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Christmas Tidings



A guide to all that is fun this holiday season

A COWBOY CHRISTMAS: In Fontana at Miller Park, 17004 Arrow Blvd. Ice skating rink opens Dec. 5 through Dec. 14. Tree lighting ceremony, Dec. 5, 6pm. Christmas parade, Dec. 13, 10am, with a festival at 11am to 5pm. Enjoy 50 tons of snow, live entertainment, and food. See article on page 8.

CANYON CREST TOWNE CENTRE: Holiday events begin Dec. 6. See article on page 11.

CURLY'S COWBOY CHRISTMAS: Cowboy singer Curly Jim Musgrave with Belinda Gail and special guest artists, The Tumbling Tumbleweeds, perform a benefit concert Sunday evening, December 14, at the Ambassador Hotel in Victorville. Proceeds benefit the Happy Trails Children's Foundation for abused children. Doors open at 4pm. Tickets are \$50 each or \$95 per couple. (760) 240-3330. www.happytrails.org.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, RIVERSIDE: In Downtown Riverside. See article on page 7.

HOLIDAY HIJINKS: Musical dinner theater with dinner, desert and stage show. Dec.

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A Cowboy Christmas

IN FONTANA

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The City is expanding the outdoor ice skating rink to give festivalgoers a unique opportunity to skate under the stars while enjoying the holiday atmosphere. The rink is located on the Main Street Pedestrian Mall between University and Mission Inn Avenues. Ice rink hours to December 20 are 4pm to 10pm Monday through Thursday, 4pm to 11pm on Friday, noon to 11pm on Saturday and noon to 10pm on Sunday. Starting December 21 the ice rink hours will be noon to 11pm every day.

Visitors can enjoy an hour on the ice for \$13, which includes ticket price and skate rental. Additionally, skating enthusiasts can purchase a Frequent Skater Card for \$50 which will be good for one skate hour Monday through Friday for the entire month of December. The card will be available for purchase at the ice rink ticket booth and the Arts & Cultural Affairs office at City Hall.

Every night through January 4, festivalgoers can enjoy the lights, holiday entertainment and shopping along Main Street.

No holiday experience would be complete without a visitor from the North Pole. Santa Claus will be out every night through December 24, so be sure to stop by and give him your Christmas wish list. Photos with Santa Claus will be available for purchase. 

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

It's a Cowboy Christmas in Fontana

Celebrate Christmas this year at the annual Festival of Winter: A Cowboy Christmas in Fontana. This annual event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Miller Park, located at 17004 Arrow Boulevard, from 11am to 5pm. It follows the annual Christmas Parade which begins near Center Stage Theater at Arrow Boulevard and Sierra Avenue at 10am. Both events are free.


The annual Festival of Winter is one of the most highly attended events throughout the year in Fontana. The event offers families an opportunity to celebrate community and the holidays as well as skate around an ice skating rink, sled down a mountain of snow, take a photo with Santa, participate in contests, visit specialty vendors, and enjoy a few arts activities.

Again this year, during the Festival of Winter the City of Fontana will offer free admittance to the ice skating rink which served thousands last year and is expected to be another hit this year. The rink will be available to skaters from Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 14. Skating times are Monday through Thursday from 3 to 9pm, Friday from 3 to 10pm, Saturday from 11am to 10pm and Sunday from 11am to 9pm. Monday through Friday fees are \$5 per person, Saturday and Sunday fees are \$7 per person. Skate rentals are \$3.

Another family favorite is the Snow Zone where over 50 tons of snow are piled high to make for the ideal downtown sledding experience. The Snow Zone is free and open to all ages.

This year, Santa has been moved out of the cold to a warm and toasty area where he may sit back and relax while listening to children. The man in the red suit will be in the Lewis Library and Technology Center all day. Children are encouraged to write a letter to Santa and bring it to the event for Santa's mail box. A small photo fee applies.

All contests and activities are free and open to all ages.

For more information or to find out how to become a vendor, call (909) 428-8360, ext. 244 or visit online at www.fontanarecreation.org. 

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13 and 20. For more information, call (951) 371-5239 or go online to www.spotlightmusichall.com.

INLAND EMPIRE YOUTH BALLET: Presenting The Nutcracker. See article on page 10.

LAKE ARROWHEAD CLASSICAL BALLET COMPANY: The Nutcracker, Dec. 5, 8pm, Dec. 6, 2:30pm and 8pm, Dec. 7, 2:30pm. Rim of the World Performing Arts Center. tickets \$16.25. www.arrowheadballet.org. (909) 336-9206 or (909) 337-7762.

THE LIVING DESERT WILDLIGHTS: Zoo featuring flora and fauna of the area's deserts. • WildLights, festive light display, 6-9pm on select nights through Jan. 4. Includes iceless skating rink, Santa Claus, and music. • Located south of State Highway 111 at 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert. 760-346-5694, www.livingdesert.org.

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ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM: Santa's Christmas Train, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 11am-4pm. See article on page 10.

PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: • Hollydazzle, December 12 and 13 at 8pm, and December 13 and 14 at 2pm. See article on page 9. • Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College, 4800

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Hollydazzle!, Performance Riverside's crowd-pleasing Christmas extravaganza, returns this year featuring the artistic and technical wizardry of Performance Riverside's artists and the famous Riverside Community College Marching Tigers in a wild, fun-filled, and unapologetically sentimental salute to the holiday season.

This magical show is produced by Rey O'Day, directed and choreographed by John Vaughan, and musically directed by Scott T. Smith, with a script by Christopher Leonard and musical arrangements by Douglas Austin.

This year's production of *Hollydazzle!* follows the merry adventures of Santa's elves at ElfCamp where they study the many tasks that make a good elf: Tree Trimming, Santa Soothing, Reindeer Riding, Merry Making, Candy Creating and more. These Elf Events make up the Elf Decathlon as groups of elves from around the world compete before Santa to win a gold medal at the Elflympics. Enjoy the many trials and adventures as Elf Captain Barker puts you through a holiday musical romp that is fun for the whole family. Smiles

abound with much audience participation and interaction, including a Christmas Conga and visit with Old Saint Nick himself.

Jamie Snyder, a veteran of Performance Riverside productions since 1983, returns in the role of Santa Claus, heading up a cast including Bob May, Deborah Fauerbach, Allison Knight, Renee Liskey, Michael Milligan, Danny Munguia, Bobby Perino, Robert Ramirez, and Rachel Scott. Also returning to *Hollydazzle!* are the RCC Marching Tigers, under the direction of Gary Locke, and the award-winning Fantasia Dance and Drill. The Marching Tigers were featured on ABC's Good Morning America in the opening ceremony of the 2007 Riverside Festival of lights and is the only band to have headlined all major holiday parades: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Hollywood Christmas Parade, and the Tournament of Roses.

Patrons purchasing tickets to Performance Riverside's *Hollydazzle!* are entitled to purchase 2 for 1 tickets to California Riverside Ballet's *The Nutcracker* for any performance on December 19, 20, or 21 at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium. People purchasing tick-



ets to *The Nutcracker* are also entitled to purchase 2 for 1 tickets to *Hollydazzle!*

Performance Riverside is a professional theatrical production company based at the Landis Performing Arts Center on the Riverside City College campus. *Hollydazzle!* performs Dec. 12 and 13th at 8pm, and Dec. 13 and 14 at 2pm at Landis Performing Arts Center on the Riverside City College Campus. Tickets are \$25, \$30, \$37, and \$43. For more information, call the Landis Performing Arts Center Box Office at (951) 222-8100. For online ticketing, and more information about *Hollydazzle!*, visit www.performanceriverside.org.

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The clock chimes midnight...and everything changes! Experience the exciting battle between the Rat King and the Nutcracker Prince live as the Inland Empire Youth Ballet stages "The Nutcracker."

Magical lands filled with dancing snowflakes, fairies, and sweet surprises are all at your fingertips in this lavish production. This wonderful children's ballet is based on the story of "The Nutcracker and the King of Mice," written by E.T.A. Hoffman, and set to the music of Peter Tchaikovsky. Choreographed specifically for young audiences by Artistic Director Randall Graham, this dazzling ballet for children is performed by the community's finest young talents aged four to nineteen.


The Inland Empire Youth Ballet is the performing company of the Inland Empire Academy of the Arts located in Rancho Cucamonga and the dancers are committed to a pre-professional level of training in classical ballet. IEYB aspires to provide performing opportunities for these young dancers, while bringing awareness to the performing arts to audiences through its Community Outreach Program. As founding directors Randall Graham explains it, "We are thrilled to be able to share the talent and artistry of our young dancers with the children and families in the Inland Empire by staging a variety of ballets performed by children at a professional level."

"The Nutcracker" performances are scheduled for Friday, December 19 at 7:30pm, Saturday, December 20 at 2pm and 7:30pm, at the Lewis Family Playhouse, Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. For tick-



Photo by Sylvia
Fourteen-year-old Alexis Shinko plays Clara in the Inland Empire Youth Ballet's "The Nutcracker."

ets, call the box office at (909) 477-2752 or visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com. For information on special school morning matinee series performances call (909) 987-2064 for groups of 20 or more.

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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. 6-7 and 13-14. Children can ride Santa's Christmas 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 \$12 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.



Canyon Crest Towne Centre gets into the season with holiday events

Canyon Crest Towne Centre in Riverside begins its Christmas festivities on Dec. 6, from 11am to 2pm, with the Annual Christmas With Santa event. Get free digital photos of your child with Santa Claus, enjoy holiday entertainment, live music, crafts for the children, clowns, and elves.

There will be an opportunity drawing for a bicycle on Dec. 6, one boy's and one girl's bicycle for children 12 and under only. Information is available at participating merchants.

Also, enjoy holiday music at the Centre each Friday evening, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, from 6:30pm until 8:30pm.

The Canyon Crest Towne Centre is also kicking off a monthly car show, held the second Sunday of each month, 2 to 5pm. Participants are encouraged to decorate their cars for Christmas at the December show show.

The Canyon Crest Towne Centre is located at 5225 Canyon Crest Dr. in Riverside. For more information, go online to www.cctownecentre.com or call (951) 686-1222

Boys Chorus performs at the Sturges

The internationally acclaimed All-American Boys Chorus of Orange County will bring its troupe of 40 singers to the Sturges Center for Arts on Dec. 20, at 7pm, for a Christmas concert featuring their unique and joyous salute to the holiday season. The Magnet Chorus of SBCUSD will join the All-American Boys Chorus for two special numbers during the performance.

Throughout its 38-year history, The All-American Boys Chorus, whose members range from 9 to 14 years old, has provided thousands of boys with the training, motivation and opportunity to develop and exercise qualities of leadership within an exceptional program of choral music.

Tickets are priced from \$10 to \$25 and are available online at www.sturgescenter.org or by calling the box office at (909) 984-7100. The Sturges Center for Arts is located in San Bernardino at 780 N. E St.

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Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

RANCHO BELAGO WIND SYMPHONY: Tis The Season, Dec. 11, 7:30pm. Enjoy holiday favorites at this free concert. Grand Valley Ballroom, 14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: • A Christmas Carol, Dec. 5-7. Seating 6:30pm, curtain 7pm. Matinee seating 1:30pm, curtain 2pm. Tickets: \$8. • 4026 14th St., Riverside. (951) 686-4030, www.riversidecommunityplayers.com.


RIVERSIDE MASTER CHORALE: Riverside Master Chorale Concert, Dec. 7, 4pm. Featuring major holiday works by contemporary composers. Tickets: \$15 General Admission. \$12 Students and Seniors. First Congregational Church, 801 S. Ramona St., Corona.

SANTA'S PAJAMA PARTY: At the San Bernardino County Museum, Dec. 12-13, 6-8pm. A fun-filled holiday party. Advance reservations are required. Play holiday games, listen to stories, make winter crafts, sing seasonal songs, and visit with the live animals in the Exploration Station. Cost is \$10 per person for each evening; under age 1 is free with paid adult. Each admission includes all holiday crafts and activities, meeting with Santa, and refreshments. Space is limited, and reservations with payment must be received at the museum by Dec. 10. For more information, call (909) 307-2669 extension 256, or visit www.sbcountymuseum.org for a reservation form. San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL WINTER FANTASY: Dec. 6, 7 and Dec. 13, 14, in Laguna Beach. Peruse the works of 170 artisans, enjoy music, food and a visit from Santa. Open 10am to 6pm. At 935 Laguna Canyon Rd. For more information, go online to www.sawdustfestival.org. See article on page 18.

SINFONIA MEXICANA: Mariachi Christmas, Dec. 13, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$35, \$45, \$55, \$65. California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. 4th St., San Bernardino. (909) 884-3228.

STURGES CENTER FOR ARTS: All-American Boys Chorus of Orange County will bring its troupe of 40 singers Dec. 20, at 7pm for a Christmas concert. The Magnet Chorus of SBCUSD will join the All-American Boys Chorus for two special numbers during the performance. Tickets are priced from \$10 to \$25 and are available online at www.sturgescenter.org or by calling the box office at (909) 984-7100. The Sturges Center for Arts is located in San Bernardino at 780 N. E St. See article on page 11.

TOYS FOR KIDS MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: The Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department along with the Arlanza Advisory Committee invites you to join the 26th "Annual Toys for Kids" Men's Softball Christmas Tournament and Toy drive. The toys collected will be distributed to underprivileged youth this holiday season. The tournament will be held on Dec. 6 and 7, at Bryant Park, 7950 Philbin Ave., Riverside. The entry fee is \$150, plus the donation of one new toy valued at \$15 or more by each player. Payment is required upon registration. To register, call (951) 351-6135. 



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Fighters Over North Africa

Planes of Fame Air Museum looks at America's first major offensive against Germany and Italy in WWII.



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NEW YEAR'S EVE CASH AND PRIZES GIVEAWAY: More than \$15,000 in cash and prizes, New Year's Eve, 10pm to 1am. See article on page 15.

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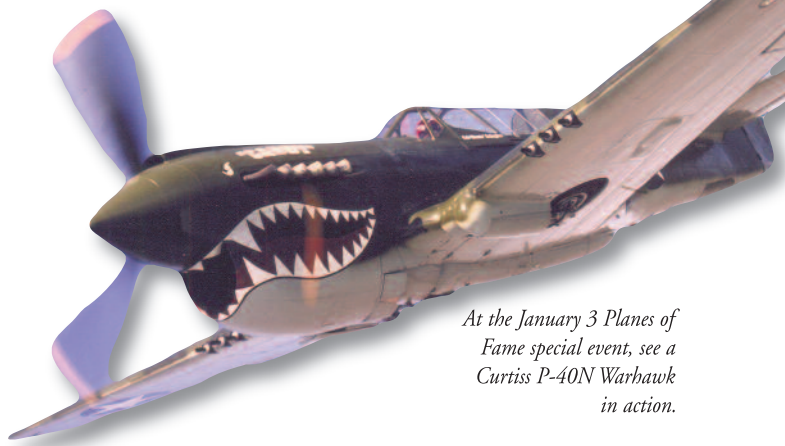
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At the January 3 Planes of Fame special event, see a Curtiss P-40N Warhawk in action.

Air museum prepares for a fresh year of events

As the New Year approaches, Planes of Fame Air Museum in Chino is preparing its line-up of events for 2009. The schedule includes a very popular series of special events on the first Saturday of each month, an impressive two-day warbird air show on May 16 and 17, and a warbird fly-in at the museum's auxiliary facility, Planes of Fame Air Museum Grand Canyon, in Valle, Arizona on June 27.

Each with a specific theme, the Saturday special events feature speakers and flight demonstrations by aircraft associated with the monthly themes. The monthly special events provide a rare opportunity for the public to get up close and personal with individuals who helped to make aviation history.

The museum's annual air show at the Chino Airport will feature a wide range of warbirds from across the country flying together with modern military combat aircraft, and include ground activities as well.

Scheduled at 10am on January 3, "Fighters Over North Africa" will be the theme of the first Planes of Fame special event of 2009. With the Curtiss P-40N Warhawk as the featured aircraft, this event will describe the first major World War II

American offensive against Germany and Italy.

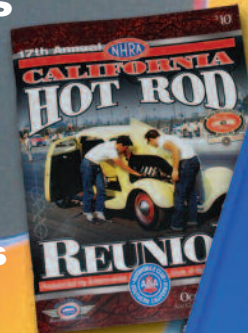
The first permanent museum of its type in the American West, Planes of Fame Air Museum is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of America's aviation heritage. Staffed primarily by a core of volunteers, the museum supports its operations with admission fees, donations, facilities rentals and proceeds from the use of its aircraft in various productions. Planes of Fame also has a membership program available to the public, with one of the advantages of membership being the opportunity to experience the thrill of orientation flights in genuine warbirds. At each monthly event, members in attendance can have their names entered into a drawing for a free warbird orientation flight.

Planes of Fame Air Museum is open to the public every day, except Christmas and Thanksgiving, from 9am until 5pm. General admission is \$11, youngsters 5-11 are admitted for \$4, and admission is free for accompanied children under 5. For more information, call (909) 597-3722 or visit the museum's website at www.planesoffame.org.

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December

December 3

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December 3

Banks Power: The First 50 Years Exhibit open through October 2009

2009 January

January 23

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January 24

Model 40 Panel Discussion
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. \$25 fee
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panelists: Brian Brennan, Pete Chapouris, Steve Frisbie, Lorin Sorenson

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Theater & the Arts

'Winter Fantasy' showcases unique art in the southland

The Sawdust Art Festival continues in December, showcasing unique works of art at this annual Laguna Beach event, Dec. 6, 7 and Dec. 13, 14.

Guests will discover the artwork of 175 talented artists and craftspeople, many of whom have traveled from out of town to exhibit in this winter show. Original fine art and handcrafted gift


items at the Winter Fantasy include a variety of media, including art glass, ceramics, jewelry, clothing, paintings, musical instruments, gourds, photography, and mixed media.

Visitors will see art created before their eyes in the artists' booths and at the Glass Blowing Booth as well as have the opportunity to personally create their own masterpieces at the Mud Hut, Sawdust Studio and Children's Art Spot.

Not only are the artists and artwork at the Winter Fantasy unique, but the holiday ambiance of the festival grounds is also distinctive. In addition to the hand-constructed art booths, visitors will find elaborate holiday decorations, entertainment, cafes and a classic

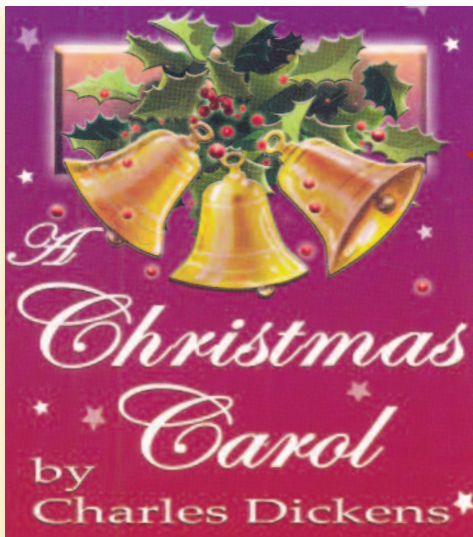
Towne Square featuring visits with Santa Claus from 10:30am to 5pm each day. Falling snow, decorated Community Trees, and the Holiday Children's Playhouse make for great photo ops.

This year's Sawdust ArtisTree will be featured in the center of Towne Square as part of the ArtisTree Ornament Fundraiser. All Winter Fantasy artists have been asked to donate hand-made original ornaments for the Sawdust ArtisTree. These ornaments may be purchased through the Sawdust Information Booth, with all monies raised from the ornament sales contributing directly to the Sawdust's Art Education Fund.

The 18th Annual Winter Fantasy is open 10am to 6pm. Adult admission is \$6, seniors \$5, age 65 and up, \$3 for children age 6-12, children under five years of age are free, and \$9 for a Season Pass. The festival is located at the Sawdust Art Festival, 935 Laguna Canyon Road, in Laguna Beach. For additional information, visit www.sawdustartfestival.org or call (949) 494-3030. 



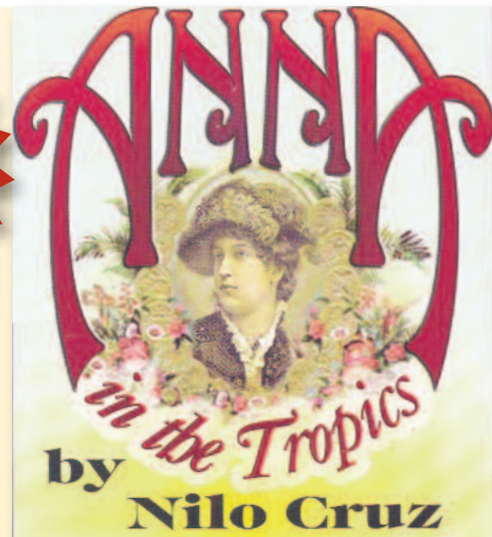
The "Top of the World Honors Chorus" spreads holiday cheer while performing at the Winter Fantasy at the Sawdust Art Festival in Laguna Beach.



December 5-7, 2008

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THEATER: • The Wonderful World of Christmas, Nov. 23-Dec. 28. • (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont. candlelightpavilion.com.

CAL BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**THEATRE ARTS:** (951) 343-4319.

www.calbaptist.edu/theater. Wallace Theater, 8432 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside.

CHAFFEY COLLEGE: 5885 Haven Ave., Rancho Cucamonga. (909) 652-6067.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY

EVENTS: See our guide starting on page 6.

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SOCIETY: Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Blvd.. (909) 866-4970. www.bigbeartheater.org.

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OPERA: Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton. (714) 879-1732. www.fclo.com.

IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY

ORCHESTRA: Soprano Tony Arnold will perform with the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra, Dec. 13 at 7:30pm and Dec. 14 at 2pm. The concerts will be held in the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Theatre, Idyllwild Arts Campus at 52500 Temecula Road in Idyllwild and are free, open to the public and suitable for all audiences.

INLAND EMPIRE YOUTH BALLET:

Presenting The Nutcracker. See article on page 10.

LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY: The

Crucible, Dec. 3, 6, 7, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$7. Matheson Hall at La Sierra University in Riverside. For tickets, call (951)785-2241. For more information call (951)785-2274.

LAKE ARROWHEAD CLASSICAL

BALLET COMPANY: The Nutcracker, Dec. 5, 8pm, Dec. 6, 2:30pm and 8pm, Dec. 7, 2:30pm. Rim of the World Performing Arts Center. tickets \$16.25.

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LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE: •

Jim Gamble Puppets: The Nutcracker, Dec. 3, 10am. Master puppeteer Jim Gamble returns with his puppet performance of The Nutcracker. For ages 2+. Tickets: \$9.50. • Winter Dance Party, Dec. 5, 8pm. A high-voltage live show capturing the Holly era in a dead on recreation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's tour. General \$35.50, senior \$33, youth \$28.50. • The Velveteen Rabbit, Dec. 6, 3pm and 7pm. General \$16.60, senior \$14.50, youth \$13.50. • Rip Van Winkle, Dec. 11, 7pm. Parson's Nose Family Theatre brings the tale of Rip Van Winkle, the sociable but lazy man who falls asleep for 20 years and wakes up to find his entire world transformed (for ages 7+). General: \$13.50. Senior: \$11.50. Youth: \$9.50. • A Rockapella Holiday, Dec. 21, 4pm and 7pm. General: \$37. Senior: \$35. Youth: \$30. • Lula Washington Dance Theatre Kwanzaa Festival, Dec. 28, 3pm. Inspired by the power and artistic charisma of traditional African dance, the Lula Washington Dance Theatre is an explosive celebration of dance and Kwanzaa. General: \$27.50. Senior: \$25.50. Youth: \$21.50. • Art Garfunkel, Jan. 10, 8pm. Tickets: \$86. • 12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. lewisfamilyplayhouse.com. (909) 477-2752.

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Bruckner Symphony no.1 in c minor



ROMANTIC ESCAPADES Sat Nov 15, 2008 ■ 8 PM

Beethoven Leonore Overture, no.3, op.72b
Mozart Piano Concerto no.27 in B-Flat Major, K 595
Janina Fialkowska, piano
Schumann Symphony no.2 in C Major, op.61



FANFARE FOR THE FAMILY Sun Jan 18, 2009 ■ 3 PM

Williams Liberty Fanfare
Debussy Le Coin Des Enfants
Maestro Carlo Ponti, Jr., & piano
Nancy Bricard Woods, piano
Edoardo Ponti, narrator
Schumann Symphony no.2 in C Major, op.61



THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Sat Mar 21, 2009 ■ 8 PM

Stravinsky Mass
Sibelius Symphony no.3 in C Major, op.52
Brahms Piano Concerto no.1 in d minor, op.15
Norman Krieger, piano



MAHLER'S FIFTH Sat May 9, 2009 ■ 8 PM

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MUSICAL ADVENTURES

San Bernardino Symphony presents family 'Fanfare'

The San Bernardino Symphony's January 18 concert, "Fanfare for the Family," is truly a family affair: In Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals," Maestro Carlo Ponti, who began his musical studies as a pianist, and his piano professor Nancy Bricard-Woods will play the two pianos. Maestro Ponti's brother, Edoardo Ponti, a film director and actor, will be narrator for this delightful piece.

The concert program also includes Debussy's "Le Coin des Enfants" (Children's Corner) and John Williams' "Liberty Fanfare" during which Mayor Patrick Morris will recite Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" in honor of Lincoln's bicentennial.

This enchanting, fun concert takes place at 3pm on Sunday, January 18 at the California Theatre in San Bernardino. There will be a pre-concert lecture at 2pm. Tickets are available online at www.sanbernardinosymphony.org, at (909) 381-5388 or at the Symphony Office at 415 W. 2nd Street, in San Bernardino. 



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PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: • Hollydazzle, December 12 and 13 at 8pm, and December 13 and 14 at 2pm. See article on page 9. • Peter Pan auditions, Dec. 15. See article on page 21. • Landis Performing Arts Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

RAMONA BOWL: 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., Hemet. (951) 658-3111 x103. www.ramonabowl.com.

RANCHO BELAGO WIND SYMPHONY: Tis The Season, Dec. 11, 7:30pm. Enjoy holiday favorites at this free concert. Grand Valley Ballroom, 14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MUSIC: • Riverside City College Symphony Orchestra Concert, Dec. 2, 7pm. Admission is free. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. • Riverside City College Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Dec. 8, 7pm. General \$8, students and seniors \$6. RCC Digital Library, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: • A Christmas Carol, Dec. 5-7. Seating 6:30pm, curtain 7pm. Matinee seating 1:30pm, curtain 2pm. Tickets: \$8. • Anna in the Tropics, Jan. 23 - Feb. 8. Tickets \$15. • 4026 14th St., Riverside. (951) 686-4030, www.riversidecommunityplayers.com.

RIVERSIDE MASTER CHORALE: Riverside Master Chorale Concert, Dec. 7, 4pm. Featuring major holiday works by contemporary composers. Tickets: \$15 General Admission. \$12 Students and Seniors. First Congregational Church, 801 S. Ramona St., Corona.


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

SAN BERNARDINO SYMPHONY: • Fanfare for the Family, Jan. 18. See article on this page. • California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. Fourth St., San Bernardino. (909) 381-5388.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL WINTER FANTASY: Dec. 6, 7 and Dec. 13, 14, in Laguna Beach. Peruse the works of 170 artisans, enjoy music, food and a visit from Santa. Open 10am to 6pm. At 935 Laguna Canyon Rd. For more information, go online to www.sawdustfestival.org. See article on page 18.

SINFONIA MEXICANA: • Mariachi Christmas, Dec. 13, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$35, \$45, \$55, \$65. • California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. 4th St., San Bernardino. (909) 884-3228.

STURGES CENTER FOR ARTS: All-American Boys Chorus of Orange County will bring its troupe of 40 singers Dec. 20, at 7pm for a Christmas concert. The Magnet Chorus of SBCUSD will join the All-American Boys Chorus for two special numbers during the performance. Tickets are priced from \$10 to \$25 and are available online at www.sturgescenter.org or by calling the box office at (909) 984-7100. The Sturges Center for Arts is located in San Bernardino at 780 N. E St. See article on page 11.

TIBBIE'S CENTER STAGE: • Holiday Follies 2008, Thurs.-Sun, Nov. 29-Dec.31. • 8463 Sierra Ave., Fontana. (909) 429-7469. www.centerstagefontana.com. 

Tickets on sale for annual Dickens Festival

Tickets go on sale this month for the annual Dickens Festival in downtown Riverside. A gala costume ball will open the 16th annual Riverside Dickens Festival, which will take place February 7 and 9.


The downtown comes alive with Dickens characters, entertainers, London Marketplace, plays, teas, fashion shows, historic re-enactments and children's crafts and games in "Oliver's Alley."

Paul Jacques, local actor, writer and director will act as Charles Dickens in "Meet Mr. Dickens." Two one-act adaptations of Dickens's works will have daily performances, the outdoor stage will feature singers, dancers, music and jugglers.

"Queen Victoria" and Her Royal Court will preside in her pavilion. Victorian teas with music hall entertainment will be served both days with three "Tea with The Queen" events. The Gordon Highlanders will march featuring pipes, drum and daily demonstrations of the 1874 Gatling gun. There will be historic re-enactment and educational groups on the Library lawn.

Entertaining small children in "Oliver's Alley" area volunteers will play games, help with crafts and take photos of children in costume.

The Riverside Dickens Festival is a non-profit, education organization which raises funds to produce a cultural arts festival for the public good. It is sponsored in part by the City of Riverside, Target, Riverside Arts Council, and Riverside County Supervisors John Tavaglione and Bob Buster. Hundreds of volunteers help to make the event possible. The Festival was voted #1 2007 favorite Riverside event by The Press-Enterprise Readers.

All venues and London Marketplace are on Mission Inn Avenue with the street closed to through traffic. For further information contact the Riverside Dickens Festival office at (800) 430-4140 or email info@dickensfest.com. Go online at www.dickensfest.com. 




Performance Riverside sets auditions for 'Peter Pan'

Performance Riverside announced open call auditions for professional, non-union performers for the upcoming production of Peter Pan, with lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, music by Mark Charlap and Jule Styne, based on the play by James M. Barrie.

The production is directed by Gary Krinke, choreographed by John Vaughan and musically directed by Scott T. Smith. Auditions for children will be held on Monday, Dec. 15 at 4pm and for adults at 7pm at Landis Performing Arts Center on the campus of Riverside City College.

Performance pay is available. Prepare a song (16 bars) that shows your voice and personality. Wear clothes appropriate for moving and dancing. All persons who audition must bring a resume, headshot, and a 110 word biography with them. Weeknight and weekend rehearsals begin January 3. Performances are January 30, 31, February 6, and 7 at 8pm, and January 31, February 1, 7, and 8 at 2pm at Landis Performing Arts Center. Come prepared to list any conflicts you have with the rehearsal schedule. All roles are open, including: Peter Pan, Captain Hook / Mr. Darling, Wendy, John, Michael, Mrs. Darling, Liza the Maid, Smee, Lost Boys, Tiger Lily, Henny Penny Tribe, Pirates, Crocodile / Nona the dog, grown up Wendy, and Jane.

Performances are at the Landis Performing Arts Center on the Riverside City College Campus. For more information, call the audition hotline at (951) 222-8485, or visit

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More legends coming to San Bernardino

by June Durr/EDA

The Economic Development Agency of the City of San Bernardino's (EDA) Mission Statement includes historic preservation as well as supporting the arts as an important quality of life component for the community's enrichment. We have two beautiful venues in our city that are owned and maintained by EDA that have brought quality entertainment and quality entertainers to our city since 1928 beginning with the California Theatre, and later with the community-restored Sturges Center for the Fine Arts.

We are proud to feature these high quality venues that are unique to our San Bernardino Valley and Inland Empire Region, and excited to announce an all new additional series of legendary concerts premiering locally in these alternative and comfortable state-of-the-art facilities in smoke-free environments – all close to home.

To kick off this new Legendary Spotlight Concert series, we invite you to bring your family and friends to the California Theatre on December 14 for American Pop Culture singer/songwriter **Frankie Valli** (Tickets (909) 885-5152 or Ticketmaster.com), followed by a Holiday concert at Sturges Center on December 20 with the **All American Boys Chorus** that includes a special per-

formance from the Magnet Chorus from the San Bernardino City Unified School District, conducted by Michael Tacchia. (Tickets (909) 384-7100 or for more information www.sturgescenter.org).

The California Theatre legends continue in 2009 with **LeAnn Rimes**, **Montgomery Gentry**, **The Beach Boys**, **The Temptations**, **The Spinners** and more.

The All-American Boys Chorus has performed in the grand halls of Vienna, the Alps in Switzerland; by the canals of Venice and through the Black Forest of Germany; in the gilded concert halls of St. Petersburg and Moscow; and in Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China. They have appeared on the Disney Channel, in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, and in television and radio commercials.

The Economic Development Agency is a proud sponsor and producer of the California Theatre Legends Concerts. For additional information, contact Emil Marzullo, Executive Director, Economic Development Agency, at (909) 663-1044. 



The Sturges Center (above) and the California Theatre (below) are bringing legends to San Bernardino.



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New dinner theater comes to Corona


There's a new dinner theater in town, but don't expect murder mysteries or Italian weddings. WBZB Entertainment, the arts organization behind the "Inland Idol" event that took place this summer, introduces Spotlight Music Hall, a new musical variety dinner theater.

Spotlight is an interactive, family-friendly experience complete with salad, dinner, dessert and a professionally-staged variety show. One moment there's a Santa Claus hip-hop number and the next minute they're doing a country hoedown.

Spotlight is looking for a permanent home, but for December, their "Holiday Hijinks!" production will be staged in Corona. There will be two performances on Dec. 13th at Crossroads Church in Corona, catered by Citrus City Grille. The restaurant will also host the dining portion of a special Dec. 20 performance at Dos Lagos, where attendees will have dinner before watching the show at the amphitheater.

Spotlight's producer is no stranger to dinner theater production. For over five years, he produced an award-winning dinner theater in Orange County. He has directed and been involved in at least eight other dinner theater productions over the last two decades.

The cast is comprised of some of the most versatile performers in Southern California. They hail from Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

This project benefits WBZB's nonprofit outreach, which creates performance opportunities for young people and brings performance arts into the community. 



Spotlight Music Hall presents 'Holiday Hijinks!'

- 5pm and 8pm Dec. 13, Plex Auditorium at Crossroads Church, 2331 Kellogg Ave., Corona
- 7pm Dec. 20, Dos Lagos Amphitheater and Citrus City Grille, 2755 Lakeshore Drive
- Admission: \$49.95 for adults, \$29.95 for children 12 and under; includes salad, dinner, dessert, coffee or tea and the show. Tickets for the show without the meal are \$25.

Tickets online at:
www.SpotlightMusicHall.com
or Call: 951-371-5239

RANCHO CUCAMONGA • LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE

Love, music and magic in 'The Velveteen Rabbit'

Children and adults will be enchanted by the magical tale of *The Velveteen Rabbit* when it comes to life on-stage at Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse on Saturday, Dec. 6, with performances at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are now available and are priced at \$16.50 for General Admission, \$14.50 for Seniors, and \$13.50 for Youth.

Presented by Philadelphia's renowned touring group the Enchantment Theatre Company, Margery Williams' beloved children's book tells the tale of a young boy who receives a stuffed rabbit made of velveteen on Christmas Day. With intricate puppetry, colorful masks and soaring music by Tony, Emmy and Grammy award-winning composer and arranger Don Sebesky, the production captures the magic of childhood and the power of devotion, love and friendship. The performance is perfect for children ages five and older.

An intimate, 536-seat venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse is the crown jewel of the three-acre, 89,000 square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 6pm, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm, and Sunday from 10am to 5pm, with free parking available.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com or call the Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422.

'Winter Dance Party' unleashes the Hits of the '50s

Music lovers can bop their way back to the fabulous '50s this holiday season with John Mueller's *Winter Dance Party* at Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse on Friday, Dec. 5 at 8pm. Tickets are now available and priced at \$35 for General Admission, \$33.00 for Seniors, and \$28.50 for Youth.

Billed as the official tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, the high-energy show recreates in uncanny detail the musicians' final tour; with fabulous costumes, high voltage entertainment and straight-up Rock 'n' Roll. The only show of its kind endorsed by the beloved musicians' estates, it includes more than two hours of hit songs from the era, including *That'll Be The Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *Oh, Boy*, *Rave On*, *La Bamba*, *Chantilly Lace* and more.

The *Winter Dance Party* stars John Mueller, who first earned rave reviews as the star of the U.S. touring version of the hit musical *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*. He is joined on stage by Jay P. Richardson, Jr., playing the part of his real-life legendary father, the Big Bopper. Ray Anthony, renowned for his starring role in the *Legends of Rock and Roll* show at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas, rounds out the group performing as Ritchie Valens.

The Lewis Family Playhouse is located off the I-15 at Foothill Boulevard in Rancho Cucamonga. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 6pm, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm, and Sunday from 10am to 5pm, with free parking available. For additional information or to purchase tickets, visit www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com or call the Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422.

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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 straight-aways. 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.

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.

CASTLE PARK: Rides, games and miniatures golf. 3500 Polk Ave., Riverside. (951) 785-3000.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY

EVENTS: See our guide starting on page 6.

DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER: 2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana. Open 10am to 5pm daily. Off 5 freeway, exit Main St. (714) 542-CUBE. www.discoverycube.org.

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

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



It's winter and the mountains are ready. Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain offers snowy fun in Big Bear for little kids and big kids. 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 for information.

JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER: 7621 Granite Hill Dr., in Riverside. (951) 685-5818.

KIDZONE YOUTH MUSEUM: 123 S. Carmalita St., Downtown Hemet. (951) 765-1223. www.kidzone.org.

THE LIVING DESERT: Zoo featuring flora and fauna of the area's deserts. • WildLights, festive light display, 6-9pm on select nights through Jan. 4. Includes iceless skating rink, Santa Claus, and music. • 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. June-Aug., daily 10am-5pm. www.BigBearZoo.com. (909) 878-4200.

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM: • Santa's Christmas Train, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 11am-4pm. • Museum open 9 a.m. to 5pm daily, 2201 S. A St., Perris; train and trolley rides, weekends and holidays, 11 a.m. to 5pm; all-day train and trolley pass \$12, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 943-3020. www.oerm.org.

PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM: The Wright Brothers, A Children's Musical celebrating the history of flight, Dec. 13, 1pm. A musical comedy production, suitable for the entire family, during which they build a 20-ft wing span model of the original Wright "Flyer." The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722. www.planesoffame.org.

SNOW PLAY DAY AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Dec. 6, 9am-2pm, at Bordwell Park in Riverside.

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



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The Star of Bethlehem...an Astronomical Enigma

Since the advent of scientific method, many treatises have been published attempting to satisfy questions surrounding the nature and existence of the Star of Bethlehem. A biblical account of this star was recorded in the book of Matthew from the New Testament. Because of its many unusual attributes and behaviors, the Star was interpreted by Magi as a sign of the birth of the Messiah and King of the Jews. Later, scientists and historians used the biblical clues as a springboard for their research.

Evidence substantiating the occurrence of such a phenomenon has been misleading. Confusing translations led to misinterpretations. For example, in ancient times the planets were not recognized as separate entities from stars. They were simply identified as “wandering stars” because of the noticeable difference of their movement in the night sky. In addition, the calendar system that we use today was devised inaccurately by a monk who inadvertently miscalculated the years between 14 AD and 27 BC. Modern science established the difference between planets and stars and cleared up the inaccuracies of the calendar year.


Computer technology has been used to greatly enhance the accuracy of calculations necessary to create a replica of the night skies around the time of the Nativity. Scholars generally agree that the more likely time of Christ’s birth lies between 6 and 2 BC. Examining astronomical phenomena of the time period through computerized tables gives researchers a chance to determine potential candidates that meet the criteria of the Star of Bethlehem as set forth in the Book of Matthew. Ancient historical records further define the data.

The result of these investigations has produced a fascinating variety of possibilities. A comet, a nova (exploding star), and meteor have all been suggested. But none of these candidates meets all of the criteria. However, current popular scientific theory is that the Star of Bethlehem could have been a conjunction (apparent connection) of the planets Jupiter and Venus which actually occurred in the night sky in June, 2 BC.

To find out why scholars and scientists support this theory, visit the library at the MSAS Astronomy Village. There you will find a collection of recommended publications on the subject.

Further enhance your knowledge by attending SkyQuest Public Programs for December. Topics include The Moon, Our Nearest Neighbor on Saturday, Dec. 6, and The Planets of Our Solar System on Saturday, Dec. 20. All programs are from 7pm to 9pm 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.

For information and directions, call (909) 336-1699 or visit www.mountain-skies.org.

MSAS Astronomy Village is located off State Hwy 18, between Daley Canyon and Rim of the World High School. Turn in at the yellow, overhead light and follow the signs. 



The Magi from the East by Gustav Dore.

RC enthusiasts gather in Ontario

Have a love of all things radio controlled? Then there’s a gathering in Ontario that might just send you soaring. The Academy of Model Aeronautics is holding an expo on Jan. 9-11 at the Ontario Convention Center, featuring a wide range of RC vehicles.

Take a look at model airplanes, helicopters, rockets, cars, trains and more. Enjoy hands-on activities such as building and flying your own model airplanes, constructing make-and-take rockets, and driving remote-control cars and boats.

Hours are Noon to 6pm on Jan. 9, 10am to 6pm on Jan. 10, and 10am to 4pm on Jan. 11.

Tickets are available for sale at the door. Children 6 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, go online to www.modelaircraft.org or call (800) I-FLY-AMA.



Palm Springs Air Museum spruces outside bas-reliefs

Keeping up the exterior facades on the hangars at the Palm Springs Air Museum is no easy task. Just ask JoAnn Dutton, construction and visual artist, who spent most of this hot summer on scaffolding near the roof of the 30 foot tall hangars. The air was so hot, she had to wear gloves to touch her tools.

A young mom of three, Dutton was called in to repair, restore and do an aesthetic facelift on the existing one hundred Bas Relief panels built 12 years ago.

"The desert's sun and wind are brutal. I had to completely recreate parts of the panels facing southeast because of the damage by the elements, and nearly all of them required some sort of minor repair," she said.

Each panel is four feet by nine feet. Pieced together, the Bas Relief panels show different war birds in action. Two walls face southeast and two face north. The original Bas Reliefs were made of resin coated high-density foam.

"In addition to the repair and restoration, some preventative measures were necessary to


ensure further longevity. I added a total of about 5,000 metal screws to the facade which would serve both structurally as well as aesthetically. The screws would be likened to the rivets found on the sheet metal of the old vintage planes and the metal buildings which house the Air Museum. The concept was to provide some visual congruency to the transformation," Dutton said.

"It was actually a very beautiful time for me and became a labor of love. Working outside in the fresh air with the sounds of the planes flying about was a wonderful and welcomed reprieve to the hot days. The people who work and volunteer at the museum were also a delight and their commitment to its success very obvious. It was a treat to observe the many different generations of visitors who clearly enjoyed their experience as there is something for everyone...and many expressed their curiosity at what exactly it was that I was up to. One thing for sure, the Air Museum isn't just for people who love planes or history. Being there initiated in me a sense of curiosity to learn about something of which I knew very little. Our generation isn't affected

directly by land wars the way the World War II generation was and the Museum provides a stimulating journey back in time," she said.

The Museum houses one of the best aviation collections in the country, with over 28 flyable aircraft plus vintage cars. An interior tour of the B-17, interactive exhibits, side kiosks, flight simulators, original aviation paintings and murals plus a library with over 6,000 volumes of mainly primary source materials round out the museum's offerings.

Regular adult admission is \$12. Active Military with ID and children under 6 are free. The family rate for 2 adults and up to 3 children is \$25. Teens 13-17 are \$10 and children 6-12 are \$5.

The museum is located at 745 N. Gene Autry Trail in Palm Springs. Discounted admissions are not valid on Saturdays and holidays. The Palm Springs Air Museum is an educational non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and honor veterans while educating future generations. For more information, visit www.PalmSpringsAirMuseum.org. For more information on JoAnn Dutton, visit www.JoAnnDutton.com. 



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Cable Air Show brings aerial action to Upland

What is going on in Upland? There are noisy airplanes flying around. Some of them are trailing smoke! Then while you are watching one of them will go straight up and then come down rolling wing tip over wing tip!

Well Folks, it's the 34th annual Cable Air Show held at Cable Airport. On January 10 and 11, you can come to Cable Airport and get up close and personal with aircraft built in the 1930-40s all the way up to the now popular Light Sport Aircraft, the wave of the future in general aviation. Of course, along with the antique aircraft, will be WWII warbirds and a currently-being-used Blackhawk Helicopter from the Army National Guard.

At 10am and 2pm Saturday and Sunday starts off the aerobatic portion

of the show, so plan your arrival accordingly. The morning starts off with three skydivers followed by performances by Dr. Frank Donnelly and his "Old Time Aerobatics" along with Doug Jardine flying a fast paced, energetic routine in his Sukhoi followed by Jon Melby flying a Pitts, an aerobatic biplane. In between the aerobatic routines of the "big planes," the Corona RC Club and the California RC Jet Club will demonstrate what their radio controlled planes can do.

Plan on coming well before 2pm because a SkyVan will fly in and pick up 18 skydivers. While they are climbing to altitude to jump, you and your family can grab something to eat at one of the many food vendors, and maybe look around at some of the many vendors selling aviation memorabilia, clothing, or toys for the kids. Of course, for the adventurous kids, there is a climbing wall and bungee jumping, and activities for the real little ones. At 2pm the sky will light up with all colors of the rainbow as the jumpers float slowly back down to earth, landing



on the runway.

The two day event will also allow you to have a flight over the Inland Empire in a Cessna, a helicopter or a 1940 Waco biplane.

In addition to planes enjoy the pre-1970s car show. The car show enthusiasts have their own judging for "Best of Show" shortly after noon, with a drive-by in front of the audience both Saturday and Sunday.

Cable Air Show is coordinated by the Pomona Valley Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Assoc., Chapter 448 and the Cable Airport Foundation. Proceeds of the Air Show go to non-profit organizations focused on helping young adults in begin involvement in general aviation.

For more information, go online to www.cableairport.com. 

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New Year's Eve Dance for Christian singles

Spectacular Events is sponsoring a "Giant New Year's Eve Dance" for Christian singles of all denominations, races and ages. Tickets are available for 600 men and 600 women to this annual event.

This will be an alcohol-free dance with three Christian DJ's and three rooms for dancing, featuring music of the 60's, 70's, 80's, R & B and Tasteful Top 40's for freestyle dancing, Salsa, Swing, Cha Cha, Rumba, and Country Western, Swing and Line Dances. One hour of dance lessons will be available before the dance begins. It's not necessary to bring a partner because singles are rotated throughout the lesson.

Mixer games will be played to help singles meet new friends. Midnight communion will be offered as well.

Advance tickets are \$39, tickets at the door are \$50. Parking is free and noise makers are included. The party, for singles and couples, will be held in the Titan Student Union Building at Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd, in Fullerton (State College and W. Campus Drive).

For a free Christian Singles Fun Pack with details about a rotational Christmas dinner-dance (men change tables for each dinner course), cruises, Singles Safari Retreat at the Hyatt Grand Champions, bunco, karaoke and the one-on-one introductions, call (714) 210-3337 or go online to ChristianSinglesFunEvents.com

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CHRISTIAN SINGLES: • Giant 3 in 1 New Year Eve's Dance Party, Dec. 31. Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. • Dance at Cowtown in Riverside, 5th Saturdays of the month. • (714) 210-3337, (888) 222-8818. christiansinglesfunevents.com.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY EVENTS

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FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS EXPO: Jan. 9-11 at the Ontario Convention Center, featuring a wide range of RC vehicles. Noon to 6pm on Jan. 9, 10am to 6pm on Jan. 10, and 10am to 4pm on Jan. 11. www.modelaircraft.org. call (800) I-FLY-AMA. See article on page 25.

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CABLE AIRSHOW: In Upland at the Cable Airport, Jan. 10-11. See article on page 27.

FARMER'S MARKET: Every Saturday from 8am to 1pm in Riverside. Located on Main Street between 5th and 6th Streets, it provides a unique opportunity to shop for fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, aged Gouda cheeses by Winchester Cheese Co. and fresh baked breads.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE, PALM SPRINGS: Dec. 6, 5:45pm, downtown Palm Springs. Bands, floats and Santa come together for this annual event. Located between El Alameda and Ramon.

FESTIVAL OF WINTER: Dec. 13, Miller Park in Fontana. Festival 11am-5pm, Christmas Parade 10am. Ice skating rink opens Dec. 5. Tree lighting ceremony Dec. 5, 6-6:40pm at the Fontana City Hall Courtyard. (909) 428-8360. www.fontanarecreation.org.

FONTANA CRUISE NIGHTS: Every first Friday of the month, 5-9pm, cruise night with live entertainment, face painting, food and more. At the Art Depot, 16822 Spring St., in Fontana. To reserve a booth or register a vehicle, call (909) 428-8360. www.fontana.org.

KILLARNEY'S IRISH PUB & GRILL: • New Year Eve's Party. Reserve a table for the entire night. Live music with StereoFlux in Riverside and Clay Colton in Temecula. Cover starts at 10pm in Riverside at \$10, 9pm in Temecula at \$10. For \$39.95, get shrimp cocktail, dinner salad, select entree, dessert, party favors and cover charge. • Live music, happy hour, late night menu, catering available, traditional Irish fayre, American dishes. 32475 Hwy. 79 S., Temecula, (951) 302-8338, and in Riverside at the Riverside Plaza, (951) 682-2933. www.killarneys.com.

NHRA TWILIGHT CRUISE: Dec. 3, 1, 4-8pm. All 1970 and earlier rods, customs, classics and muscle cars are invited to join in the museum parking lot. At the Pomona Fairplex.

LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE: The Village features more than 50 stores, restaurants and attractions. For more information, call (909) 337-2533, or go online to lakearrowheadvillage.com.

LAKE PERRIS SPORTS PAVILION: Satellite wagering from the Lake Perris Fairgrounds. 18700 Lake Perris Dr. (951) 679-7223. www.socalfair.com.

NOS SPORTS CENTER: Satellite horserace wagering, Thursday through Monday. Doors open at 10:15am. Free parking. 930 S. Arrowhead Ave., Gate 10, San Bernardino. (909) 885-7223.

OLD RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION'S VICTORIAN TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION: Jan. 9-10, 6:30pm and 8:30pm. The evening will include a four-course progressive dinner hosted in some of the the Heritage Square Historic District's most illustrious vintage homes with transportation between homes provided by horse-drawn carriages. Proceeds benefit historic preservation in the Riverside area. Tickets \$85. (951) 683-2725.

ORANGE SHOW SPEEDWAY: Live stock car racing Saturdays, 6:30pm. Tickets: Adults \$10, kids \$2. Parking \$4. National Orange Show, San Bernardino. nosevents.com/speedway, (909) 888-6788 x438.

POMONA HARVEST FESTIVAL: Dec. 5-7 at the Fairplex.

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- Date and time
- City, location and address
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MUSEUMS

REDLANDS MARKET NIGHT: Through Dec. 18, every Thursday night in Downtown Redlands, 6-9pm. At State Street.

RG CANNING SWAP MEET: 7am - 3pm weekly. www.rgcshows.com. (909) 889-9300. National Orange Show, San Bernadino, Carnival lot 1 Gate 7. Free admission.

RIVERSIDE PLAZA: Live musical events in December and visits by Santa Claus. See article on page 12. For more information call (951) 683-1066 or go online to www.shopriversideplaza.com. The Riverside Plaza is located in Riverside off of Central Ave.

SNOW PLAY DAY AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Dec. 6, 9am-2pm, at Bordwell Park in Riverside.

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ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN: 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 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.

ASTRONOMY VILLAGE: Observatory, gift shop and monthly educational programs. The Village is located at 2001 Observatory Way, off Hwy. 18, West of Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead. See article on page 25 for December events.

LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE: The Village features more than 50 stores, restaurants and attractions. For more information, call (909) 337-2533, or go online to www.lakearrowheadvillage.com.

CALIFORNIA WELCOME CENTER: Ask for a regional recreation and relaxation passport. 1955 Hunts Lane, #102, in San Bernardino. (909) 891-1874. visitcwc.com or cwcinlandempire.com.

THE HISTORIC SITE OF THE ORIGINAL MCDONALDS/ROUTE 66 MUSEUM: Toys, collectables, photo memorabilia, vintage road signs. Open 10am-5pm daily. 1398 N. E St., San Bernardino. Free admission. (909) 885-6324.

THE INLAND EMPIRE MILITARY MUSEUM: WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars military memorabilia. Open Sat. and Sun., 10am-5pm, Mon.-Fri. by appointment. 1394 N. E St. in San Bernardino. Free admission. (909) 885-6324 or (909) 888-0477.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL SHRINE: Houses thousands of volumes on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, 1 to 5pm Tuesdays through Sundays. Smiley Park, 125 W. Vine St., Redlands, free, (909) 798-7636.

THE LIVING DESERT: Zoo featuring flora and fauna of the area's deserts. • WildLights, festive light display, 6-9pm on select nights through Jan. 4. Includes iceless skating rink, Santa Claus, and music. • Located south of State Highway 111 at 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert. 760-346-5694, www.livingdesert.org.

NHRA MUSEUM: • At the Pomona Fairplex, Lower Admin Lot, 4-8pm. See 1970 and earlier rods, customs, classics and muscle cars. • Current exhibits: 50th Anniversary of Coker Tire and 60 Years of Honest Charley, through Nov., 2008; 60th Anniversary of Hot Rod Magazine, through Oct., 2008; • Auto Club NHRA Finals, free admission, Nov. 6-9. • Toy drive, Dec. 3. • (800) 884-6472. museum.nhra.com. 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Bldg. 3A, Pomona, LA County Fairplex.



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PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM: 745 N. Gene Autry Trail. For more information, call (800) 514-3849 or go online to palmsspringsairmuseum.org.

PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM: • Guadalcanal event, Dec. 6. \$11 general, children 11 and under are \$4 and children under 5 are free. • The Wright Brothers, A Children's Musical celebrating the history of flight, Dec. 13, 1pm. A musical comedy production, suitable for the entire family, during which they build a 20-ft wing span model of the original Wright "Flyer." • Fighters over North Africa, Jan. 3, 10am. See article on page 16. • The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722. www.planesoffame.org.

SAN BERNARDINO HISTORY AND RAILROAD MUSEUM: At the San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot, 1170 West 3rd St.

SAN JACINTO VALLEY MUSEUM: Noon to 5pm Thursdays through Saturdays, 181 E. Main St., San Jacinto, free, (951) 654-4952.

TEMECULA VALLEY MUSEUM: The museum is located in Sam Hicks Monument Park at 28314 Mercedes Street, Temecula. Museum Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday 1-5 PM.

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS, PEPPERS GALLERY: 1200 E. Colton Ave., Redlands, (909) 793-2121 ext. 3660

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS

CHRISTIAN SINGLES: Giant 3 in 1 New Year Eve's Dance Party, Dec. 31. Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. (714) 210-3337, (888) 222-8818. christiansinglesfunevents.com. See article on page 27.

FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: See article on page 14.

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THEME PARKS

ALPINE SLIDE: See Mountain Activities.

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.

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WILSON CREEK WINERY: Creekside Grille, open daily 11am to 5pm. See article on page 15. (951) 699-9463. wilsoncreekwinery.com.

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