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Experience the Joy of the 19th Annual Riverside Festival of Lights

Festival of Lights on Main Street Riverside is your chance to experience the most dazzling holiday spectacle south of the North Pole.

The Festival offers five weeks of holiday merriment in Downtown Riverside, celebrating the season with family activities that include holiday decorations and lights on The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, Mission Inn Avenue and on City-owned buildings; the Inland Empire's first outdoor ice skating rink; holiday-themed

vendors; family-friendly live entertainment; and of course, Santa Claus.

It all began with the flip of a switch on November 25th, during the "Switch-On Ceremony" presented by Duane and Kelly Roberts, owners of The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa. In one swift move Riverside's downtown was instantly illuminated with more than three and a half million twinkling lights and spectacular fireworks. The Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and the



tainment, unique shopping and creative dining along Main Street Riverside.

No holiday experience would be complete without a visit from the North Pole's most famous resident. Santa Claus will be out every night through Dec. 24.

Festival of Lights Committee,

consisting of community volun-

teers and local businesses, put in

many long hours to coordinate

The magic continues for

festival-goers as they glide under

the stars on an outdoor ice skat-

ing rink located on Main Street

In addition to the lights and

ice skating, holiday enthusiasts

225 hours of live holiday enter-

can be dazzled by more than

Riverside between University

and Mission Inn Avenues.

the Ceremony.

The Riverside Festival of Lights allows everyone no matter what age - to be charged with wonder and anticipation of the magic of the holidays. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this wonderful Riverside tradition.

Santa House

Located on Main Street Riverside between Mission Inn Avenue and 6th Street.

Through December 24th Mon – Thurs: 4 – 9pm Friday: 4 – 11pm Saturday: 2 – 11pm Sunday: 2 – 10pm Christmas Eve: 2 – 7pm

Photos with Santa will be provided and personal camera photos will NOT be allowed. Photo packages and souvenir photos will be available for purchase.

Santa's Breakfast

Dec. 17: 9am - 11am.

Santa's Workshop

Dec. 17: 1pm - 3pm

Ice Skating Rink

Located on Main Street Riverside between University & Mission Inn Avenues

Through Dec. 19 Mon – Thurs: 4 – 10pm Friday: 4 – 11pm Saturday: Noon – 11pm Sunday: Noon – 10pm

Dec. 20 – Jan. 8 Mon – Fri: Noon – 11pm December 24th: Noon – 9pm December 25th: Closed

\$10 per hour per person and \$3 skate rentals. Frequent Skater Cards (do not include the cost of skate rental) are also available for \$50 and are valid Sundays through Thursdays.



Great Seats Available Now! <u>www.brava-arts.org</u>

Ticket Prices: \$15, \$20, \$30, \$35 VIP

Art for the Heart

a portion of the proceeds from all ticket sales, goes to support the "Art for the Heart" Children & Family Outreach BRAVA, (Balet Resource Active Volunteer Association) is dedicated to Mentoring - Choreography - Scholarships - Outreach and Production FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL 800–870–6069 CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Grove Community Church Presents: A Christmas Encounter

The entire story of Christmas will be illuminated in a unique outdoor setting on Dec. 14, 15, and 16. Come and go anytime between 6:30pm and 8:30pm. Enjoy a guided hayride alongside live actors and an assortment of animals including sheep, goats, and camels. The outdoor journey leads to Bethlehem, the birthplace of the baby Jesus. Along the way live music, crafts for the kids, coffee and cocoa are served by costumed street vendors.

Come experience a walk back in time some 2,000 years ago. Life was much different in those days but remarkably they faced many of the same struggles we face today. The solution was simple, so simple down to a manger up from a grave

a christmas encounter



many of them missed it completely; come see for yourself.

The event is free for all ages. The journey takes place on The Grove Community Church campus. Parking is free and plentiful. Load up the whole family and start your Christmas celebrations in a very unique and special way during *A Christmas Encounter*.

Grove Community Church is located at 19900 Grove Community Dr. in Riverside. For more information, call (951) 571-9090, or go online to www.thegrove.cc.



Snow Play After Dark for Faster Inner Tube Rides

s night arrives the lights go on and stars come out. More important, snow gets even faster, making for incredible inner tubing at Big Bear Lake's Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain, which offers the Southland's only night snow play.

Inner tubing after dark at Alpine Slide is surreal as sliders pinwheel back and forth through the shadows during their downhill descents. Always open for night snow play Fridays and Saturdays 5-9pm, the area also has extra evening sessions for the upcoming holiday season every night from Dec. 16 through Jan. 7, 2012 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Bundle up when the sun goes down for the fastest, most exhilarating rides around.

The snow is groomed prior to each night session to ensure tubers enjoy perfectly smooth corduroy on Alpine Slide's traditional downhill runs. The area is also home to the twisting, turning "Snake," a series of high-banked turns that whip riders back and forth, to and fro, like a boardercross or motocross track. As snow gets faster as the evening progresses the famous Snake gets even more bite to its ride and is especially popular with the after dark crowd.

Getting to the top of all the snow is easy thanks to Magic Carpet uphill lift...just step on

the moving conveyor belt and you're back at the top ready for more fun in a jiffy. No trying to scramble up an icy slope, which just wouldn't happen after dark. Save your energy for the thrilling downhill rides. Alpine Slide's Magic Carpet is enclosed in Plexiglass for guest comfort.

When it's time for a winter warm-up, head inside the heated base lodge with video games for hot cocoa, coffee or other goodies from the family-priced snack bar.

Night tubing is perfect for those who want to ski, snowboard, snowshoe or explore other Big Bear recreation by day. Night tubing is cheaper, too; just \$15 buys four hours of fun and includes the Magic Carpet lift pass and tube rental.

Alpine Slide and nearby Big Bear Snow Play are open daily for inner tubing from 10am to 4pm. Each make their own snow with the same Lenko fan guns used at the ski resorts to ensure there's plenty of white stuff to play on. Day sessions cost \$25 which includes Magic Carpet pass and tube rental. Guests are welcome to come and go if they want, or bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it.

Alpine Slide is also home to the signature bobsled-like ride of the same name. Experience many of the same gravitational forces Olympians



feel during your descent down two quarter-mile long cement tracks aboard sleds with ball-bearing wheels that you actually control. Go faster or slower and lean into each banked turn before tucking through the straightaways.

Alpine Slide also offers Putt 'N Around Go-Karts and an 18-hole miniature golf course and there's a terrific weekend barbecue on the outdoor deck.

Alpine Slide

Located a 1/4 mile west of the Village shopping area. (909) 866-4626

Big Bear Snow Play On Big Bear Blvd. three miles east of Alpine Slide next to Motel 6. (909) 585-0075



Join the 'Drag Race Reunion' at NHRA

egendary racer Tom "The Mongoose" McEwen has gathered some of his closest friends and is heading back to "The Beach," and you're invited! On Saturday, Dec. 3, 2-5pm, McEwen will host a Lions Last Drag Race Reunion at the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum.

Lions officially opened on October 9, 1955, actually a few weeks after the opening of another purpose built strip-San Fernando. Drag News described Lions as, "Probably one of the greatest auto racing spectacles in local history." The place was packed. The pit gates had to be closed, officials had to limit the number of runs and the parking overflowed into the



surrounding streets. Track manager Mickey Thompson announced he would double the number of bleachers.

For more than 15 years the Beach enjoyed an unrivaled reputation. Sadly, the fun ended when the Los Angeles Harbor Commission decided that it needed the land for development-it eventually became the Intermodal Container

Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum

Founded in 1998 and named for the founder of the National Hot Rod Association, the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum, presented by Automobile Club of Southern California, houses the very roots of hot rodding. Scores of famous vehicles spanning American motorsports history are on display, including winning cars representing 50 years of drag racing, dry lakes and salt-flat racers, oval track challengers and exhibits describing their colorful backgrounds. The Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 5pm. Current NHRA members are admitted free and Auto Club members enjoy a \$2 discount. Admission for non-members is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors 60 and older, \$6 for juniors six through 15, and free for children under the age of five. The Museum is also available for special group tours. The Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum is located at Fairplex Gate 1, 1101 W. McKinley Ave. in Pomona. For further information on special exhibits, museum events or directions, call (909) 622-2133 or visit museum.nhra.com.

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The "Goose," of course, went on to win Funny Car at that last race (against arch rival Prudhomme) and he will be joined in a panel discussion by other Lions Drag Strip notables including "T.V. Tommy" Ivo who (with McEwen) arguably made more runs down the Long Beach quarter-mile than any other drivers,

Pro Stock champion of The Last Drag Race Bill Bagshaw, and long time starter Larry Sutton.

Hot Rod DeLuxe magazine editor Dave Wallace will moderate, saying, "Fascination with 'The Beach' only seems to increase the further away we get. I'm really excited to moderate this discussion which I expect will be lively given the panelists."

Joining Dave and the racers will be other personalities from Lions including Gordon Browning who discovered the location and track manager Mickey Thompson's wife Judy and son Danny.

The cost is only \$25 per person. For more information about the Lions Last Drag Race Reunion visit the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum web site at museum.nhra.com or call (909) 622-2133.

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Charles Phoenix's Retro Holiday Slide Show Returns

eturning to the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum on Sunday, Dec. 4 is the Ambassador of Americana, Charles Phoenix celebrating how we decorated, dressed up, dined, and drank during the holidays in the 50s and 60s with his Retro Holiday Slide Show.

With his abundant joy, clever wit and keen eye for odd-ball detail, Charles supercharges the classic living room slide show into a laugh-out-loud extravaganza of classic and kitschy mid-century New Years, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas life and style. Festive holiday dress is encouraged but not expected.

More details about Charles Phoenix's Holiday Retro Slide Show can be found at www.charlesphoenix.com.



Charles Phoenix's Retro Holiday Slide Show Sunday, Dec. 4, 7pm National Hot Rod Museum, Fairplex 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona (909) 622-2122

www.charlesphoenix.com

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By Downtowne Bookstore Staff

he Downtowne Bookstore, located between the historic Mission Inn and the Riverside Convention Center in lovely downtown Riverside, has enjoyed nine fruitful years of service to the community. We have pared down our inventory by eliminating LPs, videos and DVDs, but added some gorgeous original crate labels. We also have on-going displays of local photography and art work for sale.



This year has been good to us. When Borders Bookstore closed, we found a steady influx of new customers who are willing to wait a bit for the latest titles to be given up to used book stores. Also, we have been on channel 7 news again just before Halloween, the second year in a row, highlighting our "ghosts." We have had some positive activity recorded by numerous paranormal organizations. So far the ghosts have proven to be benign and harmless. Come in and let me know if you experience anything unusual! This came in handy when we did our skit for Riverside Ballet's annual Ghostwalk. We hope to do another skit next year.

We have a page on Facebook, so look us up there. Also, if you would like to be on our email mailing list, write to us at downtownebookstore@sbcglobal.net for upcoming events and messages.

Our hours are Mondays through Saturdays 10am to pm, Sundays noon to 5pm, and Thursdays and Fridays we are open until 9pm. After Thanksgiving through the first week of January, we will be open Thursdays through Saturdays until 9pm, and Sundays until 6pm.

Reptiles Invade the Fairplex in Pomona

The Reptile Super Show brings you face to face with thousands of reptiles and amphibians

re you looking for something exciting to do that won't break the bank? The Reptile Super Show provides a unique family experience at an affordable price. Imagine 50,000 sq. ft. filled to capacity with countless species of reptiles and amphibians, supplies and more for sale and on exhibit.

The Reptile Super Show is the premier exotic reptile and amphibian expo, attracting vendors and attendees from countries all over the world including Japan, South Africa and many from the European union. With this level of diversity there is little you can't find, rare or common, at this year's Los Angeles Reptile Super Show. There is plenty to learn at this years expo, the vendors are all happy to share their experiences and many of the booths are strictly educational and informative.

The show takes place at the L.A. County Fairgrounds/Pomona Fairplex on Jan. 7-8.

Snakes, lizards, geckos, tarantulas, frogs, turtles and more will fill up the Fairplex. Thousands of reptiles and amphibians will be on display and for sale. Crowds at the Reptile Super Show include all ages, and it makes a great family event.

See huge snakes and learn about their care and even how to breed them. Watch baby snakes and turtles hatching out of their shell, right



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before your eyes. Learn the history and see the changes from dinosaurs to reptiles.

More than 400 tables and hundreds of vendors will be at the world's largest reptile show, the Reptile Super Show. This expo is open to the public and is affordable too. Admission is \$12 for adults and kids 12 and under are \$7. Hours are Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday11am-5pm.

Visit www.ReptileSuperShow.com for more information, coupons and more.



Theater & The Arts

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Holiday Offerings at the Lewis Family Playhouse

et into the season at Rancho Cucamonga's Lewis Family Playhouse with these December shows. The Playhouse is located at 12505 Cultural Center Dr. in Rancho Cucamonga. Tickets and more information are available at lewisfamilyplayhouse.com, or by calling (909) 477-2752.



A Christmas Carol

Based on the book by Charles Dickens Adapted by John Jakes

What would the season be without the haunting apparitions, delightful street urchins, long-suffering Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim all at the mercy of the grumbling, humbugging Ebenezer Scrooge? In this stage version of A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens himself guides us through the evening as we enjoy both his words and the theatricality that has brought this classic to life for generations of theatre-goers.

Tickets: General: \$18; Senior/Youth: \$16 Show Times: Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 2pm; Dec. 3, 9, 10, 7:30pm.



Coming To The Lewis

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January, 2012

The Nutcracker Presented by the Inland Pacific Ballet

Discover the magic of the holiday season with family and friends at *The Nutcracker*. Celebrating their 17th season, critically acclaimed Inland Pacific Ballet brings The Nutcracker to life in this magnificent production with dazzling sets, beautiful costumes, and more than 100 dancers on stage. Tickets: General \$42; Senior \$40; Youth \$21; Preferred Seating \$50 Show Times: Dec. 15-16, 7pm

Bob & Bing's Holiday Road Show

Formatted as a 1940's NBC radio broadcast, complete with seasonal jingles of the era and interaction with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and their legendary guest stars Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Jimmy Durante and Yogi Yorgensen, Bob & Bing's Holiday Road Show stars Lynn Roberts and Bob Pasch. Featuring music of the season including the all time hits, "White Christmas" and "Jingle Bells," it's a laugh filled trip back to the golden days of radio. Tickets: General: \$16 and \$20; Senior: \$16 and \$18.

Show Time: Dec. 18, 2pm

Dionne Warwick

International music legend Dionne Warwick, whose career spans more than 48 years, earned more than sixty charted hits and sold over 100 million records, makes her Lewis Family Playhouse debut in a special one-night only performance. Tickets: \$65

Show Time: Jan. 14, 8pm

ABBA-Mania & Night Fever

ABBA-Mania & Night Fever, an Abba and Bee Gees tribute, captures a full history of ABBA and The Bee Gees. Tickets: General \$26.50 and; Senior: \$26.50 and \$31 Show Time: Jan. 13, 8pm



'Mythbusters' Brings Science To The Stage

The popular Discovery Channel show stars appear at the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside

The all-new, live show *MythBusters: Behind the Myths*, starring Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage, co-hosts of the Emmy-nominated Discovery series "MythBusters," makes its debut at the Fox Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30pm for one performance only. Tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster.

MythBusters: Behind the Myths promises to be a fantastical evening of on-stage experiments, audience participation, rocking video and behind-the-scenes stories. For the first time ever, fans will join Jamie and Adam on stage and assist in their mind-blowing and mind-twisting approach to science.

MythBusters: Behind the Myths brings you face-to-face with the curious world of Jamie and Adam as the duo matches wits on stage with each other and members of the audience. The show is on a 28-city national tour that begins in Modesto, California on January 6.

One of the Discovery Channel's most highly regarded and watched series, "MythBusters" is now in its ninth season. Co-hosted by Hyneman



and Savage, "MythBusters" mixes scientific method with gleeful curiosity and plain old-fashioned ingenuity to create its own signature style of explosive experimentation – and the supporting or de-bunking of urban

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Theater & Arts



Holidays Driving You Crazy?!! Go

B RAVA (Ballet Resource Active Volunteer Association) and Riverside Ballet Arts announce *David Allan's Nutcracker*, Dec. 17 and 18, at Landis Performing Arts Center on the Riverside City College Campus. With two shows daily, 1pm and 7pm, BRAVA continues Riverside's 27-year tradition of the worldrenowned choreography of Mr. David Allan's *The Nutcracker* with special guest stars Pierre-Francois Vilanoba and Sarah Van Patten, with Principal Dancers from the San Francisco Ballet by permission of San Francisco Artistic Director Helgi Tomasson.

Pierre-Francois Vilanoba, formerly with the

Paris Opera Ballet, became Principal Dancer with the San Francisco Ballet in 1999. Sarah Van Patten danced with the Royal Danish Ballet before becoming Principal Dancer with the San Francisco Ballet in 2007.

Last year, Brava's Executive Director Glenda Carhart resigned as Artistic Director of the California Riverside Ballet, partnered with Choreographer David Allan and Artistic Director, Michel Gervais, and formed a new non-profit focusing on the fine art of ballet and a continued emphasis on young artistic talent, young adults and children in the Riverside area. Since then, BRAVA has provided the community with 12 Outreach programs, 1300 tickets for *David Al-lan's Nutcracker* and a tour of the RCC campus to underserved children from Fremont and Beatty Elementary schools, plus over 1,000 free tickets to service organizations and underserved families in the Inland Empire. BRAVA currently has 12 elementary school students awaiting their first dance scholarship program collaboration with Riverside Ballet Arts beginning in February 2012.

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For tickets to *The Nutcracker*, Dec. 17 and 18, visit the BRAVA website at www.brava-arts.org. For general information or to make donations to BRAVA's Scholarship and Mentoring programs, non-profit 501 (C) (3), call (800) 870-6069.



CHRISTIMAS EXENT

Calimesa Community Concerts present 'The Music of Christmas'

The Music of Christmas, presented by Calimesa Community Concerts, will be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17, at Calimesa SDA Church, 4th and Myrtlerwood, Calimesa.

This spectacular evening of traditional and contemporary holiday music, presented in the setting of a sanctuary beautifully decorated for the season, will feature the California Baptist University Choir and Orchestra, with its 180 gifted, Christian students under the direction of Dr. Gary Bonner.

Performances will be at 6pm and 8pm Friday and 4pm Saturday. Space is limited so purchase tickets early, at Adventist Book Center in Loma Linda or Berean Christian Store in Redlands. For tickets by mail, contact Calimesa Community Concerts, P. O. Box 647, Calimesa, CA 92320. For more information call (909) 795-4960.

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myths that we live with day to day.

Adam and Jamie have become spokespersons at large for applying science to real life most recently as hosts of the Discovery Channel special "iGenius: How Steve Jobs Changed the World," and have appeared on numerous shows including "Late Show with David Letterman," "Good Morning America," "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," "The Colbert Report," NPR's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition," "Countdown with Keith Olberman," and many more. They were invited to participate in Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert's Rally to Restore Fear And/Or Sanity and have received the Young Artist Award for inspiring young people in the interest of science. "MythBusters" has been invited to participate on a panel at Comic-Con, where their appearances have sold-out four years running.

Adam and Jamie serve as guest editors for Popular Mechanics and were featured on the cover of the September 2009 issue. That same year, they were inducted as honorary members into Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. They are Honorary Lifetime Members of the California Science Teachers Association and were named Honorary Engineers and Honorary Members of the Francis Crowe Society at



the University of Maine.

Adam and Jamie produced and starred in an H1N1 Public Service Announcement for the White House, and were chosen by the President to retest the Archimedes legend using 500 schoolchildren as surrogate soldiers.

They appeared as themselves in the movie Darwin Awards and have made several cameos on other TV shows, including CSI. In 2010, Hyneman and Savage received the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award in Cultural Humanism from the Harvard Secular Society.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or at the Fox Performing Arts Center Box Office, located at 3801 Mission Inn Avenue in Riverside. Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$75 with separate premium priced seating that includes meet-and-greet; inquire at box office. The Box Office is open Monday -Friday from Noon to 6pm, Saturdays from 10am to 4pm and on all show days from 10am to Show Time. The Box Office Phone number is (951) 779-9800.



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THEATRE & ARTS EVENT GUIDE

ART DEPOT GALLERY

Downtown Fontana, off Sierra Ave. between Arrow and Spring St., 16822 Spring St., Fontana. (909) 349-6900. arts.fontana.org.



BRAVA

DAVID ALLAN'S NUTCRACKER: Dec. 17, 18, 1pm and 7pm. At Landis Performing Arts Center in Riverside. *See article on page 14.*

THE CBU ANNUAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"The Story Never Changes," Dec. 10, 6pm, at Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, 6115 Arlington Ave. Tickets are \$20. (951) 343-4251.

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562 W. Fourth St., San Bernardino. Box Office: (909) 885-5152. Information: (866) 448-7849. www.californiatheatre.net

THE NUTCRACKER: Dec. 2-4, Inland Dance Theatre.

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS: Dec. 7, 8pm. Tickets: \$38.50-\$77.50. MARIACHI CHRISTMAS WITH SINFONIA MEXICANA: Dec. 10. BRAD GARRETT: Dec. 16. BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA: Dec. 18, 8pm. Tickets: \$38.50-\$77.50.

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www.bigbeartheater.org. Box Office: (909) 866-4970. A CHRISTMAS CAROL: An original stage adaptation. Dec. 2, 3, at 7:30pm, Dec. 4 at 1:30pm.

FONTANA COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER (FCSC) ART GALLERY

The art gallery is located on the Center's upper level in the Library and Art Gallery Corridor, 16710 Ceres Ave., in Fontana. (909) 349-6975. arts.fontana.org.

FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

In Downtown Riverside, 3801 Mission Inn Ave. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets and the Fox Box Office. For Box Office information, call (951) 779-9800, or visit foxriversidelive.com.

PAUL RODRIGUEZ WITH LOS LOBOS: Dec. 3. MASTERS OF HARMONY: Dec. 4, a holiday special matinee.

THE NUTCRACKER: Dec. 9-11, the California Riverside Ballet.



MYTHBUSTERS: Jan. 18, 2012. See article on page 13.

INLAND PACIFIC BALLET

THE NUTCRACKER: At Bridges Auditorium in Claremont on Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, and the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga on Dec. 15-16. Tickets start at \$36. www.thebestnutcracker. com.

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE

12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. Tickets available at lewisfamilyplayhouse.com, (909) 477-2752.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 2pm; Dec. 3, 9, 10, 7:30pm. General: \$18; Senior/Youth: \$16. See article on page 12.



THE NUTCRACKER: Dec. 15-16, 7pm. General \$42; Senior \$40; Youth \$21; Preferred Seating \$50. See article on page 12.

BOB & BING'S HOLIDAY ROAD SHOW: Dec. 18, 2pm. General: \$16 and \$20; Senior: \$16 and \$18. *See article on page 12.*

ABBA-MANIA & NIGHT FEVER: Jan. 13, 8pm. General \$26.50 and; Senior: \$26.50 and \$31. See article on page 12.

DIONNE WARWICK: Jan. 14, 8pm. Tickets: \$65. See article on page 12.

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OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER

42051 Main St., Temecula. (866) 653-8696. www.temeculatheater.org.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Dec. 1, 3-4, 7-11. Tickets: \$15-\$25.

JAZZ AT THE MERC: Thursdays, 7:30pm. Tickets: \$15.

COUNTRY AT THE MERC: Saturdays, 7pm and 9pm. Tickets: \$15.

CLASSICS AT THE MERC: Sundays, 3pm. CANDLELIGHT CLASSICS: Dec. 4, 11, 3pm. Tickets: \$25.

PLAID TIDINGS: Dec. 4, 11, 18, 6:30pm.

THE NUTCRACKER: Presented by Temecula Dance Company. Dec. 13, 7pm, and Dec. 14, 2:30pm and 7pm. Tickets: \$18 & \$25.

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR: Dec. 16, 7:30pm, Dec. 17, 2pm. Tickets: \$9-\$16.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET: Dec. 17-23. Tickets: \$22-\$29.

DANCE MOVES: Dec. 20, 7pm. Tickets: \$5 suggested donation.

SWINGING IN THE NEW YEAR: Cheryl Bentyne and the Elliot Deutsch Big Band. Dec. 30, 8pm. Tickets: \$20-\$37.

DENNIS JONES BAND: Dec. 31, 9pm. Tickets: \$30.

PASS CHORALE

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS 2011: Dec. 11, 2:30pm. Christmas anthems and traditional carol sing-along. Chorus and orchestra directed by Ernest Siva. Held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1320 W. Williams St., in Banning. For more information, call (951) 849-4676, or go online to www.passchorale. blogspot.com.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

4026 14th St., Riverside. (951) 686-4030, riversidecommunityplayers.com. A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Dec. 9-11. MR. DICKENS IS COMING: Dec. 19. See article on page 24.

RIVERSIDE MASTER CHORALE AND CORONA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

MASTERWORKS AND MERRIMENT: Dec. 4, performing Carl Orff's masterwork "Carmina Burana." At the Ramona High School Auditorium in Riverside.

SINFONIA MEXICANA

MARIACHI CHRISTMAS: Celebrate the holidays with the rich cultural tradition of Mexico when Sinfonia Mexicana's "Mariachi Christmas" is presented Dec. 10, 7:30pm, at the California Theatre of the Performing Arts, 562 W. Fourth St. Tickets are \$21-\$61, available at the theater box office at (909) 884-3228. See article on page 17.

28TH ANNUAL VOCAL COMPETITION

Dec. 4, 3pm, at the Annenberg Center at the Eisenhower Medical Complex. Operatic competition presented by the Palm Springs Opera Guild. Tickets: \$35. (760) 325-6107. www.brownpapertickets. com/event/201709

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Sinfonia Mexicana's Annual 'Mariachi Christmas' Concert Lights up the Holidays in San Bernardino

The Dec. 10 program includes Reyna de Los Angeles and the Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company

elebrate the holidays with the rich cultural tradition of Mexico when Sinfonia Mexicana's *Mariachi Christmas* is presented Dec. 10 at the California Theatre of the Performing Arts.

The 7:30pm program features "The First Ladies of Mariachi Music" Reyna de Los Angles and the Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company, with a special presentation by the Sinfonia Mexicana Mariachi Youth Academy.

Tickets are \$21-\$61, available at the box office at (909) 884-3228.

Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles is America's first all female mariachi ensemble, and "brings sensitivity, beauty, warmth and an attractive perspective to the realm of Mexico's musical heritage."

The group is known for its dynamic musical expression as it showcases the intensity and power characteristic of the mariachi. Formed by Jose Hernandez in 1994, with the mentorship of Lola Beltran (called the "Queen of Ranchera Music)", Mariachi Reyna has shared the staged with such performers as Vikki Carr, Guadalupe Pineda, Miguel Aceves Mejia, and Lucha Villa.

Their albums include "Solo Tuya ("Yours Only") and "El Mejor Mariachi Femenino del Mundo" (The Best Female Mariachi in the World").

The 12-member troupe features violinists Karina Hernandez, Carmen Hernandez, Luisa Fregoso, Laura Pena, Monica Fogelquist, Sylvia Hinojosa, Patricia Martin and Juilssa Murrillo, guitarists Judith Kamel and Karla Tovar, and trumpet players Linda Uhlia and Gina Duran.

Jose Vences founded Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company in 2003. The group, with more than 30 dancers, was formed "with the intention of advancing the field of Mexican folk ballet, building the public's appreciation for the diversity and depth of Mexican culture and presenting high-quality dance productions."

The group has performed at the Los Angeles Music Center, the Terrace Theater of Long



Beach, the Center for the Arts in Sacramento, the Marjorie Luke Theatre in Santa Barbara, the Alex Theatre of Glendale and the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angles.

Sinfonia Mexicana is one of Southern California's premier presenters of culturally enriching music. Its mission is to showcase Mexico's symphonic masterpieces, as well as educate the public of the fine music and culture of Mexico.

The California Theatre of the Performing Arts is located at 562 W. Fourth St. in San Bernardino. Tickets range in price from \$21 to \$61. Free tamale tasting begins at 5pm for ticket holders.

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





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Cable Airshow, the first airshow of the year in the United States

The 37th Annual Cable Airshow and Car Show will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7 and Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 at Cable Airport in Upland. Airshow hours are 8am to 4pm. Admission is \$7 for adults, kids 5-12 \$5 and under five free. Parking is free.

The sky over Upland will be full of excitement when you see Just In Time Skydivers and the Freedom Parachute Team jump out of an airplane from more than a mile high with freefall speeds of 120 mph and rushing down over Cable Airport. A weekend of non-stop action with Steve Stavrakakis announcing for accomplished aerobatic pilots Rob Harrison, The Tumbling Bear in his new yellow Zlin 50, Dr. Frank Donnelly (Dr. D) Old Time Aerobatics in his Taylorcraft, Doug Jardine in his Sbach 342 "ThunderBolt," Clyde Cable in his RV8, Clay Lacy in his bright orange Pilatus PC6 Porter and 17-year-old Sammy Mason in his open cockpit Stearman.

Kids of all ages will be able to get up close

and meet the performers after their thrilling aerobatic show and get free autograph cards, bookmarks, removable tattoos and photos.

Flying enthusiasts will experience the joy of flight through displays and demonstrations, skydivers, antique aircraft, homebuilt aircraft, warbirds, RC Plane show, military vehicles and more. There will be airplane and helicopter rides available. At Noon, enjoy Southern California Historic Cars, followed by static displays so everyone can get up close to the finest automobiles.

Each air show day will begin with an early morning pancake breakfast. Plenty of food from various food booths will be ready to serve throughout the weekend.

Vendors of flying memorabilia will be set to offer a variety of wares.

The 37th Annual Cable Airshow and Car Show (formerly The Pomona Valley Air Fair), is



organized and presented by the Cable Airport Foundation, Pomona Valley Pilots Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 448. Proceeds go to non-profit aviation scholarships, giving more kids and young adults the opportunity to have a future in general and commercial aviation.

For more information on the 37th Annual 2012 Cable Airshow and Car Show, visit www. cableairport.com or facebook: Cable Airshow.



19th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. 5K Walk-A-Thon Monday

January 16, 2012 Registration: 8:30am, \$10 Walk-A-Thon: 10am

Presented by The Riverside African American Historical Society and the Martin Luther King Visionaries

Gather in celebration of the life of this great American Nobel Peace Prize winner and civil rights leader

Festivities to follow the walk including presentations, live music, a health fair and food vendors!

Walk begins at Bordwell Park's Stratton Center in Riverside 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd.

The walk will follow Martin Luther King Blvd. to 14th and Lime Streets, ending at Riverside Community College at 4800 Magnolia Ave.

For more information, call David Chandler at (951) 640-9083

EVENT: JANUARY 7

'Easyriders' Bike Show Tour comes to Southern California

orth America's biggest, baddest bike show arrives in Anaheim on Saturday Jan. 7 at the Anaheim Convention Center for the first stop on the **Easyriders 2012 Bike Show Tour**. Don't miss the planet's hottest bikes, the world's top builders including Paul Yaffe and Ralph Randolph, and all the industry's top manufacturing representatives showing off all the industry's latest products.

The stars of the hit TV show *Sons Of Anarchy* have joined the 2012 Easyriders Bike Show Tour. Meet Tommy Flanagan "Chibs" and Winter Zoli "Lyla" as they will be taking pictures, signing autographs, and greeting guests from 1pm to 5pm. You definitely want to get there early for them as they are a crowd favorite. Also signing autographs and taking pictures with guests will be Easyriders Magazine's own topless tech Angie Savage.

In addition to the above the 2012 Bike Show Tour features can't miss, one of a kind "Rock Em Sock Em" women's roller derby action with Orange County's very own OC Roller Girls, live music from rock sensation HEMME, and this year Easyriders has added The Tattoo Gallery to the 2012 Bike Show Tour. The Tattoo Gallery will feature the areas top tattoo artists.

Bike Show Competitors will show off the very best in cool custom bikes, competing for 59 different awards, prizes, and the chance to have their bike featured in one of Paisano Publications' world famous motorcycle magazines. Those awards are divided among two classes, which are People's Choice and Judged. Those bikes in People's Choice can be voted on by all spectators at the show. Those in Judged will be voted on by editors from *Easyriders Magazine*. Entry

fees for bike show space is free and can escalate according to your display size and needs. Take advantage of the Free Space Program, where 5x10 Display Spots are free with the purchase of your show entry band. For complete details go to www.easyridersevents.com, click on the Competitor's tab on the navigation bar, and then click on Anaheim

There is still some vendor/exhibitor space available. Attendance at the 2011 Bike Show Tour was up nearly 22% and 2012 promises to be the biggest yet. In the last year, Easyriders



Events has been featured on NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, and the WB. Go to www.EasyridersEvents.com and click on the Exhibitor's tab on the navigation bar. Then click on Anaheim, fill out the Easyriders 2012 Bike Show Tour Exhibitor's Application online, and pay right there.

Doors open at 10am. Show hours are Saturday Jan. 7, 2012 from 10am to 8pm at the Anaheim Convention Center. You can purchase advance tickets at www.TicketMaster.com or purchase them at the door. For complete show details, events schedules, and more go to www. EasyridersEvents.com or call (800) 962-9857.



Casinos

The Doobie Brothers Ride In To Fantasy Springs



th a well noted sound that's well rooted in 1970s rock, soul and funk, The Doobie Brothers have managed to be remembered as one of the premier acts of its generation. With 30 million records sold, 3 multi-platinum albums and 4 platinum sets the band continues to tour to crowds and sold out shows world-wide. The Doobie Brothers bring their propulsive roots-based, harmony laden, guitar driven style to Fantasy Springs Resort Casino

Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8pm.

Tickets are on sale at the Fantasy Springs Box Office, via telephone at (800) 827-2946 or online at www.FantasySpringsResort.com.

There's no separating the unparalleled legacy of the Doobie Brothers from their 2010 HOR Records release *World Gone Crazy* – not that anyone would want to. Nevertheless, the new album may be most remarkable for the extent to which it stands completely on its own. Yes, *World* *Gone Crazy* is another chapter in one of the great American music stories, but it's neither comeback nor nostalgia. An exhibition of aggressive and emotional performances, evocative storytelling, unapologetic attitude and world class musicianship, the collection is its own justification. Visit www.doobiebros.com for more information.

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

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

CAHUILLA CASINO

(951) 763-1200. www.cahuillacasino.com. 52702 Highway 371, Anza.

CASINO MORONGO

(800) 252-4499. www.morongocasinoresort.com. 49750 Seminole Dr., Cabazon.

FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO

Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is located north of Interstate 10 at the Golf Center Parkway exit near Indio (22 miles east of Palm Springs). Featuring 2000 slots, 40 + table games including TableMAX, and seven restaurants (The Bistro, Lique, POM, The Pizza Kitchen, Starbucks Cafe, Fresh Grill Buffet and Joy). Fantasy Springs Resort Casino is owned and operated by the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. For tickets and information, call (760) 342-5000, (800) 827-2946 or visit www. fantasyspringsresort.com.

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER: Dec. 3. KID ROCK: Dec. 9.

DOOBIE BROTHERS: Jan. 7, 8pm. *See article on page 20.*

12TH FLOOR COCKTAIL LOUNGE & WINE BAR: The space features plush furniture perfect for relaxing and enjoying a favorite cocktail or glass of wine. Live music on Friday and Saturday nights from 9pm to 1am.

There is no cover charge. **LIT LOUNGE:** Every Thursday night is Country Night with country cover bands and tributes from 8pm to Midnight. Admission is free. Live bands play every Friday and Saturday night from 9pm to 1am. The lounge also features pay-per-view sporting events. No cover charge (unless otherwise stated). Guests must be 21 or older to enter.

EAGLE FALLS GOLF COURSE: Located at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino. 18-Hole, Par 72 Championship Course. (760) 238-5633. www.eaglefallsgolf.com.

POM RESTAURANT: Tuesday nights are barbeque nights starting at 5pm. Diners can opt for an out of this world

barbeque feast featuring the best of the East and West coasts and from the south. Three full courses with plenty of side dishes and dessert is \$19.95 per person.

PECHANGA RESORT & CASINO

(951) 693-1819. www.pechanga.com. 45000 Pala Road, Temecula. Box Office (951) 303-2507. **CELTIC WOMAN: A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** Dec. 1-3. \$65, \$80,

\$95.

DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS, CHRISTMAS TOUR: Dec. 9, 8pm. \$50, \$55, \$65. RON WHITE: Dec. 17, 7pm, 9:30pm. \$60, \$75, \$85. THE FAB FOUR ULTIMATE BEATTLE TRIBUTE: Jan. 6-7, 8pm. \$20, \$25, \$35.

SAN MANUEL INDIAN BINGO AND CASINO

(909) 864-5050. www.sanmanuel. com. 5797 North Victoria Avenue, Highland.

CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER: Dec. 8. \$40, \$50, \$60. NEW EDITION: Dec. 29. \$55, \$65, \$75.

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SOBOBA CASINO

Features 2,000 slots, 28 table games, live poker, live entertainment, nonsmoking area and restaurants. (951) 665-1000 or (866) 4-SOBOBA. www. soboba.net. 23333 Soboba Road, San Jacinto. Tickets: 1-866-4-SOBOBA, ext. 183.

TOY DRIVE: Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, donate an unwrapped toy worth \$20 or more (with receipt) and receive \$40 in free slot play.

DRIVE IN THE NEW YEAR: Dec. 10-11, 17-18, 24, Jan. 1. Drawings held every hour starting at 1pm to 10pm. Winners take hom \$200 in cash, a \$150 gift card, \$100 in free slot play and a \$50 gas card. Grand prize drawing on Jan. 1 at 10:30pm for a 2012 Chrysler 300.

AC'S LOUNGE: Featuring new blackjack bar and football promotions. Monday Nite Football, no cover charge, 6pm. Enjoy football pool, raffles, win free slot play and more.

COMEDY NIGHT: In AC's Lounge, every 1st Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

SUNDAY NIGHT KARAOKE: In AC's Lounge, 9pm-1:30am. THURSDAY NIGHTS SENIOR SWING DANCE: Starts at 2pm. THURSDAY NIGHTS WITH DJ MIKE DA CHEF: Thursdays, 9pm to 1:30am featuring the hottest hits of today and

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

SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO

Located off I-10. 2,000 slot machines, a complete lineup of the most popular table games, 2,200 seat showroom, JEM Steakhouse, all-you-can-eat buffet at Café Capitata. 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella. Show tickets available at www.spotlight29.com or call (800) 585-3737 or (760) 775-5566.

GROOVE: Spotlight 29's cool lounge, Fri. and Sat., 8pm to 1:30am. **CASINO LOUNGE:** Shaken Not Stirred, Fridays, 9pm-1am. The Charmers, Saturdays, 9pm-1am.

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EVENT: JANUARY 7-8

Dickens Festival brings Victorian charm to downtown Riverside

at, drink and be merry at the 19th annual Dickens Festival in the downtown Riverside Convention Center. It takes a weekend to fully enjoy the festival and all the downtown happenings, with hotels offering discount prices.

"It's the last weekend for the Festival of Lights," according to Kathy Wright, Dickens Festival president, "so we're looking for additional numbers of people to attend the Dickens Festival which is an amazing and educational event."

On January 7 and 8, there will be many magical moments at the Riverside Dickens Festival: a fairytale-like dance at Mr. Fezziwig's Ball, a Victorian experience in Oliver's Alley, and meeting "famous authors and historical characters – Dickens, Twain, Poe, Wilde and Wells.

"Children's eyes get big as saucers when they meet 'Queen Victoria, Prince Albert' for they really believe they are meeting the queen," Brenda Beers, Oliver's Alley chairperson, said. The Oliver's Alley is a safe and special children's area where volunteers give special attention to assisting in making crafts, playing games, dressing in a costume for a photo op, and drinking tea. Everything in Oliver's Alley is free.

Crowds will recognize Mr. Pickwick and Scrooge as they mingle while entertainers play instruments, sing, dance, show magic, juggle, and ride a pennyfarthing bicycle – that familiar contraption with the huge front wheel and tiny back wheel. The "Queen and Her Court" cover their ears when the Gordon Highlanders drill and fire their Gatling gun.

Ticketed events are Pickwick's Pub Night Dinner and Show, Fashion Show, Mr. Fezziwig's Victorian Ball, Evensong Concert, Queen's Teas and Ghostly Teas.

This event is sponsored by the Riverside Dickens Festival, a non-profit educational organization, with a philosophy that this literary festival should be affordable for families and students from middle school through college. Other major donors are the Riverside Arts Council, City of Riverside, and Riverside County Supervisors Bob Buster and John Tavaglione.

Admission is free. For further information



Dennis Forel, who makes animals out of balloons (Balloonacy), rides his pennyfarthing at the Riverside Dickens Festival.

call (951) 781-3168 or visit the website at www. dickensfest.com.



'A Christmas Carol' and 'Dickens Is Coming' Performances

The great, great grandson of Charles Dickens will perform at the Riverside Marriott Hotel and Riverside Community Players

n December 19, by popular demand, the great-great grandson of literary master, Charles Dickens, Gerald Dickens returns to Riverside to perform at two events: *A Christmas Carol* and *Mr. Dickens Is Coming*, sponsored by the Riverside Dickens Festival, Inc., a non-profit, educational organization.



Gerald Dickens,

great-great grandson

performs in Riverside.

of Charles Dickens,

A Christmas Carol performance will be held at the Riverside Marriott Hotel, 3400 Market St., Riverside, at a 2pm, with a 5-course tea. An elegant dessert reception at 7pm for *Mr. Dickens is Coming* will be held at the Riverside Community Players, at 14th and Brockton, in Riverside.

Gerald, an actor and producer hailing from Oxford, England, bears more than a passing resemblance to his famous ancestor, who originally toured the U.S. in 1867, reading his literary works before spellbound audiences. Historians report that *A Christmas Carol* was his favorite piece to perform. According to Gerald, his great-great grandfather adored theater and initially wanted to be an actor but pursued writing as a career for practical purposes. For many years Gerald says that he himself "avoided anything to do with Dickens like the plague." But in 1993 when a friend asked him to do a reading of *A Christmas Carol* on its 150th anniversary of publication to help raise money for a historical restoration project, he couldn't turn him down. To his surprise, he enjoyed doing it and has been delighting audiences around the world with his rendition ever since.

During his energetic one-man show, Dickens brings *A Christmas Carol* to life. He leaps, he sobs, he laughs...as he entertains...depicting 26 characters of the classic tale, with just a table, wing chair, and hat rack accompanying him on stage. He has created different postures and voices for each character, achieving this so adeptly that the audience has no doubt about "who is who," so to speak.

The *Mr. Dickens Is Coming* program is a lighthearted and varied look at the life and character of Charles Dickens. Gerald uses scenes from the great author's works, diary extracts and observations from those who knew and worked with him. With its fresh and modern perspective, *Mr. Dickens Is Coming* has always proved a popular show.

"The two events are the only California performances for Gerald Dickens who will be filmed throughout the United States in December for a PBS special to be aired in February," Kathy Wright, president of the Riverside Dickens Festival, now in its 19th year, said. "A great way to begin the holidays. Gerald has many friends in southern California who will be anxious to see him once again."

Gerald Dickens' performances are produced by Byers' Choice Ltd., makers of the nationallyknown Carolers and Kindles figurines, located in Chalfont, PA. For more information on Mr. Dickens' 2011 tour calendar, visit www.byerschoice. com or call (215) 822-6700.

A Christmas Carol Tea is \$50 for adults, \$25 for children (12 and under). *Mr. Dickens Is Coming* is \$50. Checks may be sent to RDF, P.O. Box 113, Riverside CA 92502. Credit card info may be phoned to the office at (951) 781-3168 or sent by email to info@dickensfest.com.



Travel back to the fabulous aircraft of the '30s

abulous Aircraft of the 1930s" will be the subject of the Living History Flying Event hosted by the Planes of Fame Air Museum at the Chino Airport on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. This first monthly Planes of Fame Air Museum Living History Flying Event of 2012 will begin at 10am with a seminar describing the strides aviation made in the 1930s and conclude with a flight demonstration by a Planes of Fame Air Museum warbird.

Almost certainly the most colorful era in the history of aviation, the 1930s saw aircraft designs transition from wood and fabric open- cockpit biplanes slowed down by struts, wires and fixed landing gear, to sleek all-metal monoplanes featuring retractable landing gear and fully enclosed cockpits and cabins.

The 1930s was also the decade when modern airline transportation came of age. Furthermore, it was an era when many of those aircraft, including military types, sported wonderfully colorful and varied color schemes.

An independent, non-profit institution dedicated to preserving and inspiring interest in aviation, educating the public and honoring aviation pioneers and veterans, Planes of Fame Air Museum was the first permanent air museum in the American West and pioneer in the concept of restoring historic display aircraft to flying condition. Staffed primarily by a core of dedicated volunteers, the museum supports its daily operations with donations, admission fees, facilities rentals and proceeds from the use of its aircraft and artifacts in various productions.

Planes of Fame Air Museum also has special membership programs available to the public, with one of the privileges of membership being the opportunity to experience orientation flights in genuine warbirds. At



A genuine aviation icon of the 1930s, the Planes of Fame Air Museum's Boeing P-26A "Peashooter" will be featured at the Chino Airport on Jan. 7, 2012.

each monthly Planes of Fame Living History Flying Event, members in attendance can have their names entered into a drawing for a free membersupported warbird orientation flight.

Open to the public from 10am until 5pm, Sunday through Friday, and from 9am until 5pm on Saturday, Planes of Fame Air Museum is only closed on Christmas and Thanksgiving.

General admission is \$11, youngsters 5-11 are admitted for \$4, and admission is free for accompanied children under five.

For more information, call (909) 597-7576 or visit the Planes of Fame Air Museum's website at www.planesoffame.org.



See what history has to offer at Riverside's DragonMarsh

By Mora BlackMarsh

nce Upon a time there was a mother, Mora Black-Marsh, and her daughter, Misty Morigianna, whose interest in Historical Things was taking up their lives, much to the objection of the other daughter who we call the Banshee. All these people's collections and inspirations overfilled their small house in Riverside. They were later joined by a gentleman, Eric, also known as the Dragon. So the idea was born to share all their interests with everyone.

▶hus DragonMarsh was born! DragonMarsh Gift Store embraces everything that is found in history. You will find herbs and spices, teas and incenses, grandma's remedies, essential and perfume oils, stones and minerals, jewelry and historical clothing, sealing wax and seals,

historical and religious books, supplies for all religions, fabric and trim, candles and figurines.....oh, and also gifts.

With such a laundry list of goodies it is hard to imagine the original store was only 500 sq. feet. What fun we had on 6th Street until we outgrew it. Then we moved to Main St. where we expanded to 3000 sq. feet and stayed over 12 years. Lo and Behold the economy and the city's plans for the mall sent us looking for another location.

We are now located in the historic Jackson Building on University Ave. where we can wave at you driving by. They say third time is the charm. We have been at this location for more than five years and we look forward to five more. We feel it is fitting to be an historical store in an historical building.

ack to my story. These three original Marshies are still at the Dragon-Marsh along with a Rogue Knight named Sage who has been with us more than

18 years. We still scout the world for the most interesting items and offer classes on how to use everything.

DragonMarsh has been downtown for more than 24 years and is still not known by many and is still one of the very best kept shopping secrets. Now is your time to visit. Stop in and have a cup of cocoa and a cookie or two. Holiday hours are 11-9pm starting the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve.

Come see the lights downtown and visit the DragonMarsh at 3643 University Ave. in Downtown Riverside. If you don't have time to visit, take a peek at the website to see what you are missing, at www.dragonmarsh.com.

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Used motor oil should NEVER be poured onto the ground, into storm drains or tossed into trash cans (even in a sealed container) because it contains toxins which contaminate the soil, groundwater, streams and rivers.

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ALPINE SLIDE AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN

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Rides, games and miniature golf. 3500 Polk Ave., Riverside. (951) 785-3000. www. castlepark.com.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Find a rundown of Christmas and holiday events in our What To Do Guide, starting on page 28.

KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

With over 165 rides, shows and attractions in five themed areas, Knott's Berry Farm has it all when it comes to family fun. www.knotts.com. Buena Park.

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK

43285 Goldmine Dr., Big Bear Lake. Open daily. (909) 878-4200. www.bigbearzoo.com.

RIVERSIDE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

www.riversidechildrenstheare.org

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE

Family-friendly theatre with classes in acting, dance and voice for ages 4-20. www.riversideyouththeatre.org.

FOR MORE FUN EVENTS. SEE THE WHAT TO **DO SECTION ON PAGE 28.**

CHRISTMAS EVENT

Holiday Pajama Party at County Museum

anta Claus is coming to the county museum! Reservations are now open for Santa's Pajama Party at the San Bernardino County Museum on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10, from 6 to 8pm. The event, designed for families with young children, is scheduled for two evenings to meet the demand for reservations, since space is limited. Cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. Children age 1 year and under are free.

Registration forms are available online at www.sbcountymuseum.org or at the museum's front desk. The San Bernardino County Museum is at the California Street exit from Interstate 10 in Redlands. Parking is free. For more information, visit www.sbcountymuseum.org. For more information, call (909) 307-2669 ext. 229 or (TDD) 909-792-1462.



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- Name of the event
- Date and time
- City, location and address
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- Name of the person submitting the event

Send it in one of the following ways: EMAIL: IER@InlandReview.com FAX: (951) 710-6453 MAIL: Inland Entertainment Review c/o Word Mill Publishing

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

EVEN MORE CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Find theatrical and stage Christmas and holiday events in our Theatre section, starting on page 12.

A CHRISTMAS ENCOUNTER

The entire story of Christmas is illuminated in a unique outdoor setting, at the Grove Community Church in Riverside, Dec. 14-16. *See article on page 6.*

CANYON CREST TOWNE CENTRE

Shop, dine, relax and enjoy at the Towne Centre, located at 5225 Canyon Crest Dr. in Riverside. (951) 686-1222.

www.cctownecentre.com. Outdoor events are weather permitting. ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION:

Dec.10, Noon till 3pm. Enjoy holiday entertainment and crafts for the children. Free digital photo of your children with Santa!

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC: Carolers Friday evenings, Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23, 6:30-8:30pm.

CHRISTMAS ON EUCLID

Peruse hand crafted arts and crafts at the Christmas on Euclid event in Ontario, Dec. 3.



FALLBROOK CHRISTMAS PARADE Dec. 3, 5pm, in Fallbrook down Main Street. Enjoy a festive atmosphere in Fallbrook at this 30th anniversary event.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

In downtown Riverside, through Jan. 8, 2012. The 19th Annual Festival of Lights kicks off with the switch-on ceremony on Nov. 25, at 5:30pm, on Mission inn Ave. and Orange St. The Festival of Lights includes an outdoor skating rink, entertainment, carriage rides, Santa Claus, reindeer and unique downtown shops and restaurants. *See article on page 5.*

FESTIVAL OF WINTER

Dec. 10, at Veterans Park in Fontana. Enjoy entertainment, games, vendors and ice skating. Veterans Park is located at 17255 Merrill Ave. The event takes place from 11am to 5pm. A Christmas Parade begins at 10am, at Sierra and Arrow. (909) 349-6900. recreation.fontana.org

FONTANA TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Dec. 7, 6pm, at the City Hall Courtyard in Fontana. (909) 349-6900.

GREENSPOT FARMS

Christmas trees, hayrides, train rides, mazes, farm animals and more. Open every day, 9am to 5pm. 10133 Ward Way in Mentone. (909) 794-7653. www.greenspotfarms.com.



PALM SPRINGS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE

Dec. 3, 5:45pm on Palm Canyon Dr., with Grand Marshal Carol Channing. www.psfestivaloflights.com.

RIVERSIDE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Dec. 7 in the City Hall Courtyard, 8353 Sierra Ave., in Riverside. The ceremony begins at 6pm. Features a visit from Santa, music, refreshments, and the lighting of the tree in front of City Hall.

SNOW PLAY DAY AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Dec. 3, 9am to 2pm, in Riverside at Bordwell Park, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd. Enjoy more than 60 tons of snow, breakfast with Santa, crafts and games. \$5 per person for snow play and unlimited access to youth activities. Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Register online at www.riversideca. gov/park_rec, or visit the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at 6927 Magnolia Ave., Second Floor, in Riverside. (951) 826-2000.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 11, in Riverside at the Heritage House, 8193 Magnolia Ave. Admission is free. Experience Christmas as it would be in the 1890s. 11am to 4pm. (951) 826-5273

THE WICKERD FARM

Santa visits the Christmas tree farm on Dec. 10-11, Noon to 4pm. Farm opens Nov. 25 with 47-acres of Christmas trees. 26852 Scott Rd., in Menifee. www.wickerdfarm.com. (951) 672-3020.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS



CABLE AIR SHOW

Jan. 7-8 at Cable Airport in Upland, 8am to 4pm. See article on page 18.

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.

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MUSIC AND CRAFTS: Tuesday evenings, activities take place from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Music continues September and October at the Food Court.

ART SHOW: Second Saturday of each month, 10am until 3pm. **CAR SHOW:** Second Sunday of each month, 1pm until 4pm.

DICKENS FESTIVAL

Jan. 7-8 at the Riverside Convention Center. Meet famous authors and historical characters of the Victorian age. Admission is free. (951) 781-3168. www.dickensfest.com. See article on page 23.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET IN RIVERSIDE

Main Street between 5th and 6th Streets, a wide variety of novelty and fresh food, every Saturday in downtown Riverside.

EASYRIDERS BIKE SHOW TOUR

Jan. 7 at the Anaheim Convention Center, 10am to 8pm. (800) 962-9857. *See article on page 19.*



REPTILE SUPER SHOW

Jan. 7-8 at the Fairplex in Pomona. More than 400 tables and hundreds of vendors. *See article on page 11.*

MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES



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MUSEUMS

CABOT'S PUEBLO MUSEUM

In Desert Hot Springs. Museum collection includes Native American pottery and baskets, artifacts and other treasures. cabotsmuseum.org. (760) 329-7610.

EDWARD-DEAN MUSEUM & GARDENS

9401 Oak Glen Rd., Cherry Valley. (951) 845-2626. www.edward-deanmuseum. org. The Museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm and is closed on county holidays. Admission is \$5; children 12 and under are free. The Museum's permanent collections are primarily 16th through 19th century European and Asian decorative arts including furniture, ceramics, glass, textiles, sculptures, and many small collections such as miniature paintings, fans and pocket watches.

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.

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER

25225 Hwy. 243, 1/2 mile north of Idyllwild. (951) 659-3850. www.idyllwildnaturecenter.net. Open Tues.-Sun., 9am-4:30pm.

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.

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM

An educational non-profit organization with over 28 flyable planes and interactive exhibits housed in 60,000 square feet of climate-controlled hangars. 745 N. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, (760) 778-6262. www.PalmSpringsAirMuseum.



PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM

The museum is open Sunday through Friday from 10am to 5pm, Saturday from 9am to 5pm. 7000 Merrill Ave., Chino. (909) 597-3722. www.planesoffame.org. **AIR WAR IN THE PACIFIC:** Living History Flying Event, Dec. 3. **FABULOUS AIRCRAFT OF THE 1930S:** Living history flying event, Jan. 7, 10am. See article on page 25.

SAN BERNARDINO County Museum

At California Street exit from I-10 in Redlands. Open Tuesdays -Sundays, 9am-5pm. General admission \$8 (adult), \$6 (military or senior), \$5 (student), and \$4 (child aged 5 to 12). Children under five and Museum Association members are admitted free. Parking is free. www.sbcountymuseum.org, (909) 307-2669.



WALLY PARKS NHRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM Open Wednesday - Sunday 10am-5pm. The Museum features over 80 historical race cars from several venues. Racing memorabilia spanning the History of NHRA, specialty exhibits rotate throughout the year. Huge museum gift shop and so much more! (909) 622-2133. 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, Gate 1, LA County Fairplex. www. museum.nhra.com. DRAG RACE REUNION: Dec. 3, 2-5pm. See article on page 8. CHARLES PHOENIX'S RETRO HOLIDAY SLIDE SHOW: Dec. 4. See article on page 10.

THEME PARKS

BOOMERS

In Upland. Miniature golf, go karts, bumper boats, rock wall, ferris wheel, spinning tubs, airplane ride, tiny tot cars, two arcades, snack bar & cafe. 1500 W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 946-9555. www.boomersparks.com.

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WINERIES

GALLEANO WINERY

Tasting room open daily, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10:30am-5pm. Tours take place on Sundays, 3-4pm. 4231 Wineville Rd., Mira Loma. (951) 685-5376. www.galleanowinery.com



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