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Love is in the air, as well as expectations. You want to do something special for your sweetie on Valentine's Day, but aren't sure what. We're here to help! Valentine's offerings are sprinkled throughout this issue, with a special look at a pair of romantic restaurants – Sevilla's and Citrus City Grille – on page 4. Of course, there's more to February than wine and chocolate, so we've got lots of other fun events spotlighted as well.

Tom Pigeon, Editor

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Tug on your sweetie's heartstrings with a Valentine's dinner to remember. Chocolates and roses are always great, but nothing beats the classic candlelit dining experience at a fine restaurant. To put you in your significant other's good graces, we've highlighted two fine restaurants in Riverside that are sure to please.



Sevilla

Feel like nibbling on some tasty Spanish-style appetizers and sipping authentic sangria while listening to live flamenco or rumba guitarists? Nothing says romance more than Latin flavored tunes over fine dining, both specialties of Sevilla in downtown Riverside.

The Tapas Bar offers Spanish specialties and fine wine all wrapped in an elegant atmosphere. At Sevilla's, you get dining and entertainment in one place with live Latin tunes and the opportunity to show your own salsa rhythms on the dance floor.

Sevilla has been drawing crowds from across the Inland Empire since it opened its doors in 2001, in the heart of the Riverside Marketplace. Sevilla is a unique combination of Tapas Bar, restaurant and nightclub that covers the gamut of Latin dining and entertainment. In addition to the live music and dancing, there's also live Latin jazz on Sevilla's gorgeous outdoor patio every Wednesday, and exciting dinner dance shows on the weekends highlighting Tango (Friday) and Flamenco (Saturday) with professional dancers and live music.

Sevilla is open for dinner Sunday through Thursday, 5pm to 11pm, Fridays and Saturdays 5pm to Midnight. Happy hour is 5pm to 7pm Monday through Friday.

Sevilla is located at 3252 Mission Inn Avenue in Riverside. For more information, or reservations, call (951) 778-0611.

Citrus City Grille

The Riverside Plaza recently underwent a Renaissance, coming back to life with fresh shops and restaurants. When it comes to fine dining, the Citrus City Grille has much to offer for the romantic couple.

A Zagat Award winner for 5 straight years, Citrus City Grille offers a varied cuisine to meet any palate. A full menu with salads, soups, and entrees are served all day. In addition to the comfortable interior, an outdoor patio offers relaxed dining, or sit at the bar for a quick drink and appetizer.

The menu is a diverse collection of California specialties. Pasta dishes include such delectables as Wild Mushroom Penne Marsala with grilled chicken in a roasted garlic cream sauce. They offer a wide range of fish and meat entrees, with Rack of Lamb in a rosemary demi-glace and the chef's special preparation of Filet Mignon, with changes daily. Desserts include Crème Brûlée, gourmet cakes, and the Chef's specialty Soufflé.

Make it to the Grille on Valentine's Day and enjoy a specially prepared menu. Appetizer choices include lobster bisque, large stuffed prawns, fried oysters or oven baked cheese puffs. Follow this with a salad from caesar, butter leaf to smoked salmon. Entrees include vanilla glazed chilean seabass, chicken on the brick, pistachio encrusted lamb loin, surf & turf, porkloin chop, lobster ravioli or prawns linguini. A choice of desserts are also offered.

Citrus City Grille also offers nightly musical entertainment.

Citrus City Grille is open Sunday through Thursday, 11am to 10pm, Fridays and Saturdays 11am to 11pm. They are located at 3555 Riverside Plaza. For more information, call (951) 274-9099.



Be Their Valentine!

Canyon Crest Towne Centre, a Valentine shopping experience

Looking for that special gift for your sweetheart? The Canyon Crest Towne Centre in Riverside invites truly fire-inspired shoppers to "light up the sky." This is the philosophy of Riverside's third largest shopping center, that somehow manages to maintain a small-town, neighborhood feel to it despite its size.

Outside, walk around and enjoy the newly landscaped courtyard with its meandering stream, or the new food court, and take notice of how many people smile and say hello.

Canyon Crest Towne Centre offers a wide range of unique shops, including The Gardener's Cottage, Neiman Barkus Pet Boutique, Chef's Corner, Jean's Gifts & Furniture, Meridians, Cline's "Gold Crown" Hallmark, Jean's Two, and more than 75 more. Many shops specifically cater to special gift requests, making them perfect for the hard-to-shop-for valentine.

Canyon Crest Towne Centre, with its variety of choices and country charm, is the perfect Valentine shopping destination.

Celebrate an all-American, old-style Valentine's Day

Get colonial this Valentine's Day with a dance celebration from an historic era.


Riley's Farm in the heart of Old Oak Glen is offering a new series of barn dances this winter and spring. The farm's historic 1880s apple packing shed, built by Southern California pioneer Joe Wilshire, will house historically themed dinner-dance celebrations including Valentine's, St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, a Spring Cotillion, and a summertime "Berry Picker's Ball."

"All of our Fall and Christmas dinner dances were sold out very early in the season," Jim Riley, one of the family's owner-managers, said. "In fact, some of the Christmas dates for 2006 are already taken for next year. We had so many people asking us for a Valentine's dance that we decided to open up the old barn for the winter and spring as well." "There's nothing more romantic than

good old American fun," Riley said. "One woman wrote me a letter saying that she hadn't seen her husband smiling in a long time – not until he was out on the barn floor dancing with her at Christmas. I consider that the highest praise we can earn."

The Riley's Farm cooks prepare garden green salad, farmhouse dinner rolls, roasted beet soup, herb crusted breast of chicken, asparagus with mushrooms, and chocolate swirl cheesecake. As always, the mountainous five-pound apple pie is available for sale and take home orders.

This year's music will feature love songs of the 1880s-1920s, the golden era of the Oak Glen apple packing sheds, with live music, dance instruction, and even a "Romeo and Juliet" contest where two couples from the audience will take the stage, decked out in historical costumes provided by the farm.

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Planes of Fame look at aircraft in the movies

Aviation in the Movies will be the topic of the monthly special event hosted by The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" at the Chino Airport on Saturday, March 4.

The event will begin at 10am with a seminar on the subject and conclude with a flight demonstration of the "Planes of Fame" Curtiss P-40N Warhawk.


After World War I, aviation became a popular subject for Hollywood's motion picture cameras. From the silent film era right through today's high-tech productions, aircraft, the people who fly them, and their effect on the course of modern history have provided screen writers with a diverse and exciting range of subject matter.

Today, the movie industry can be grateful that organizations like The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" have managed to preserve many historic aircraft and make them available for productions featuring aircraft.

Aircraft like the "Planes of Fame" Curtiss P-40N Warhawk have appeared in numerous dramas, historic features and educational productions on the big screen and television.

Established in 1957 as the very first permanent air museum in the American West, The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" is an independent, non-profit, educational institution staffed primarily by a core of dedicated volunteers. It was a pioneer in the movement to restore historic display aircraft to flying condition and nearly a third of the aircraft in its collection are currently flyable.

The museum is open to the public every day from 9am until 5pm. General admission is \$8.95, youngsters 11 and under are admitted for \$1.95 and admission is free for accompanied children under five.

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The Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival, in honor of its 30th Anniversary, will return to its birthplace, San Diego. The Feb. 16 festival will take place at the Town and Country Hotel & Resort. Over one hundred dance and choral groups will perform traditional Greek folk dances and songs from all regions of Greece.

The Festival is open to the public to witness the many adult and children's dance and choral groups of all ages performing and competing in traditional costumes. In addition to the dance and choral performances, there will be showcases, vendors and entertainment for young and old alike in the form of games, an exhibitor's gallery and traditional Greek glendia throughout the weekend.

Highlights include a special performance honoring the dedication of the first Greek immigrants who came to this country in search of opportunity and those Greeks outside of the homeland who continue to thrive throughout the world. This 15-minute performance about the Greek "Diaspora" will be cast entirely by original FDF participants and their children who now have also participated in FDF.

The Festival runs throughout the weekend. Opening Ceremonies will be held Thursday night and competition will take place all day Friday and all day Saturday. Friday and Saturday nights will feature special showcase events plus traditional Greek glendia. Divine Liturgy will be held Sunday morning followed by the final round of competition for the Advanced Senior classification. Sunday night will feature the Grand Banquet and Awards Ceremonies. Ticket prices begin at \$25 for a one-day pass. For more information call (888) FDF-YOUTH or go online to www.gofdf.org.

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Liam's weekly schedule runs the gamut from comedy to rock to punk:

- Monday is open mic night, where patrons can do anything they want, including playing their own instruments.
- Tuesday is comedy night, with professional comedians you will recognize from such venues as Showtime and Comedy Central.
- Wednesday is Punk Rock night.
- Thursday & Sunday features karaoke.
- Friday & Saturday can be anything from Punk or Rock to Irish. February's lineup includes Irish Brothers Feb. 3, Cover Brothers Feb. 4, Ditch Diggers Feb. 10, Warsaw Feb. 11, Art Gone Wrong, Feb. 17, Leprakans Feb. 18, and Fat City Jam Band Feb. 24.

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gowns and costumes worn at the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Ball and the first place winning Costume of the Opera Pacific Masquerade Ball last year.

You may have seen her work and the work of DragonMarsh's other seamstresses at the Dickens faire, Renaissance Faires, science fiction conventions, various movies and television commercials. They have also created props for Disneyland and work for video games produced by Interplay.

The store carries a wide assortment of wares, from costumes to specialty items. DragonMarsh is the only downtown gift store with more than 30 separate departments.

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The material in the nucleus and tail of a comet is left over from the formation of our Solar System more than 4.5 billion years ago, and is thought to contain many organic materials essential for the origin of life. Sophisticated analysis of this material will take decades and involve scientists from around the world. The process will help answer many questions about our Solar System's origination and evolution.

Stardust took souvenir photos, too. The images included surface features of the comet's nucleus, revealing steep cliffs, craters, huge boulders, and materials with varying degrees of reflectivity. Stardust also captured interstellar dust which originated beyond the Solar System.

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The Sierra Belle takes patrons on a scenic tour, offering a colorful narration of the history of Big Bear.

In addition to the tours themselves, and the natural beauty of the mountains, the Belle is available for private functions. In particular, the Sierra Belle makes for an unusual and pristine location for a wedding, holding up to 86 passengers. It's also ideal for rehearsal dinners, family reunions, corporate meetings, seminars, birthday parties, or just about any other gathering looking for beauty and something a little different.

The Sierra Belle itself is a part of Big Bear history, conducting tours for about 90 years. The double-decker ship features a snack bar, heating and air conditioning, old-fashioned lamps, carpeting and more amenities, making the tour comfortable and nostalgic.

For more information about the Sierra Belle, visit the Pine Knot Landing website at www.pineknotlanding.com, or call (909) 866-2628.

'Pueblo' art

Cabot's Pueblo Museum in Desert Hot Springs hosts the Pueblo Gallery, featuring heritage fine art and craft pieces. The building itself is a point of historic interest, constructed by Cabot Yerxa, one of the original homesteaders of the region who arrived in the Coachella Valley in 1913.

The museum is a multi-level Hopi-inspired pueblo which houses Cabot's collection of Indian baskets, pottery, Alaskan and Cuban artifacts. From 1941 to 1965, he constructed the pueblo out of materials he found abandoned in the desert.

Through March, the museum will host "A Southwest Heritage Art Exhibition," showcasing the works of various artists in a number of mediums.

Guided tours of the museum are available and crafters demonstrations take place on the weekends from 10am to 3pm.

Cabot's Pueblo Museum is located at 67-616 Desert View Ave. in Desert Hot Springs. For more information, call (760) 329-7610.



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souvenirs from space was accomplished with a retractable wand lined with material called aerogel. It is a silicon-based solid with a sponge-like structure, 99.8% air, 39 times more insulating than the best fiberglass insulation, and 1000 times less dense than glass. When high-velocity particles impact the aerogel they form a cone-shaped hole and are safely trapped at the pointed end, making it easy for scientists to observe them.

If you are interested in a souvenir of the Stardust Mission but find the journey daunting, pay a visit to the MSAS Astronomy

Village in Lake Arrowhead. The Stargazer's Gift Shop is one of the very few places you can purchase aerogel and is well-stocked with samples in all sizes. You can even get a small sample of aerogel or a meteorite in a heart-shaped box for Valentine's Day.

SkyQuest Public Programs scheduled for this spring will include additional information about the Stardust Mission.

The MSAS Astronomy Village is located just off State Hwy 18, west of Rim of the World High School, in Lake Arrowhead. The office is open daily, 10am to 4pm. Call (909)336-1699 for more information or visit their website at www.mountain-skies.org.

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Christian Comedy

Christian comedy tour comes to Riverside



Kim Coles, host of the Christian Comedy Tour 2006.

Ecclésiastes, Chapter 3: "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens; ... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

According to Bay Area Christian Entertainment (BACE), the time to laugh is Friday, Feb. 10, "Christian Comedy Tour 2006."

BACE will bring to Southern California some of the funniest Christian comics this side of heaven. Among the entertainers will be Jay Lamont, Lester Barrie, Dennis Gaxiola and Edwonda White. "Living Single's" quick-witted Kim Coles will be the evening's host.

In addition to general admission, VIP tickets are available for backstage access to meet and greet with the artists, along with appetizers and refreshments.

KIM COLES

Best known for her role as flighty Synclaire James on *Living Single*, Kim Coles possesses an abundance of versatile talent: actress, comedian, author and model.

Kim's television credits include starring roles in *Coming to the Stage*, *In Living Color*, *On Air with Ryan Seacrest*, *The Geena Davis Show*, and she was a long-time regular on *Hollywood Squares*.

Kim has appeared in commercials for Burger King and Sears, and has served as spokesperson for Lane Bryant clothing stores. Additionally, the gifted star is author of a hilarious book on dating titled "I'm Free, But It'll Cost You." Kim was nominated for three NAACP Image Awards as Best Actress in a Comedy (1996-98) for her work on *Living Single*, and nominated for Best Supporting Actress in 2000 for a guest appearance on *Frasier*.

JAY LAMONT

"Jammin" Jay Lamont is an accomplished impressionist and comedian who has toured all over the U.S. and overseas. He has been seen on BET's *Comic View*, *Def Comedy Jam*, *Showtime at the Apollo*, *Loco's Comedy Jam* and *Jamie Foxx Presents Laffapalooza*. Jay has toured and opened for such musical artists as: Luther Vandross, Frankie

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WHEN: Feb. 10, 8-10:30pm

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Boomers and Be Bop Café are located at 1500 W. 7th Street in the city of Upland. Call (909) 946-9555 for information, directions or to book a party or group event. You can view them on the web at www.boomersparks.com. 

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The NOS Events Center is located at 689 S. E St. in San Bernardino. Show hours are Fri. 2-7pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, and Sun. 10am-6pm. Admission to the show is free, parking is \$5.


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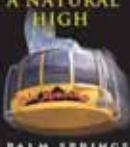
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FANTASY SPRINGS RESORT CASINO: (800) 827-2946. www.fantasyspringsresort.com. 84-245 Indio Springs, Pkwy. Tickets can be purchased at the website or through www.tickets.com.

JOSH GRACIN: Feb. 8, 8pm. The American Idol 2 star will play at the Rising Stars of Country series in the Fantasy Lounge.

DENNIS MILLER: Feb. 23.

JOEY & MARIA'S COMEDY ITALIAN WEDDING: Saturday at 7pm through May 20 in the Grand Cabazon Ballroom. Tickets are \$49.50 per person, which includes an Italian dinner, tax and gratuity. (800) 944-JOEY (5639).

TIM BURLESON: Through April 15 at the Sunset View Lounge. Favorites from the 50s through the present; Wed. through Sat. 7:30pm to 12:30am and Sun. jam session from 3:30 to 8:30pm. No cover. No minimum.

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

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COLLEGE TUITION: One lucky winner receives up to four years of college tuition. Promotion runs throughout February.

FILL 'ER UP!: Thursdays in February, every 15 min. starting at 4pm, a seated player using their Club Card will win \$100 in free gasoline. At 10pm, one player will win free gas for a year.

DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES: Feb. 14, win a trip to Paris. Feb. 10-14, earn boxes of Valentine's candy.

TAYLOR DAYNE: Feb. 15, 8pm, \$25.

BJ THOMAS: Feb. 27, 8pm, \$25.

SPECIAL BONUS DAYS: 3x/5x points on Mondays and Tuesdays. Call for times.

NON SMOKING AREA: New to Soboba Casino is the non-smoking gaming room. Call or visit for details.

AC'S LOUNGE: Live entertainment throughout the week.

BINGO: Monday through Friday 9am. Early Birds, Regular Session and Intermission Games. \$10 Buy In. 15 Games paying up to \$250. Triple Play. First Saturday Super Sessions. 1st Saturday of each Month at 10am - \$10 buy in. Progressive number cover-all pays fixed jackpot of \$1199. Consolation pays \$200 on regular pack or \$250 on extras sold on floor.

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February at Soboba brings wine, roses, big entertainment

Looking for Days of Wine and Roses? You can find them, and a lot more, during February at Soboba Casino.

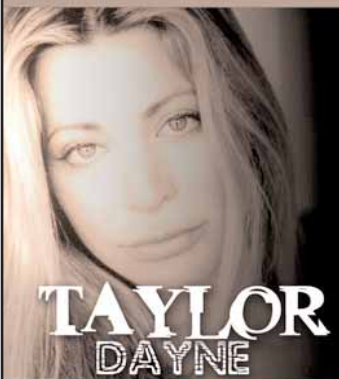
From Valentine's Day roses on Feb. 14, to a chance to win a Lover's Trip to Paris, Soboba Casino will also be celebrating Valentine's Day from Feb. 10-14 with a chance to earn boxes of Valentine's candy.

In addition, all of February will feature the College Tuition Promotion, the Monday's Soboba Grab Bag, Tuesdays' Gift of the Month, Wednesdays' Free Slot Play and Thursdays' Gas Card Give-Aways.

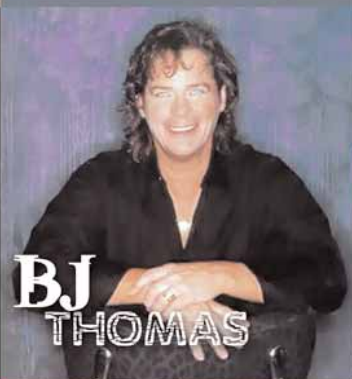
Plus, check out Soboba's great entertainment in February – Taylor Dayne on Feb. 15 and BJ Thomas on Feb. 27. For more information, call 1-866-4-SOBOBA, or go online to www.soboba.net.

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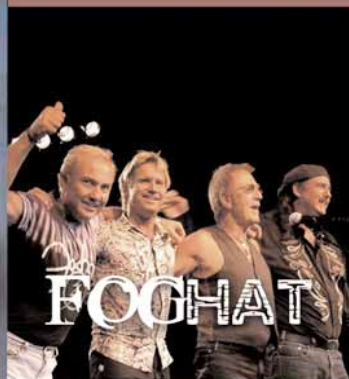
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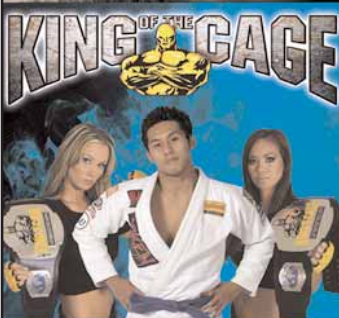
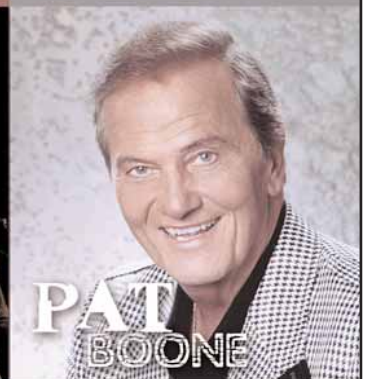
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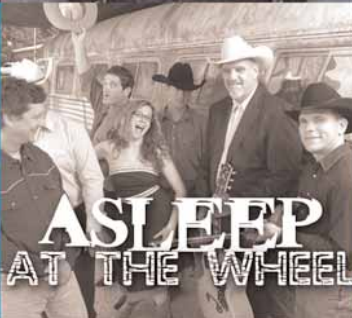
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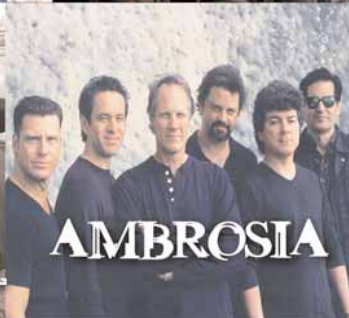
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The Flamingo Laughlin welcomes the 'Soldier of Love'



The Flamingo Laughlin's first headlining act to perform in 2006 is 70's teen idol Donny Osmond. Donny is scheduled to perform Valentine's week on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7pm in the Flamingo Ballroom.

Since making his debut at the age of six, on The Andy Williams Show, Donny Osmond has shown the world he is an enduring artist, who continues to evolve, grow and re-define himself in the music of his time. For more than 42 years, the world has watched him develop from a cherubic little boy singing on TV with his older brothers to a seasoned performer.

By the time he was a teenager he had become one of the most popular and successful stars in the history of pop music. In 1971, between his own and the Osmond Brothers recordings, he was awarded six gold records; the following year, he took home eight and another four in 1973. On his own Donny had a No. 1 hit with "Go Away Little Girl" and made the top 10 with "Hey Girl" and Paul Anka's "Puppy Love" and Roy Orbison's "Sweet and Innocent" and Johnny Mathis' "The Twelfth of Never." With his sister Marie, Donny had a third wave of hit records and enjoyed yet another

kind of success co-hosting a weekly variety TV series "The Donny and Maria Show."

In 1989, 13 years after his previous Top 40 chart-maker Donny hit the No. 2 spot on the charts with the release of "Soldier of Love" which also hit the Top 30 in the U.K.

Then in 1991 Donny saw yet another wave of success in his career when he turned down an offer to race cars full-time on the professional circuit after taking first place at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach Pro-Am to take a chance at a six-month contract to perform the title role in the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir Tim Rice's musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The six-month contract turned into a six year success with the original cast recording reaching quadruple platinum in Canada and gold in the U.S. ■

WHEN: Feb. 16, 7pm

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Tickets for all shows can be purchased through the casino box office or through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 585-3737.

JUANES: Feb. 5. Tickets \$75, \$65, \$55, \$45.

ART LABOE'S VALENTINE'S SHOW: Feb. 10 & 14.

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

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

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

ACE OF HEARTS VIDEO POKER TOURNAMENTS: Feb. 13-15, \$15,000 in prize money. First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, third prize is \$900, and prize money paid down to 39th place. The entry fee for each is \$109 and includes two days of tourney play.

DONNY OSMOND: Feb. 16, 7pm, tickets \$19.95 & \$24.95.

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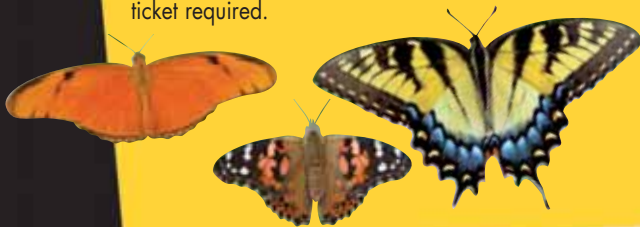
GROVE THEATRE: Located in historic downtown Upland, 276 E 9th St.. (909) 920-4343, grovethatre.com.

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Big time fun at Fiesta Village with new attractions and events

Fiesta Village in Colton is jumping, with the addition of their newest attraction, Bogey's Bounce House – a bounce arena, climbing wall and slide all in one.

The new attraction will delight energetic youngsters, aiming to serve guests nine-years and younger.

For the older fun-seeker, Fiesta Village recently added the Village Zumur, a carnival swing ride for those seeking a jolt of adrenaline.

Fiesta Village has been a long-time favorite fun spot for families in the Inland Empire. In addition to the rides, cars, miniature golf and batting cages, the Village also offers special events. On Feb. 15, Fiesta Village will host Superbowl XL Bonanza, with events throughout the day, prizes, arcade game challenges, balloons and more. The big game will be displayed on a big screen in Robin Hood's Pizza and Grill.

Feb. 24-26 is Nascar Race Weekend. Fans who bring in a ticket stub from any of the weekend events taking place at the California Speedway or wear race attire supporting their favorite driver will receive one free race car ticket or one free miniature golf pass with the purchase of the same.

For more information about Fiesta Village, go online to www.fiestavillage.com.



Highway 111 at 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert. 760-346-5694, livingdesert.org.

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK: Commonly called the Big Bear Zoo, located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10; kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily and hours Sept. through May are 10 am – 4pm Monday through Friday, and until 5pm on weekends. For more information go to

www.BigBearZoo.com or call (909) 878-4200.

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

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM: Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 2201 S. A St., Perris; train and trolley rides, weekends and holidays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; all-day train and trolley pass \$8, children 5-11 \$6. (909) 943-3020. www.oerm.org.

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

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Dragon Tales Live, Missing Music Mystery, Feb. 17-19. 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside. (951) 788-3944.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: Fellowship Baptist Church, Back Building, 3624 Arlington Ave., Riverside. (951) 485-7648.

STAGE 1 AT CANDLEWALK: 2331 Kellogg Ave., Corona. 1-877-8-STAGE 1, stage1atcandlewalk.com. All seats reserved.

For more fun kids' events, see the What To Do section on page 26. **R**

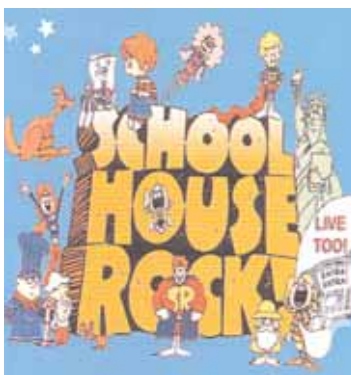
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Theater & the Arts

BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER: • Bite, Feb. 3-26. See article on page 25. • The Pirates of Penzance, March 3-April 16. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

CORONA CIVIC AUDITORIUM: A Frolic with Mr. Insanity, Feb. 9-11, 16-18, 8pm. Tickets \$10. 815 W. 6th St., Corona.

FONTANA MUMMERS COMMUNITY THEATRE: Niel Simon's California Suite, Feb. 10-26, 8pm Fri. & Sat., 2:30pm Sun. General \$12, seniors and students \$10, children 11 and under \$6. (909) 822-4052. 8443 Nuevo Ave. Fontana, on the corner of Nuevo and Spring, across from the Fontana Water Co. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to show time.

FULLERTON CIVIC LIGHT OPERA: Cats, Feb. 17-March 5. Tickets \$25-\$49. See article on

'Cats' in Fullerton's Plummer Auditorium

Tickets are on sale for Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats," featuring stars of the Broadway/National Touring productions, with elaborate sets and costumes as used on Broadway. Mary Gutzui, who has played "Grizabella" in more than 1000 performances, will be reprising her "Memories" role.

The show plays Feb. 17 through March 5 in Orange County's Plummer Auditorium, located in historic Downtown Fullerton. The Fullerton Civic Light Opera, 2005 winner of four Ovation awards for excellence in theater and one of the 100 largest resident professional music theaters in the United States, promises to thrill even the most impassioned "Cats" fan.

The 1300-seat Plummer Auditorium is minutes from Fullerton's Amtrak Train Station and is within walking distance to Downtown Fullerton, a hot spot for its dining scene and active night life.


Tickets range from \$25-\$49. For more information, call (714) 879-1732 or go to www.fclo.com. Season Tickets are also on sale. The season package offers four shows for the price of three, including "Cats," "Grease" May 12-28, "Lucky Stiff" July 14-30, and "42nd Street" Oct. 13-29.



Mary Gutzui as Grizabella in *Cats*, at Plummer Auditorium.


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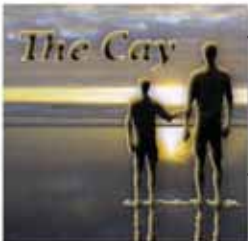


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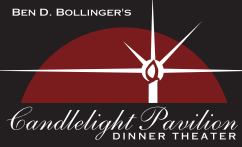
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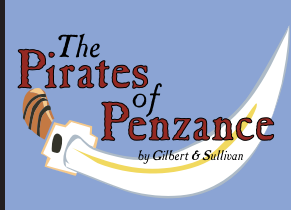
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Suppose Eve decided to take a bite of that infamous apple and was suddenly banished from Eden, and Adam... decided to stay behind. The musical *BITE!* takes an unconventional look at the world's first love story.



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Riverside Film Festival

A celebration of independent world cinema

For the fourth year, the Riverside International Film Festival will provide Inland audiences a broad range of aesthetically innovative and challenging work. The festival is anticipating films from such countries as Mexico, India, Egypt, China, Korea, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Turkey, Canada, and the United States.

"The goal of the Riverside International Film Festival is to bring the best of independent cinema, including features, shorts and documentaries, as well as filmmakers and actors, from all over the world to Riverside," Dr. Harkeerat Dhillon, Festival President, said.

"At the same time we partner with different countries who send to us their best and most recent films. This year we expect greater involvement from our significant student population. Our audiences will discover the power and the passion of these filmmakers' visions. We think they will find that each film is a thoroughly entertaining and rewarding experience."

The Riverside International Film Festival will be held February 17 through 26, with screenings taking place at the Metropolitan University Village, located at 1201A University Avenue in Riverside. ■

WHEN: Feb. 17-26

WHERE: Metropolitan University Village, 1201A University Ave., Riverside

TICKETS: Festival Pass \$100; Ten Ticket Pass \$70; Student/Senior Ten Ticket Pass \$45; General \$8; Student/Senior General \$5

For more information, call (951) 827-5051 or (951) 682-4456
www.riversidefilmfest.org

Rebecca St. James powerful music comes to Highland

Returning from a mission in Rwanda in her role as a global spokeswoman for Compassion International, Rebecca St. James has launched her ambitious "If I Had One Chance To Tell You Something" Tour, a forty-plus concert schedule. St. James will arrive at Pasadena on Feb. 18 and Highland on Feb. 19.

The tour, which celebrates the release of St. James' critically acclaimed latest CD of the same title, might have the sub-title "chicks that rock!" The Australian born Grammy and Dove Award winner shares the stage with BarlowGirl, whose dramatic impact in Christian music over the past several years has brought them multiple Dove Award nominations, #1 singles for the Ferrent label, and like Rebecca, a strong voice as role models for their audience.

Barlow sisters Becca, Alyssa, and Lauren have again connected powerfully

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African circus 'Sarakasi' comes to Claremont

Making their American tour debut, the "Amazing Acrobats of Africa!," Sarakasi, will perform at Bridges Auditorium at the Claremont Colleges, March 4 at 8pm.

Sarakasi means "circus" or "acrobats" in Kiswahili. The Sarakasi Trust was formally established in 2001 in Nairobi to promote the native circus-based culture of east Africa to the world.

The twenty-two person cast features pulsating music, dance, drumming and various amazing and unique Bantu circus arts, including fast pyramids, double pole climbing, the incredible "snake Charmer" tumbling style and many more acts.

Drawn from the cities of Kenya, Dar es Salaam and elsewhere in east Africa, the not-for-profit Sarakasi Trust has been instrumental in transforming the lives of hundreds of young artists carrying on the tradition of their ancestors.

Tickets are \$15, \$20 & \$25, available at the Bridges Auditorium box office and Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call (909) 621-8032, or go online to www.cuc.claremont.edu/Bridges.

The Bridges Auditorium is located at the corner of 4th and College Way in Claremont. □



Wanted: Bands and singer-songwriters

Are you an musician looking for your big break, or just some work? Then you should probably get some representation.

Living in the Inland Empire, performers don't need to travel to Los Angeles to find professional help. Local agency Lilli Entertainment, Inc., based in Murrieta, is hungry for talent that is looking for exposure.

Lilli Entertainment is a full service music management, publicity and booking company. To have them take a look at you, they are accepting demos, searching for original and cover bands, as well as singers and songwriters.

Lydia Lilli of Lilli Entertainment says they are accepting genres in rock, smooth contemporary jazz, pop, alternative and R&B/Soul.

Demos can be sent to Lilli Entertainment, Inc., 25123 Camino Mancho, Murrieta, CA, 92563. Include a press kit or bio detailing performance experience, contact phone and address. Demos will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

For more information, see Lilli Entertainment online at www.lillientertainment.com.

Mass Productions Presents

A Frolic With Mr. Insanity



Showing at:
Corona Civic Auditorium, 815 W. 6th St., Corona, CA 92882
Show Dates:
February 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 at 8p.m.
Tickets: \$10
Buy tickets at the door.

A Frolic with Mr. Insanity is about a lawyer whose "life is surrounded by nuts." The judge is afraid to make decisions, the prosecutor thinks the courtroom is a stage, his client is obsessed with cooking, and his secretary "would offer to assist the man beating her to death." They drive him insane and throw him in the looney bin where he meets his inner 'Crazies.'

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Join the Candlelight for a 'Bite!' of something new

Premiering at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater in Claremont is "Bite!" making a short local stop on its way to New York. This new musical takes place on the edge of an anachronistic Garden of Eden that bears an unsettling resemblance to Club Med – a timeless paradise punctuated with tropical smoothies, private tennis lessons and luxuriant back-rubs.

Realizing there must be more to life than "endless, mind-numbing comfort," Eve decides the apple is her key to a new world beyond the tedium of the garden and bites the forbidden fruit.

She tells Adam what she's done. Like any sensible male who's afraid of change, he stays behind where life is uncomplicated, easy and free of commitment.

Now, Adam has it all, lounging all day, being waited on hand and foot by the servants of Eden. This version of the garden comes with a complete celestial support staff--waitresses, a tennis coach and technicians whose job it is to make sure that paradise never changes.

Eve, on the other hand, begins confronting the challenges of mortality. She faces doubt, fear, loneliness and consequently begins to grow and learn. It's clear to Eve that she and Adam are meant to share their lives, to create a world together, so she returns to Eden, trying to get Adam to somehow get a clue. And each time she comes back, she shows Adam something else he's missing out on ... fire, rain, hugs, kisses and more.

Meanwhile, the celestial order has been thrown into complete chaos. The Support Staff is left stranded in a decidedly corporate holding pattern. They do their best to stay positive, facing downsizing and restructuring, as they wait for "the project to move into Phase 2."

Bite! takes an unconventional look at the world's first love story, where paradise was never funnier.

Writer David Howard's most visible credit is DreamWorks' blockbuster feature "Galaxy Quest." Howard also recently developed a series pilot "The Carver Brothers" with Spelling Television and Robert Deniro's Tribeca Films for CBS (co-

written with M.F. McDowell). He also developed a pilot "Dead and Breakfast" for the WB with Ron Howard's Imagine Television. He has written extensively for the theatre, having had plays produced by such theatres as Actors Theatre of Louisville (productions include: "Totally Grimm," "Dreamlover" and "Do You Love Me?") the Moving Arts Theatre ("Night Times"), and the Timescape Arts Group ("The Fast").

Music is by Brett Simmons, who also works as an arranger, producer, and music director.

Leading lady, Eve, is played by Misty Cotton. Misty appeared as Violet Hilton in the Colony Production of Side Show. Misty was seen in Los Angeles in Classic & Contemporary American Play's staged reading of Plaza Suite starring Teri Garr and Bonnie Franklin, among other performances. ■

WHEN: Thurs.-Sun., Feb. 3-Feb. 26

WHERE: Candlelight Pavilion

For more information, call
(909) 626-1254

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page 22. Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton. (714) 879-1732, www.fclo.com.

LA QUINTA PLAYHOUSE: Stones in His Pockets, Feb. 24-March 19, 7:30pm. Tickets \$28, \$15 students. (760) 360-9191.

MCCALLUM THEATRE: • Indian Wells Desert Symphony: Hooked on Opera, Feb. 16, 8pm. Best loved opera melodies of all time. Tickets \$70, \$55, \$40, \$25. • La Traviata, Feb. 23, 8pm. Orchestra \$60, rear orchestra \$50, balcony \$40. Box Office: (760) 340-ARTS. mccallumtheatre.com. 73000 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER: PenniSILLYum, Feb. 4-5. A comedic musical involving a proctologist's office attempts to help a country music star who sat on a microphone. Tickets \$34. (866) 653-8696, [\[latheater.org\]\(http://latheater.org\). 42051 Main St., Temecula.](http://temecu-</p>
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PALM CANYON THEATRE: 3rd Sunday Improv, through May 21, 2006, 7pm, 3rd Sunday of each month. Watch or participate. \$4 donation. (760) 323-5123. www.palmcanyontheatre.org. 538 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs.

REBECCA ST. JAMES: Feb. 19, 6:30pm, Immanuel Baptist Church, 28355 E. Baseline, Highland. Tickets \$18. See article on page 23.

RIALTO COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Lie, Cheat & Genuflect, Feb. 3-26, Fri. & Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm. General \$15, seniors and students \$12. 150 E. San Bernardino Ave., Rialto. (909) 873-8514.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: • The Music Man, Feb. 10-11, 17-18, 8pm, Feb. 19, 7pm, Feb. 11-12, 18,-19 2pm. • The Cay, Feb. 26, 2pm & 7pm. Landis Performing Arts

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SEEKING MUSIC TALENT

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

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

CHRISTIAN COMEDY TOUR: Feb. 10, 8pm. See article on page 12.

CHRISTIAN SINGLES EVENTS: Christian Speedy Intro, Bunco and Karaoke, Meridian Club, Fullerton. For more information: 714/210-3337, www.ccisingles.com.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

CHRISTIAN COMEDY TOUR: Feb. 10, 8pm. See article on page 11.

CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT: See what life was like for soldiers on both sides of the Civil War at this authentic encampment. Feb. 18-20 at Calico Ghost Town in Yermo. Adults \$8, junior \$5, camping \$14/unit/night. 1-800-TO-CALI-CO. www.calicotown.com.

COMPUTER FAIR: March 4-5, at the Fairplex in Pomona, 10am-5pm, building 7. Hundreds of computer related items at wholesale prices. General admission \$8. (408) 465-2300. www.lacomputerfair.com.

GREAT WESTERN AND ATLANTIC TRAIN SHOW: Feb. 25, 11am-5pm, at the Fairplex in Pomona, Building 6. Adults \$8, children 10 and under free. (760) 376-2598.

30TH ANNUAL GREEK ORTHODOX FOLK DANCE & CHORAL FESTIVAL: Feb. 16-19.

See article on page 7.

NOS SPORTS CENTER WINNERS CIRCLE BINGO: Every Fri. and Sat., 3-9pm. \$10 buy in, two 3-hour sessions benefiting Inland Empire charities. 930 S. Arrowhead Ave., Gate 10, San Bernardino. (909) 885-7223.

NOS SPORTS CENTER: Satellite horserace wagering. 930 S. Arrowhead Ave., Gate 10, San Bernardino. (909) 885-7223.

INLAND EMPIRE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW: Feb. 10-12 at the National Orange Show Events Center. See article on page 16.

IRISH FAIR AND MUSIC FESTIVAL: March 11-12, Fairplex in Pomona. For more information, call (310) 537-4240 or go online to irish-fair.com.

OAKTREE VILLAGE: 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Apple season is open, with events throughout the season. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fishing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020. www.oak-tree-village.com.

PALM SPRING'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPENING CEREMONY: Feb. 4, 3pm, at James O. Jessie Park in Palm Springs. (760) 416-5715.

RILEY'S FARM: In Oak Glen, offering Revolutionary War Adventures Mon.-Fri., 10am-2pm. Old-fashioned Valentine's Barn dances. See article on page 5. (909) 797-7534, www.rileysfarm.com.

RIVERSIDE DATE FESTIVAL: Feb. 17-26, 10am-10pm. In Indio off of Hwy. 111. (800) 811-3247.

RIVERSIDE DICKENS FESTIVAL: In Downtown Riverside, Feb. 3-5. Relive Victorian days with street performances, music, family entertainment and more. See article on page 10. For more information, call (800) 430-4140.

SARAKASI AFRICAN CIRCUS AND ACROBATS: March 4, 8pm. See article on page 24.

SENIOR BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT: Feb. 3 and March 3, 1pm, at the Rancho Cucamonga Senior Center. Refreshments and cash prizes. \$5 per person. James L. Brulte Senior Center, 11200 Base Line Road, Rancho Cucamonga. (909) 477-2780.

SENIOR VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY: Feb. 9, 10am, at the Rancho Cucamonga Senior Center. Refreshments and music. James L. Brulte Senior Center, 11200 Base Line Road,

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- Name of the event
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- City, location and address
- A contact phone number
- Name of the person submitting the event

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MUSEUMS

THE ASISTENCIA, AN OUTPOST OF THE MISSION SAN GABRIEL: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through

Saturdays, 26930 Barton Road, Redlands, free, donations accepted, (909) 793-5402.

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CALIFORNIA MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY: 3824 Main St., Riverside, (951) 787-4787. www.cmp.ucr.edu.

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Center. 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. (951) 222-8100. www.performanceriverside.org.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: School House Rock, Feb. 17-18, 7pm, Feb. 18-19, 2pm. 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: Feb. 17-26. See article on page 23.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM: Dragon Tales Live, Feb. 17-19. 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside. (951) 788-3944.

SAN BERNARDINO CIVIC LIGHT OPERA: Presents Tim Conway & Harvey Korman Together Again! April 2, 4pm. Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. (909) 889-6564.

SAN BERNARDINO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: California Theatre of the Performing Arts in downtown San Bernardino, 562 W. 4th St. (909) 381-5388.

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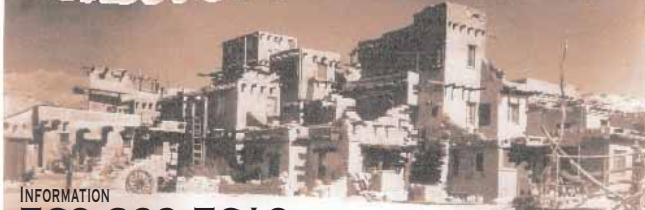
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LA SIERRA WORLD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: 2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Cossentine Hall, La Sierra University, 4700 Pierce St., Riverside, free, (951) 785-2209.

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PLANES OF FAME: Aviation in the movies, March 4. See article on page 6. \$8.95 general, children 11 to 5 are \$1.95 and children under 5 are free. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

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with their audience by way of their latest album release "Another Journal Entry," which showcases their affinity to rock for God. The tour will also introduce audiences to BEC recording artist Jadon Lavik whose recent Top 5 single "What If" and current single "Changing Happy" have given him wide exposure with Christian radio.

For St. James, "If I Had One Chance To Tell You Something" heralds her first full-on studio album release of totally new music in several years. Released in November by EMI/Forefront, the album marks a return to her pop/rock roots with a strong, fresh energy and creativity in her music that in the words of one reviewer, "does more than gently rustle the curtains – it blows them totally off the rods!" Her first single release from the new project, Alive, impacted strongly at radio, recently reaching Top 5 in both the AC and CHR charts. Major reviews of the album have welcomed the effort by repeatedly ranking it as the strongest collection of St. James' music to date.

According to St. James the "heart" of the event will also give concert-goers the most personal and transparent moments of sharing she's ever done on tour. "Themes from trust and transformation, to the renewed passion I have for the work of Compassion International are major issues I'll address from the stage," she notes. Her personal insight and experiences as well as visuals from her current mission to Rwanda are also expected to be highlights, as will a time of worship where Rebecca will be joined onstage by BarlowGirl.

St. James will perform at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., on Feb. 18 at 6:30pm, and in Highland at Immanuel Baptist Church, 28355 Baseline, on Feb. 19.

For more information go online to www.rsjames.com. □

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PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM: The museum is open daily 10am-5pm, Wednesday until 8pm. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 youth ages 6-17, children under 6 free, seniors and military \$8.50. 745 N. Gene Autry Trail. For more information, call (760) 778-6262 or go online to www.palmspringsairmuseum.org.

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Beverly & Maze, The Gap Band, The O'Jays as well as comedic headliners D.L. Hughley, Tommy Davidson, Mike Epps, Cedric the Entertainer and Jamie Foxx.

LESTER BARRIE

As an entertainer, Lester Barrie is most noted as a former host of Comic View on BET, as well as for having portrayed the slick and outrageous preacher in the Shawn and Marlon Wayans' urban classic film "Don't be a Menace to South Central While Drinking your Juice in the Hood."

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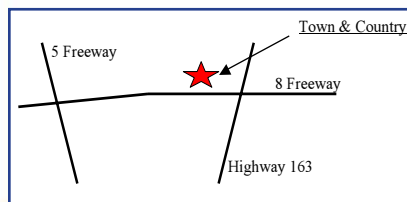
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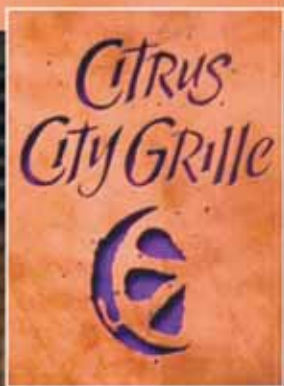
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