Dickens' classic and timeless tale, A Christmas Carol, December 8-10, as part of its award-winning Family Series.

The charming and thought-provoking story, which is rumored to be Dickens' own favorite, centers on the penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge. On Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, who urgently warns Scrooge to change his mean and miserly ways. Skeptical that the apparition is anything more than "a bit of undigested potato," Scrooge casually dismisses the warning and falls asleep. During the night, three spirits visit Scrooge and guide him through his past, his present and his probable future, forcing him to take a good look at how he has squandered the relationships in his life in the pursuit of wealth. As a result of their efforts, Scrooge ultimately undergoes a transformation that warms the heart and lifts the spirit.

This production of A Christmas Carol is adapted

and directed by RCP Board President, Kathryn Gage, who has been a member of the organization for over twenty-five years. She earned her Master of Fine Arts in Theatre from UC Riverside, and served as technical director for numerous productions at RCP over the years. Her adaptations of A Christmas Carol and A Tale of Two Cities have both been presented as part of the Dickens Festival.

As a director, Kathryn has been at the helm of critically-acclaimed productions of Grace and Glorie, Art, Crossing Delancey and The Rainmaker. In March of 2007, she will direct The Teahouse of the August Moon, which promises to be an exciting part of Riverside's Sister-City Sendai Celebration.

Taking on the role of Ebenezer Scrooge is eighteen-time Inland Theatre League Award winner Joe Musil. Although this will be the first time that Joe has portrayed the miser, he is no stranger to A Christmas Carol. He previously portrayed Bob Cratchit (Scrooge's browbeaten clerk) six times for Performance Riverside in musical and non-musical

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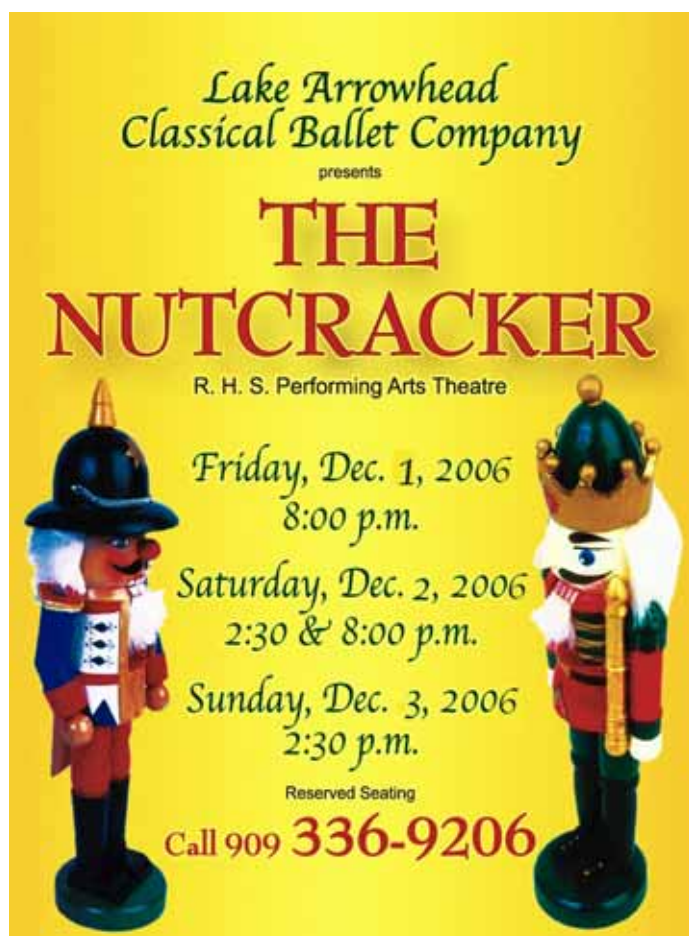
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Big Bear CATS features local talent in 'Carol'

The Community Arts Theater Society (CATS) of Big Bear Valley will produce A Christmas Carol, opening at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center, for eleven performances. The production opens on Friday, November 17, with a General Admission special discount preview, with tickets at \$10 for adults and seniors, students and children at \$5.

This production of A Christmas Carol is "back by popular demand," after an overwhelming reaction to last year's production, which was adapted from the Dickens' classic by Beth Gardner, who also directed. Gardner will once again direct this year, but has made changes to her adaptation.

"We realized that the timeless and inspiring story of A Christmas Carol can be presented year after year; however, I wanted to make sure the show would hold some surprises for our repeat patrons and newcomers as well," Gardner said. "I think this production will bring its own special magic to our holiday season this year. Some elements will remain fixtures, such as the casting of Big Bear's beloved




comedian, John Grandi, as Jacob Marley, and the show will be chock full of special effects. And of course, CATS' incomparable production team, consisting of Karen Sargent Rachels and Russ Lowery as co-Producers, Joanne McMaster as set and lighting designer, Priscilla Anderson, costume designer, Steve Fisch, sound engineer, and a top notch backstage crew led by Donna Fisch, Carlin Harris and Paul

Nuck will lend its expertise as well."

The show will feature a large cast of local talent including favorite performers and new faces.

Show performances are at 7:30pm on Nov.18, 21, 24, 25, 29, Dec. 1, 2 and 1:30pm matinees on Nov.19, 26 and Dec. 3. Those performances are Reserved Seating and prices range from \$10.95 to \$19.95 for adults, \$9.95 to \$17.95 for seniors and \$7.95 to \$12.95 for students/children. Tickets are on sale now.

For more information, contact the PAC Box office at 909-866-4970 or visit the CATS' website at www.bigbeartheater.org. 

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GLORIOUS LIGHTS: Dec. 9, 6pm. California Baptist University Choir and Orchestra presents an evening of delightful Christmas music. At Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside. Tickets \$20 donation. (951) 343-4251.

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

HEMET COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION: Time for Three, 2:30pm, Nov. 5. A unique young ensemble with a range from Bach to bluegrass. Concerts at First Southern Baptist Church, 433 S. San Jacinto Ave., Hemet. Admission \$20 adults, \$10 students, 12 and under free. (951) 927-1775, www.timeforthree.com.

KEVIN COSTNER AND HIS BAND: Nov. 18 Fall Fan Fest concert. Palomar College, 1140 W. Mission Rd., San Marcos. Tickets \$35,

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Winter Fantasy: Nine days of fine art, craft and holiday fun

When the Sawdust Art Festival's Winter Fantasy opens its doors for its 16th season on Saturday, November 18, visitors will have the chance to meet 170 artists who are exhibiting and selling their original art and fine craft. These artists and their creations are the stars of this four-weekend art show. Every imaginable handmade item is here – fine jewelry, art glass, paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture and more. Each item is created by the exhibiting artist and will not be found in your typical mall or shopping venue.



The hand-built artists' booths and the three-acre festival grounds are decked out in their holiday finest. The rugged beauty of Laguna Canyon shows itself magnificently in the crisp air and golden light as visitors stroll the sawdustcovered paths. Undiscovered gardens and artistic surprises are hidden around each turn.

Complimentary art classes for children and adults bring out the artist in everyone, while the artist demonstrations teach and

give insight into the creative process as shown by the masters at work. The hourly glass-blowing demonstrations are always crowd-pleasing. Santa Claus himself will entertain young visitors in his cozy cabin each day of the festival from 10:30am – 5pm.


Additional seasonal delights include the real snow playfield, with fresh snow delivered daily. (Recommended for children 10 and under.) New this year are the frosty Ice Castle and the re-vamped Children's Holiday Playhouse. Holiday performers include carolers, holiday dancers, and even bell-ringers. Highlighted performers include Upstream (reggae), Lisa Haley and the Zydekatz (Cajun zydeco) and Tintangel (Celtic). Visit www.SawdustArtFestival.org for a complete entertainment listing.

The 5th annual "Community Tree Lighting Ceremony" takes place on Saturday, November 18 at 5:30pm. Local performance groups will serenade Laguna Beach dignitaries, the gathered crowds and guest of honor Santa Claus, as the magnificent Sawdust Community Tree is lit. Trader Joe's/Crystal Cove is providing beverages and holiday treats at the ceremony.

The ceremony also features the announcement of the winners of the Favorite Community Tree competition. Local community groups decorate a holiday tree that the Sawdust provides.

Community Relations Manager Rebecca Meekma said, "We started the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony in 2001, right after 9/11 – we wanted to do something that would bring people and our community together. But what we really did was not only create a new tradition for the Sawdust, but for the whole town. We created the tradition that kicks off the holiday season for Laguna Beach."

December 3rd is the annual Artist Benevolence Fund Art Auction, at which all types of art (donated by many exhibitors) is live auctioned to an excited gathering of art buyers in-the-know. The auction is from 12 noon – 3pm on the Main Entertainment Deck; proceeds go to the Sawdust Artist Benevolence Fund which awards grants to Laguna Beach artists in times of dire need.

The 16th Annual Winter fantasy at the Sawdust Art Festival runs for four weekends: November 18 & 19; November 24, 25 & 26; December 2 & 3 and December 9 & 10; hours are 10am – 6pm. Admission: \$5.75 adults; \$4.75 seniors 65 and up; \$3 children 6 – 12 and Free for kids 5 and younger. A Season Pass allowing unlimited entries is \$9. The Winter Fantasy is located at the Sawdust Art Festival grounds, 935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach. For additional information, please call 949-494-3030 or visit www.SawdustArtFestival.org on the web. 

Single Tickets for The 2007 Big Bear PAC Series on sale now

The Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center Foundation has announced the release of the single tickets for the 2007 season. The season will consist of three fabulous national tours: The incredible "New Shanghai Circus" Wednesday February 21, the hilarious comedy "Forbidden Broadway" on March 17, and then the "Pirates of Penzance" on Wednesday May 2.

Sales for the entire series are still available. Series sales have accounted for almost 50% of sales in 2006, and they look about the same for 2007. Single tickets are slightly more expensive than purchasing a series, but make wonderful Christmas presents, and are still a bargain when compared to venues off the mountain.

"Center seating is going fast and we expect it to sell quickly now that single tickets are on sale," Don Gavitt, Director of The Performing Arts Center, said. "We are very lucky to again have sponsors like Big Bear Disposal, William Giamarino, and Palandri Winery."


Tickets are on sale Tuesday through Friday from 1pm until 6pm. Call the Box office at (909) 866-4970 and order your tickets with a credit card or visit The Performing Arts Center at 39707 Big Bear Blvd.

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versions of the show.

In order to stay as close to the original text as possible, Gage's adaptation includes a Narrator who ties scenes together and who weaves in and out of scenes as various characters. Wayne Astin is the delightfully versatile actor who fills the bill. Last season he portrayed Marley's Ghost in the production, but this year he re-visits the role of the Narrator, which he performed in 2003. He is sure to be a crowd-pleaser again.

Other talented cast members who will play multiple roles are long-time RCP member and Chester Hess Award winner, Rory Dyer, Caitlin Arend, Mike Cluff, Mark Evans, Ray Felix, Robin Litt and Mason Williams. Patrice Blankenship will play the Ghost of Christmas Past, and Alex Ryan will play Tiny Tim.

Riverside Community Players' intimate theatre-in-the-round, which seats just fewer than 200 people, is located at 4026 Fourteenth Street, between Market Street and Brockton Avenue. Performances are on Friday, December 8 at 7pm, Saturday, December 9 at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday, December 10 at 2pm. Tickets to the show are only \$8. The box office number is (951) 686-4030. Children under the age of five are not permitted, and there is no late seating. Weekday morning performances are available for school groups. For information on school group shows, call (951) 369-1200. For news about upcoming events, go to www.riversidecommunityplayers.com. 

Kevin Costner and his Band to perform charity concert for Kiwanis

Academy Award Winner Kevin Costner and His Band will make their west coast concert debut in San Marcos, on Nov. 18. The Fall Fan Fest concert will be hosted by the Kiwanis Club of San Marcos Foundation as a fundraiser for the club's Young Children Priority One projects.



Kevin Costner

The outdoor concert will take place on the campus of Palomar College, 1140 W. Mission Road, San Marcos, 35 miles north of San Diego. Tickets are priced at \$35 per person for general admission, \$75 per person for preferred seating and \$300 per person for a private VIP reception (including concert VIP seating) from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Gates open at 4:30pm for the 7:30 concert. Tickets can only be purchased on-line from the Kiwanis Club of San Marcos at www.kiwanisclubofsanmarcos.org.

Mr. Costner and His Band will play a set of original rock music. The six-member band made its public debut in August at the "Field of Dreams" film site in Dyersville, Iowa as part of

the "Netflix Rolling Roadshow" Movie Screening Tour. They have also performed numerous concerts in the Midwest and South.


Costner's acting career spans more than 35 films and two decades. He has directing and producing credits on more than 15 films, including "The Postman" and "Open Range." In 1990, Mr. Costner was honored with an Academy Award for Best Director for "Dances with Wolves."

During a September 14 interview on Good Morning America with Diane Sawyer they discussed his upcoming release of "The Guardian." Sawyer also asked him about his recent concert at the Field of Dreams film site. Costner said, "I started off singing in church and musicals and played the piano so that never left me. There's 2 guys in the band who were in the first band I was ever in and actually, when I was about 30, we just started playing and we just put it back together and it's been a big thing for me to be able to play again. We've been playing for about a year and we play loud and we just don't try to stop the party."

The Kiwanis Club of San Marcos Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit public

charity foundation that funds many of the community service projects of the Kiwanis Club of San Marcos. All Kiwanis members are unpaid volunteers and 100% of the profits raised by the "Fall Fan Fest" will be used to fund the club's Young Children Priority One projects.

Past President and Event Co-Chair, Linda Allen, met Costner while attending several of his concerts and was able to bring the club and Costner together. "I've been fortunate enough to have attended a few of Kevin and his band's performances and they have an awesome stage presence. You can feel their love of music throughout the whole concert. They obviously put their heart and soul into every song," Allen said.

Foundation Secretary and Event Co-Chair, Carrie Clevers said, "We are truly thrilled to be able to bring Mr. Costner and his band to San Marcos and Southern California. His concerts attract people of all ages - kids to grandparents. We know his fans have been anxious for a west coast concert so we expect a quick sell-out. Our members are deeply grateful that they have decided to help support our efforts for young children with this concert." 



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Performance Riverside Announces 'Dreamgirls' performances

Performance Riverside will open Dreamgirls in the Landis Performing Arts Center on November 10. Director John Vaughan and Musical Director Scott T. Smith are fresh off working on Performance Riverside's hit season opener, Damn Yankees. Orlando Alexander of Pasadena will stage the choreography, having worked with Vaughan in the August production of Dreamgirls at the Moonlight Amphitheatre.

Winner of six 1982 Tony Awards, Dreamgirls is based loosely on Diana Ross and "The Supremes," with the R&B style that helped America get through the turbulent 1960s and early 70s. It follows the rise of a trio of women—Effie, Deena and Lorrell—who have formed a promising group called "The Dreamettes." At a talent competition, an ambitious manager named Curtis Taylor, Jr. offers them the opportunity of a lifetime: become back-up singers for headliner James "Thunder" Early.

Curtis gradually takes control of the girls' look and sound, eventually giving them their own shot in the spotlight as "The Dreams." That spotlight, however, begins to narrow in on Deena, finally pushing the less attractive Effie out altogether. Though the Dreams become a crossover phenomenon, they soon realize that the cost of fame and fortune may be higher than they ever imagined.

Dreamgirls will be released in December as a motion picture featuring Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles, Eddie Murphy, and American Idol's

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21 years of Christmas Tradition

The Candlelight Pavilion continues a tradition you won't want to miss with the Holiday Spectacular "The Wonderful World of Christmas." For 20 years the Pavilion has staged this endearing and fun-filled Christmas tradition. With a delightful original book by John R. Carroll you're sure to go home with that warm Holiday Spirit.

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Confused and bewildered, this lost New Yorker meets a bevy of

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Calimesa chorale Christmas

Christmas and chorale music go hand-in-hand. A special December concert event in Calimesa brings a delightful holiday sound. The 32nd Annual Christmas Candlelight Festival of Music and Lights will be held Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, at the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church, 391 Myrtlewood Dr.


The feature attraction of the Christmas presentation will be the appearance of the popular Southern California-based chorale group, "The Gary Bonner Singers," under the direction of Dr. Gary Bonner. Directing the 90-minute musical program will be Dr. Robert Soderblom, Chairman of the church's Special Events Committee.

"This outstanding group will present an evening of traditional and contemporary Christmas music which will be exciting and inspirational," Dr. Soderblom, coordinator of the program and chairman of the Calimesa Community Concert Series, said.

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The Lake Arrowhead Classical Ballet Company will present the Nutcracker on December 1 - 8pm; Saturday Matinee - 2:30pm; Saturday Evening 8pm; Sunday Matinee 2:30pm.

Under the direction of Sharon McCormick, Artistic Director, the company has presented this classic annually since 1994. Enhancing their talented cast will be guest performers from across the world.

McCormick has been teaching since 1981 and founded the company in 1994. The ballet company is a non-profit organization located in Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains.



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\$75 preferred seating, \$300 private VIP reception. Gates open 4:30pm, concert 7:30pm. www.kiwanisclubofsanmarcos.org. See article on page 20.

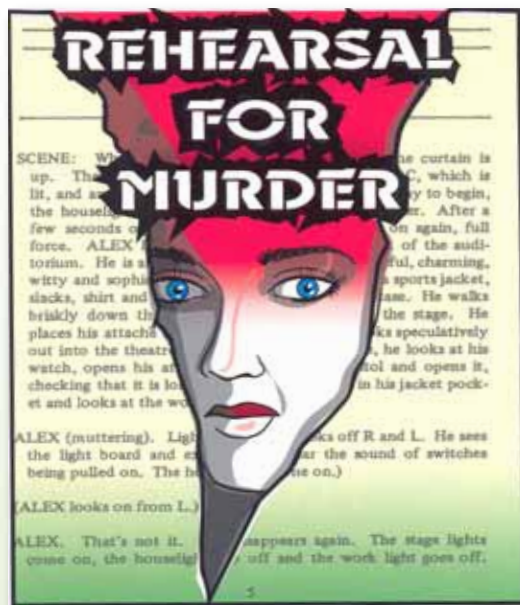
LAKE ARROWHEAD CLASSICAL BALLET COMPANY: The Nutcracker. Dec. 1, 8pm. Dec. 2, 2:30pm and 8pm. Dec. 3, 2:30pm. (909) 336-9206.

LANDIS ART CENTER GALLERY: Inside the Landis Performing Art Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside. Gallery hours Monday-Friday 10am - 3pm. (951) 222 8358.

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE: • Jim Gamble Puppets, The Circus, Nov. 1, 10am. Tickets \$7. • Capitol Steps, Nov. 4, 2pm. & 7:30pm. Tickets \$26 general, \$24 seniors, \$21 youth. • An Evening With Rockapella, Nov. 11, 7:30pm. Tickets \$26 general, \$24 seniors, \$21 youth. • Seussical, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 8-17, Fri. 7pm, Sat. 2pm and 7pm, Sun. 2pm and 4:30pm. Tickets \$18 general, \$16 seniors, \$12 youth. • 12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com. (909) 477-2752.

MCCALLUM THEATRE: • East Village Opera Company, Nov. 6, 8pm, \$25, \$20, \$15. • 9th Annual Dance Under the Stars Choreography Festival, pro division Nov. 11, 7pm, \$30, \$25, \$15, \$10. Amateur division Nov. 12, 4pm, \$18, \$15, \$12, \$7. • Michael Feinstein and Linda Eder, Nov. 17, 8pm, \$125, \$95, \$85, \$75. • Lainie Kazan, Nov. 18, 8pm, \$75, \$55, \$45, \$35. • Riverdance, Nov. 21-22, 8pm, Nov. 24, 2 & 8pm, Nov. 25, 2 & 8pm, Nov. 26, 2 & 7pm, evenings \$95, \$85, \$75, \$65, matinees \$85, \$75, \$65, \$55. • Kathy Griffin, Dec. 2, 8pm, \$65, \$45, \$35, \$25. • Gary Allan, Dec. 5, 8pm, \$75, \$60, \$50, \$40. •

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Adapted by D.D. Brooke from the teleplay by Richard Levinson & William Link

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THEATER: • School House Rock Jr., Nov. 3-4, 10, 11, 7:30pm, Nov. 4, 11, 2pm. \$18, \$15, \$12. • Davy Crockett: The Hero of The Alamo, Nov. 12, 1pm and 3pm. \$15. • Musicians Workshop 9th Annual Holiday Concert, Nov. 16, 6pm. \$10. • Jacques Thibaud String Trio with Tao Lin, Piano, Nov. 17, 8pm. \$34, \$30, \$29. • Home for the Holidays, Nov. 18, 7:30pm, Nov. 19, 2pm. \$36, \$34, \$30. (866) 653-8696, temeculatheater.org. 42051 Main St., Temecula.

PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: Dreamgirls, Nov. 10-11, 17-18 8pm, Nov. 11-12, 18-19, 2pm. Landis Performing Arts Center, 4800 Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: • The Childrens' Hour, by the Norco Theatre Conservatory, Nov. 10, 11, 7:30pm, Nov. 16, 2:30pm, Nov. 17, 18, 7:30pm. The Little Theatre. (951) 372-7000, ext. 5400. • Vocal Jazz Concert, Nov. 21, 7:30pm, Digital Library Auditorium. • Surface Fine Art, through Nov. 27. Landis Auditorium. • Kinetic Conversations, Dec. 1, 8pm, Dec. 2, 2pm and 8pm. Landis Performing Arts Center. Tickets

\$6 student/staff/senior/child, \$8 general. • Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. (951) 222-8100.

RIALTO COMMUNITY PLAYERS: A Flea in Her Ear, Oct. 27-Nov. 18, general admission \$15, 2pm and 8pm performances. 150 E. San Bernardino Ave., Rialto. (909) 873-8514.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: • Rehearsal for Murder, Nov. 10-26. General \$15. 2pm and 8pm. • A Christmas Carol, Dec. 8-10. \$8. • 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PHILHARMONIC: Unexpectedly Wild, Nov. 12, 8pm, at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium. For more information, call (877) 744-5849, or go online to www.thephilharmonic.org.

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

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: (951) 756-4240. The Wallace Theater at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

SAN BERNARDINO SYMPHONY: Winter Dreams, Nov. 11, 8:15pm, featuring works by Ravel, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky. 1811 North D St., San Bernardino. (909) 381-5388.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL WINTER FANTASY:

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Fontana Art in the Park

Mayor Mark Nuaimi and the Fontana City Council invite all Inland Empire residents, artists, and art enthusiasts to experience the City's First Annual Art in the Park. This day-long event will take place on November 18, from 10am to 5pm at the new Art Depot, located at 16822 Spring Street in the heart of downtown Fontana.

Art in the Park is an opportunity for local artists to share their artwork, and for local residents to experience art first hand.


Over twenty-five fine arts and folk artists will be featured at this first annual event. Throughout the day, a series of free, family-friendly programs will feature activities such as live demonstrations, showcasing artists in action, as well as free hands-on artmaking workshops. Art enthusiasts will have an opportunity to view and purchase fine and folk art from acclaimed local artists.

Art in the Park will feature four musical performances including: BatuCali, an Afro Brazilian Drumming band; Wake the Bard, a Celtic experience; Senryu Taiko, a mix of traditional and contemporary Japanese style drumming; and the Swingsations, Americana Swing music.

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Sinfonia Mexicana culminates its 2006 season with "Merri-Achi Christmas," its annual Christmas program on Saturday, December 16, at the historic California Theatre of Performing Arts, 562 West 4th Street, downtown San Bernardino. Back by popular demand is Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez and the exuberant and colorful Pacifico Dance Company.

Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez has collaborated with the most respected and recognized names in the industry, including Selena, Linda Rondstadt, Vikki Carr, Willie Nelson, Juan Gabriel, Lucha Villa, Lola Beltran, Vicente Fernandez, Rocio Durcol, and Guadalupe Pineda. Mariachi Sol de Mexico's tours have become an international institution and have included concerts in Puerto Rico to Hawaii, Latin America to the most famous symphonic venues in the world. Their performances are consistently sold out. The group has traveled to Spain, Vina de Mar, Chili and the Bahamas. They have also performed in China, North and South Korea

and Japan.

Pacifico Dance Company is based in Los Angeles and was founded in 1992 by Adriana a. Gainey, general director, and Jose Vences, artistic director and former dancer with Ballet Folklorico de Mexico. Its repertory is based on regional dances of Mexico and the dancers are drawn from the Southern California community. Pacifico Dance Company's focus is to educate culturally diverse communities and provide Hispanic audiences with a forum for developing pride in their heritage. These brilliant artists collaborate to present both traditional and innovative works that combine the essence of traditional styles with modern dance idioms. Gainey has guided this mature and well-trained company to model itself after Ballet Folklorico de Mexico de Amalia Hernandez.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by calling the Sinfonia office at (909) 884-3228 or toll free 1-866-687-4284 or visit 468 W. 5th Street (between D and E streets) in San Bernardino. For more information, go online to www.sinfoniamexicana.com. 

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With many restaurants in the downtown Riverside area to choose from, you can make it a full evening's entertainment, with dinner either before or after the show.

Riverside's own award-winning and intimate theatre-in-the-round will present four Main Series shows during the remainder of their 2006-07 season. In February, Arthur Miller's classic drama *A View from the Bridge* takes the stage, followed by the delightful *The Teahouse of the August Moon*, which will be presented in conjunction with Riverside's Sister City Sendai Celebration, then the hilariously surprising comedy *The Smell of the Kill*, and the ever-popular and absolutely charming musical *Forever Plaid*. A package of three shows costs only \$40, which represents a savings of up to 17% off individual ticket prices.

For more information contact the Riverside Community Players box office at (951) 686-4030, or visit their website at riversidecommunityplayers.com.

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

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

ROBERT CRAY: At AC's Lounge, Nov. 15, 8pm.
ALMAN BROTHERS: At AC's Lounge, Dec. 3, 8pm.

MONTHLY HIGH POINT CHALLENGE: The top 20 slot point earners will receive free slot play (Sobucks) to use the following month. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, October 3rd. Players have a chance at winning \$50 to \$2,500.

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The Good Times are flowing at the Aquarius Casino Resort

With a new remodel, the old Flamingo has a new look

The transformation of the Flamingo into the Aquarius Casino Resort is well underway, and should be just about complete by the time you read this. The Casino Cage now has a new facade with arched windows. Most of the casino floor has the new waved pattern carpet. The ceiling has been repainted a lighter color with a purple accent in the soffits. The new wallpaper is starting to be hung and a wave of new slot and video poker machines are everywhere on the floor.

The Aquarius Casino Resort even has machines no other property in Nevada has such as the Hee Haw machine. The exterior signage is also starting to take a new look. The property's recognizable front entrance bullnose has gone from pink to blue.


November kicks off a month long celebration for the grand re-opening.

To help ease any inconveniences during the remodeling the property has construction specials to offer from food to hotel stays. The Flamingo Diner is offering a BBQ Chicken and Rib platter with corn on the cob, coleslaw and a dinner roll with your choice of soup or salad for the low price of \$6.95. The special is available Sunday – Thursday. All the casino bars are offering construction drinks specials for only \$2: the Jackhammer, Hard Hat and the Ice Pick. For the out of town guests the Aquarius Casino Resort has a 2 night special for only \$29.99. The hotel special is available Sunday-Thursday and based on availability.

The A.C.E. Rewards Club also has a construction special for players. Anytime you play in the casino between now and

November 30, 2006 you'll receive 3x points when using your A.C.E. Rewards Club Card. If you don't have a card that's all right too because when you sign-up for a new card you'll receive a free gift. Even better the A.C.E. Rewards Club will reimburse up to \$100 of your losses in cash on your first day of play. The \$100 CASH promotion is only valid on new sign-ups and not card exchanges. Minimum \$5 loss required to participate in program. Details available at A.C.E. Rewards Club.

The Aquarius Casino Resort will deliver great concerts this Fall. On Saturday, November 25 Little Anthony and the Imperials will be in the Aquarius Pavilion.

For tickets or for more information on Aquarius concerts call the Box Office at 1-800-435-8469 or visit www.flamingolaughlin.com. 

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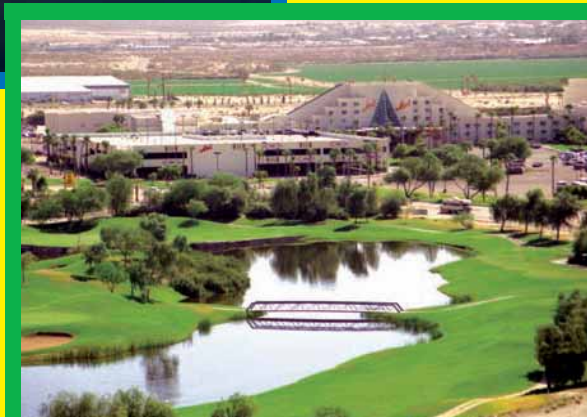
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Native Harvest Buffet (or half price for one), and two hours for the price of one at Kids Quest.

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

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

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

FREE \$1,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT: Every Tuesday - registration begins at 11am, session starts at Noon with final round at 7:30pm. 1st-\$600, 2nd-\$250, 3rd-\$150.

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

\$1,600 BLACKJACK TOURNAMENTS: Every Tuesday and Thursday - registrations at Noon; sessions start 4pm; \$15 buy-in with buffet; \$10 without buffet.

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

AQUARIUS CASINO RESORT: 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 Aquarius Casino Resort is located at 1900 South Casino Drive.

RANDY TRAVIS: Nov. 4, 7pm. Ticket prices TBA.

CRAZY 4 POKER TOURNAMENT: Nov. 17, 18. Buy-in \$199. Prize \$25,000.

LITTLE ANTHONY AND THE IMPERIALS: Nov. 25, 7pm. Ticket prices TBA.

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

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

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

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

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

THANKSGIVEAWAY: \$500 winner every hour with drawings Nov. 24, 10am - 10pm, Nov. 25, 10am - 10pm. Not required to be present to win. Use your Jean's Cash & Comp Club card when play-

ing slot machines or table games. For every 100 points of rated play, you will receive one free drawing ticket. Qualifying begins at 12:01am on Nov. 25.

BALLROOM DANCING: Enjoy the latest big thing: Ballroom Dancing! Each Sunday and Monday, join Larry Taylor for true ballroom dancing. The \$10 admission includes an hour of dance lessons, four hours of dancing and two complimentary drinks. Lessons start at 12 noon on Sundays, with social dancing 1-5pm. On Monday's, lessons start at 5pm, with social dancing 6-11pm. Door prizes will be drawn throughout each dance, including complimentary dances, rooms and meals at Gold Strike.

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

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

BUDWEISER WEEKEND RACING PARTY: Nov. 5, 11:30am; Nov. 12, Noon; Nov. 19, 11am. Watch the race and enjoy discount beer, food and prizes.

FRIDAY NIGHT BLACKJACK: Join every Friday night for just \$25 and take a chance at \$500! You'll receive \$500 in tournament chips and one of the 24 chairs in the tournament. Try your hand at winning one of the top four prizes every week! First place = \$500. Second Place = \$100. Third Place = \$50. Fourth Place = \$25. 

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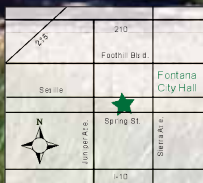
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The A, B, Z's of horse race wagering

Many people are hesitant to visit a satellite horse racing facility like the Sports Center at the National Orange Show in San Bernardino. But by learning a few A, B, Z's of the language of the track, you should feel perfectly comfortable placing a bet.

AGE - All thoroughbreds, regardless of when they were actually born, are registered as having January 1 as their birth date.

BACKSTRETCH - The straight away, usually on the far side of the track.

CLAIMING RACE - A race in which the horses can be purchased (claimed) for a specified price.

DAILY DOUBLE - To win this bet you must pick the winner of two consecutive races.

ENCLOSURE - An area at the track where spectators can view the horses before and after the races.

FAVORITE - The most popular horse in a race.

GATE - The position from which a horse is assigned in the starting gate.

HAND RIDE - A jockey who doesn't need to use a whip to encourage the horse.

INQUIRY - The judges examine the outcome of a race to see if there's been an infraction of the rules.

JUDGE - Determines the official placing at the end of a race.

KEY HORSE - The favorite when used in Exotic wagers.

LONG SHOT - A horse with little chance to win.

MUDDER - A horse that runs particularly well on muddy tracks.

NOSE - Smallest advantage a horse can beat the competition. "He won by a nose."

OFF-TRACK BETTING - The type of wagering done at the Sports Center.

PHOTO FINISH - A race that's so close, the winner has to be determined by a photograph taken at the finish line.

QUINELLA - A wager in which the first two horses to finish are bet.

RACE CARD - A program for the day's racing.

SCRATCH - A horse taken out of a race before it begins.

TRAINER - A person responsible for looking after a horse and preparing it for a race.

UNBACKABLE - A horse for which the odds are too short to return a reasonable amount of money.

VALUE - Getting the best odds of a bet.

WIN BET - A wager on a horse to finish first.

YEARLING - A horse in its second year of life.

ZEBRA - Even if you liked the Disney film "Racing Stripes," don't bet on a Zebra...

To get in on horse racing action through satellite wagering, visit the Sports Center at 930 North Arrowhead Drive (between Mill Street & Orange Show Road) in San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 885-7223 [RACE]. Sports Center doors normally open at 10:15am.



Adventures through history

Enjoy a fair of a different flavor with re-enactments. From renaissance to Civil War, there's a historical period waiting for you to visit somewhere in Southern California. Our friends at DragonMarsh in Riverside have compiled the list below of re-anactments. For more events, see the DragonMarsh website at www.dragon-marsh.com, or call them at (951) 276-1116. DragonMarsh is located at 3744 Main St. in Riverside.

CELTIC FESTIVAL ORANGE COUNTY: Orange County Fairgrounds November 18. www.occelticfestival.com

DRAGONMARSH CHRISTMAS ON MAIN ST: Nov 26-Dec 23, 5-9pm. Downtown Riverside. (951) 276-1116

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Nov 26 (Friday) - Dec 30. Downtown Riverside on the mall. Nighttime only. (951) 276-1116

Happenings at Canyon Crest Towne Centre

Canyon Crest Towne Centre anticipates opening the newest building in the shopping center (the 3rd this year) mid-December/January. This latest addition features a 3-story clock tower, and will be the new home for Crest Café (currently located next to Gazebo Flowers) and The Tortilla Grille, a family-style Mexican restaurant, offering a Southwest menu. Outdoor seating will be created to take advantage of the new Plaza area currently being re-designed with new hardscape, landscaping, and fountains.

Other exciting happenings include a soft opening November 11th of Monkey Dooz, a children's salon/spa & party place. This innovative business caters to the youngest of creatures in a rain forest setting, as youngsters sit in Jungle Jeeps while their stylist gives them their own wild style, complete with colored gels, sparkle sprays, and hippo highlights! Watch for their official Grand Opening

Celebration with Radio Disney at a later date, complete with prizes, games, and more!

Coming very soon, next to Rite Aid and Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, is the American Eagle Wine Making Company. Affiliated with Wine Not International, enjoy sampling different wines at the tasting bar, and participate in the wine making process, using the finest international juices from one of the world's largest winery companies, or make your own custom vintage! Kevin and Carolyn will also be happy to arrange private functions for birthdays, anniversaries, bridal showers, and club members/business organizations.

Finally, don't forget the next upcoming special event – SANTA CLAUS – Saturday, December 9th, 11:00am – 2:00pm. Children can visit with a real-bearded Santa Claus, use their imagination at the craft table, and get their faces painted by K-Bo & Lady Bug!



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General admission: \$8.95
Youngsters: 11 and under admitted for \$1.95, admission is free for accompanied children under five.

(909) 597-3722
www.planesoffame.org

EVENT GUIDE

Text in **RED** denotes an event occurring this month.

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.

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

ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN: A full service family favorite that's also home to the signature bobsled-like ride of the same name. The Alpine Slide lets riders experience Olympic-like action as they negotiate sleds along a quarter-mile track with banked turns and long straightaways. The site features snow-time and summer activities. The Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain is located on the boulevard in Big Bear Lake, 1/4 mile west of the Village shopping area, home to 60 specialty stores. 800 Wild Rose Lane. Call (909) 866-4626.

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS AT OAKTREE VILLAGE: Exotic animal sanctuary, meet live exot-

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Riverside Children's Theatre celebrates its 50th year


Patricia Quinn-Munson, Riverside Children's Theatre

The Riverside Children's Theatre will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year. The proud heritage continues for children from Riverside and all neighboring communities. The Press Enterprise "2005 Reader's Choice Awards" named Riverside Children's Theatre the "Best Live Theater Group" in the Inland Empire.

Mark your calendars now for the Riverside Children's Theatre upcoming production of William R. Dixon's "Peter Pan" on January 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2007. We are one of only two theater organizations fortunate enough to have permission from

the Dixon family to produce their amazing musicals. Our thanks go out to Patsy Dixon and the late William R. Dixon for their generosity and love of theater for children. The children will fly and the magic will happen at 7:30pm on both Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinees are at 1:30pm each weekend. All shows are at Ramona High School, Magnolia Avenue, between Madison and Jefferson in Riverside. Tickets are \$8 through presale and \$10 at the door. Please call 951-789-6332 for tickets.

For those who like to plan ahead, RCT will be performing "The Wizard of Oz" for our 50th anniversary show in late spring of 2007. Come over the rainbow with us and celebrate as we enter our next fifty years! 



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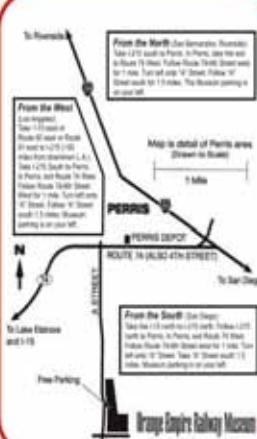
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There will also be a large Thomas merchandise store, souvenir sales at the Museum Store, food sales by various vendors, shaded picnic areas, and free onsite parking.

Families can easily spend 4 hours or more at this event. The Museum will open at 7:30 am and close shortly after 7 pm. Preboarding for each Thomas train will be 30 minutes before the scheduled departure.

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ic animals up close, in person, and endangered species in naturalistic habitats. Interactive educational exhibits for the whole family. 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. (909) 797-4020. www.oak-tree-village.com.

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

BOOMERS: In Upland. Miniature Golf Courses, Go Karts, Bumper

Boats, Rock Wall, Ferris Wheel, Spinning Tubs, Airplane Ride, Tiny Tot Cars, Bounce House, Two Arcades, Snack Bar & Cafe. 1500 W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 985-1313.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS: See our listings starting on page 6.

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.

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. Apple season is open, with events throughout the season. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fishing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktree-village.com.

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY

MUSEUM: Museum open 9 a.m. to 5pm daily, 2201 S. A St., Perris; train and trolley rides, weekends and holidays, 11 a.m. to 5pm; all-day train and trolley pass \$10, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 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.


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

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S

THEATRE: Peter Pan, Jan. 12, 19, 7:30pm. Jan. 13, 20, 1:30pm and 7:30pm. (951) 353-8540. www.riversidechildrenstheatre.org.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE:

(951) 756-4240. The Wallace Theater at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

For more fun kids' events, see the What To Do section on page 35. 

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Crafting the past with methods of the future



Fossilized bones are unearthed in Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet.

How many of us have been to a museum where a velvet rope stands between you and the exhibits? And how many of us have felt an almost irresistible urge to touch the forbidden? The Western Center for Archaeology & Paleontology, located east of the new Diamond Valley Reservoir in Hemet, is a museum designed to be touched. The interactivity of the Western Center's exhibits is an appealing feature for visitors, adults and children alike.

Upon entering the museum, visitors are greeted by skeletal recreations of mastodons, mammoths and giant sloths. These fully-realized recreations of skeletal fossils are safely touchable and will give the visitor an up-close and personal opportunity to be amazed by the scale of these animals from so many years ago.

The Discovery Lab features several hands-on mechanical and computer-based interactivities including a push-button toolbox with tools used by archaeologists and paleontologists, a computer display that explains how to date fossils and artifacts and another interactive vignette showing how fossils are formed.

Other exhibits include a re-creation of a

paleontological dig and a magnificent "theater in the round," a 270-degree movie screen and theater where the floor shakes and shifts in concert with the action of the film being screened.

The many permanent exhibits at the Western Center chronicle the life and times of the not only pre-historic animals but the peoples who inhabited the land that is now the Diamond Valley Reservoir. There are many artifacts including tools and implements of the Native Americans as well as remnants of children's toys left behind by European settlers all of whom once lived in the valley.

While innovative technology and artifacts are integral parts of the Western Center, the real stars of the show are the fossils themselves. "We have fossils from mastodons, a mammoth and sloths, but we also have a dire wolf, and a saber tooth cat," said Dr. William Marshall, Executive Director of the Western Center. "We have fossils from just about everything Ice Age. You name it, we probably have it," Marshall said.

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Starting July 15th!

Saturday:
Lunch in Oceanside

SCHEDULE

From San Bernardino

STATION	857 Sat/Sun	859 Sat/Sun	861 Sat
San Bernardino	7:00a	8:55a	—
Riverside Downtown	7:50a	9:15a	8:05p
La Sierra	8:01a	9:26a	8:15p
North Main Corona	8:10a	9:35a	8:22p
West Corona	8:17a	9:42a	8:29p
Anaheim Canyon	8:36a	10:01a	8:48p
Orange	8:43a	10:08a	8:55p
Santa Ana	8:48a	10:13a	7:00p
Tustin	8:54a	10:19a	7:06p
Irvine	9:01a	10:26a	7:13p
Laguna Niguel	9:10a	10:35a	7:22p
San Juan Capistrano	9:16a	10:41a	7:27p
San Clemente	9:26a	10:51a	7:36p
San Clemente Pier	9:31a	10:56a	7:42p
Oceanside	10:01a	11:21a	8:12p

L: Train may leave up to 5 minutes ahead of schedule.

From Oceanside

STATION	856 Sat	858 Sat/Sun	860 Sat/Sun
Oceanside	7:45a	8:00p	4:30p
San Clemente Pier	8:03a	8:09p	4:48p
San Clemente	8:08a	8:14p	4:54p
San Juan Capistrano	8:15a	8:23p	5:03p
Laguna Niguel	8:20a	8:28p	5:08p
Irvine	8:29a	8:37p	5:17p
Tustin	8:35a	8:43p	5:23p
Santa Ana	8:41a	8:50p	5:30p
Orange	8:46a	8:55p	5:35p
Anaheim Canyon	8:53a	9:02p	5:42p
West Corona	9:01a	9:10p	5:50p
North Main Corona	9:08a	9:17p	5:57p
La Sierra	9:16a	9:25p	6:05p
Riverside Downtown	9:20a	9:29p	6:09p
San Bernardino	—	9:29p	7:00p



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Pretty powerful stuff, right? Considering that our Sun ranks fairly average among the 100 billion plus stars that make up our home galaxy alone, we have only scratched the surface. MSAS Astronomy Village in Lake Arrowhead offers SkyQuest Public Programs

throughout the month of November that will give you a wonderful picture of real star power. "Stars to Star Dust," Nov. 4, covers the life, death, and regeneration of stars, their categories, size, distance from Earth, and their relationship to us. "Today's Universe," Nov. 11, gives you a current perspective of what we know about our Universe. "Winter Constellations," Nov. 25, will familiarize you with local celestial views that you can enjoy throughout the winter months.


All programs are family friendly and include an entertaining slide/lecture, question and answer period, laser tour of the night sky, and a visit to the Robert Brownlee Observatory, weather permitting. Each two hour program starts at 7pm. Prices are \$7 per adult, \$6 for MSAS members, and \$5 for children 16 years and under. Add \$2 to each ticket if purchased at the door. Phone (909) 336-1699 for information and ticket reservations.

The MSAS Astronomy Village is located just off State Hwy 18, between the Blue Jay turnoff and Rim High School. Turn in at the yellow overhead light and follow the signs. Visit



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The sun can be a temperamental star.

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Jennifer Hudson.


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"I'm very excited to be directing Dreamgirls for the third time in two years," Vaughan said. "Not only does it have terrific songs and dances, it offers a fascinating

glimpse of the African-American experience as it relates to the music industry. This is a high-octane musical that delivers great story and great show."

Cast in the role of "Effie" is Vonetta Mixson, one of the Southland's most powerful and popular musical theatre performers, returning to her home town of Riverside. Audiences will remember her best from past Performance Riverside productions of *Once on This Island* as "Mama Euralie," *Big River* as "Alice," *Ain't Misbehavin'* (the role originated by the late Nell Carter), and as "BJ" in *Smokey Joe's Café*.

The Landis Performing Arts Center is located on the Riverside City College campus

at 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Performances for Dreamgirls are on November 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 pm; November 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$42, \$36, \$29 and \$24, and discounted tickets for school and senior groups are available on November 9 and 17 at 10am. For further information visit their website at www.performanceriverside.org or call the Landis Box Office at (951) 222-8100. 

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Some of the fossils have even become the unofficial mascots for the Western Center. Max the mastodon, Xena the mammoth and a sloth named Sammy were found in Diamond Valley and now take center stage at the Western Center. "We recently took visitors on a tour of the museum and the reconstructed skeletons took their breath away," Marshall said.

The planning process for the Western Center was a collaborative effort between a committee of stakeholders and Design Craftsmen, a professional museum design firm. Design Craftsmen specializes in creating museum experiences that stimulate the senses. Exhibits devised for the Western Center by Design Craftsmen consist of an impressive array of fully interactive displays.

"Before we start exhibit design, our internal design team sits down with the client and listens to the story they want to tell," Jerry Grieser, Vice President of Sales, Western Region for Design Craftsmen, said. "We then establish the goals for an interactive and graphic experience that might best tell the story."

At the Western Center for Archaeology & Paleontology, visitors will not only be able to see and hear the story told by the exhibits within, they will be able to touch them. "The Western Center is a state-of-the-art interactive experience," Marshall said.

In addition to the public exhibits, the Western Center for Archaeology & Paleontology houses university-level research laboratories, a curation facility to protect and store over approximately a million specimens and an education and conference center.

Located at 2345 Searl Parkway in Hemet, the Western Center opened its doors to the public October 15, 2006. 



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

COFFEE HOUSES

ALL ABOUT COFFEE: Open mic 6 pm Fri., 2276 Griffin Way, Suite 108, Corona. (951) 549-6710.

BACK TO THE GRIND: Poetry Night Mon. 9-11 pm; Chess Night Thur. 7 pm; Live music Wed. 8-10 pm. 3575 University Ave., Riverside. (951) 784-0800.

COFFEE COURT: 3649 10th St., Riverside. (951) 328-0866.

COFFEE DEPOT: 3204 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. Live music, 8 pm Sat., no cover. (951) 222-2263.

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FRIENDS COFFEE HOUSE: live music, 8 pm Fri.-Sat. 17059 Valley Blvd., Suite F, Fontana. No cover. (909) 822-3743.

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MUGSYS COFFEE SHOP: 5222 Arlington Ave., Ste. D, Riverside. Sundays chess night 6 pm, live music Fri. 7-10 pm. Information on more clubs please call (951) 352-1543.

SONRISE COFFEE HOUSE: 14548 Baseline, Fontana. (909) 350-0910. Mommy and Me teatime, Noon to 2pm, Mondays. Fri. & Sat. nights, live entertainment. No cover.

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

BLACK AND WHITE CONCERT: Join Dominican Friars John Paul Forte and Dominic DeLay in a unique a capella concert on Sat., Nov. 18, at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Newman Center in Riverside. Beginning with black and white spirituals, John Paul and Dominic share the music that brought them together and that has brought other black and white Americans together through the centuries. Free will offering. St. Andrews is at 105 W. Big Springs Rd. in Riverside. For more information, call (951) 682-8751.

CONFIDENTIAL CHRISTIAN SINGLES: Call for details at (714) 210-3337 or go online to www.christiansinglesfunevents.com.

CROSSROADS HOME GARDEN AND CRAFT SHOW: Nov. 4 from 9am to 4pm, come see handmade crafts, have family fun, check out the car show, good food, and more. Admission is free. At Crossroads Christian Church, 2331 Kellogg Ave. in Corona. (951) 520-3019, www.crossroadschurch.com.

KELLY MINTER AND JOHN OWENS: Nationally-known Contemporary Christian music artist Kelly Minter with John Owens and his band will be in benefit concert for Drug Alternative Program, December 2, 2006 at 5:00 pm at the Campus Hill SDA Church, 11057 Hill Drive, Loma Linda (92354). For more info visit www.charitypromotions.net or call (909) 783-1094.

PRAYERS AND PIES: Annual pre-Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov. 22, 7pm, followed by free pie tasting. Bringing a pie to share is not required. St. Andrew's Newman Center is at 105 W. Big Springs Rd. in Riverside. For more information, call (951) 682-8751.

THREE WISE MEN: Dec. 3, 6pm, music and comedy. Calvary Chapel, 1499 E. Baseline St., San Bernardino. (909) 381-5353. www.calvarysbd.com.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

ART IN THE PARK: Nov. 18, 10am-5pm. Fine arts and folk artists, live entertainment, food and more. Free family event. Art Depot and Park, 16822 Spring St., Fontana. (909) 428-8360.

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NOS SPORTS CENTER: Satellite horserace

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The Gary Bonner Singers launched in October of 1995 and have distinguished themselves as a choral ensemble of musical excellence and versatility, contagious with sparkling performances, and warm, vibrant choral tone, says Soderblom. "They have completed fourteen recordings, including three that were produced and distributed by Word Music and two commissioned albums," he said.

Ranging in age from 18 to 65, the singers represent a wide diversity of backgrounds and vocations. Dr. Bonner is an internationally recognized conductor and trainer of conductors. He is currently Dean of the School of music at California Baptist University and founder and owner of the Bonner Institute for the Advancement of Choral music. For 23 years he was Dean of the School of Music at Azusa Pacific University and director of the University Choir and orchestra.

The group has performed numerous times as part of the Concert Series. Because of the popularity of the program, Dr. Soderblom reports, there will be three performances of the same program. The first one will be on Friday, December 15, at 6pm and the second at 8pm. The third program will be on Saturday afternoon, December 16, at 4pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance for a minimal donation of \$8 per person. Tickets are on a first come basis. Tickets are not on sale the nights of the concert.

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Ticket prices range from \$39 - \$72 for adults and include dinner and show. For more information or for reservations call the Candlelight Pavilion Box Office at (909) 626-1254. 

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

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

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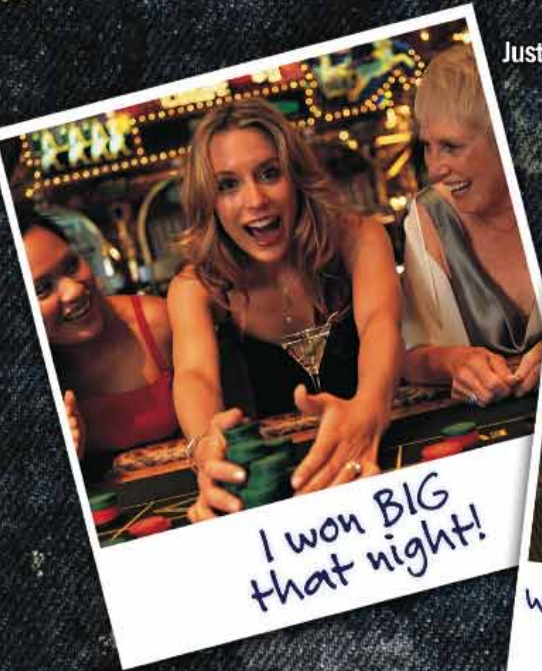
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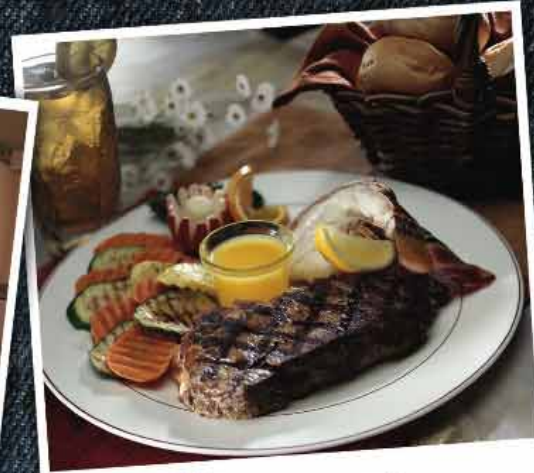
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