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Bring on the Spring! There's lots to do in the Inland Empire this month, and this issue is chock full of ideas. We see the return of the Ramona Outdoor Play, now in its 83rd year. If you haven't seen Ramona, you're missing out; it's the largest outdoor drama in the country. Check it out on page 20. Celebrate Earth Day at the Environmental Expo (page 6) and the Living Desert (page 10), or head out to the Orange Show Speedway for racing action (page 9). Looking for a festival to make you pucker up? Check out the Upland Lemon Festival starting April 28, where all things sour are celebrated (page 11). Your kids will love the Train and Trolley Festival at the Orange Empire Railway Museum (page 19).

Tom Pigeon, Editor

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ON THE COVER: This year brings the 83rd production of the annual Ramona Outdoor Play. Pictured on the cover are stars Jeanette A. Gardea, as Ramona, and Vince Whipple as Alessandro.

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New to Knott's Soak City Palm Springs is Pacific Spin. This multi-person raft ride includes a 132-foot long tunnel that drops riders 75 feet into a six-story funnel. After pitching riders back and forth through 5,500 gallons of swirling water, the ride culminates in a waterfall splash. Pacific Spin is Soak City's most action-packed water adventure to date, carrying 700 passengers per hour at a maximum speed of 35 feet per second.

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Easter Services and Events

Celebrate Easter with the rising sun or with a family outing. Our guide below lists an assortment of early morning services and special get-togethers.

Canyon Crest Towne Centre Easter Egg Hunt

RIVERSIDE

"Hoppy days" return to the Canyon Crest Towne Centre in Riverside on April 8, from 11am to 2pm. Known for its relaxed, open-air atmosphere, the Towne Centre is hosting its annual Easter egg hunt along with other fun activities for the kids. The Towne Centre is located at 5225 Canyon Crest Dr. For more information, call (951) 686-1222, or go online to www.cctowne-centre.com.

Easter Eggstravaganza

RIVERSIDE

Celebrate Easter at God's House of Favor Church on April 15, from 11am to 3pm with games for the kids, food, prizes,

and, of course, an egg hunt. The church is located at the end of Van Buren near the 215 freeway, across from Riverside National Cemetery. For more information, call (951) 697-1220.

Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

PALM SPRINGS

Sunrise anywhere is beautiful, but from the Mountain Station of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway it is spectacular. Begin your Easter with a message from Pastor Art

Popp. Shaken Not... Stirred will provide popular up-tempo music. The first car up will be at 5am. The program begins at 5:30am.

Reduced Tram fares will be in effect from 5am until 7:30am. Round-trip fare will be \$13 for adults and \$10 for children ages 3-12. A

Ride 'n' Breakfast combination will also be available until 7:30am. The cost of the combination, including round-trip Tram fare is \$21.50 for adults and \$14.50 for chil-



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Environmental EXPO promotes a healthy Earth

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More than 10,000 people are expected

for the university's annual daylong event, which is in its 20th year. Coordinated by the university's Network for Environmental Science Teaching, this year's EXPO will feature an appearance by television and film actress Barbara Niven of *One Life to Lead*, *Pensacola* and *Wings of Gold*, along with an energy conservation themed magic show by Paul Cash and a water festival with 17 different free activity zones, where children can learn about water without getting wet.

The event will feature a special recycling station located outside Coussoulis Arena, where participants who bring a minimum of 20 recyclable cans or bottles (aluminum cans are preferred) can redeem them for a free 16-ounce EXPO mug that can be used at the EXPO concession stand

to purchase a soft drink at the special price of 65 cents.

Participants can also enter the giant 22-foot EXPO Earth Balloon that can seat up to 25 people and learn about making wise environmental choices. EXPO will also include exhibits by environmental organizations, agencies, businesses and schools, displays of alternative-fuel behaviors, puppet shows and a food court.

Also for inspection will be the winning entries of classroom and community group environmental contests that include quilts on recycling, bookmark art and multimedia projects based on the theme "Conserving and Protecting Earth's Resources."

EXPO will honor an Environmental Educator of the Year, and 9th grader Kelsey Broersma of Yucaipa High School, winner of EXPO's annual bookmark art contest.

Admission and parking for EXPO are free. For more information, call (909) 537-5681. ■



Enjoy a Fiesta Weekend in Big Bear Lake!

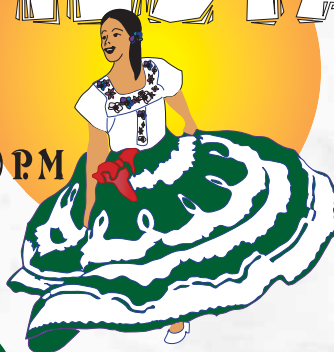
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When my therapist told me the same thing I decided right then that they were wrong. So I started looking into gyms and found Curves to be the best option. Because my muscles were way off balance from walking with crutches, then a boot, and finally a cane, I had to retrain my entire body. Curves had every machine I needed to work every muscle group.

I went to Curves five days a week for five months. The manager and trainers were very supportive - they cheered me on every day. Sometimes I almost couldn't bear to continue on, but just imagining Nadette's smile when she would see me was the push I needed.

It took time and hard work but I got my muscles back to normal and the limp is gone. My doctor and therapist are amazed, but I'm not. It was a group effort. I couldn't have done it without Nadette and her team. I felt welcomed and cheered.

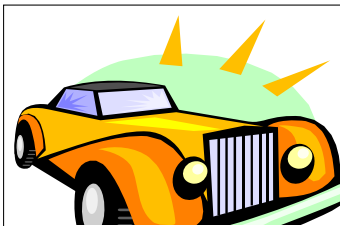
So what does Curves mean to me? No more limp. I walk normally when my doctors said I wouldn't.

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Big Bear Cinco de Mayo expanded to two days

Enjoy two days of authentic Mexican music, food, drink and dance during the expanded Bear Valley Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, set for Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7 at The Convention Center at Big Bear Lake.

The third annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta includes expanded music, mariachis, children's activities such as pinatas, arts and crafts, a bounce house and petting zoo.



Adults can enjoy margaritas and salsa dancing.

Fiesta highlights include Aztec Dancers, who will present traditional Mayan and Aztec dances both days, including Saturday's opening ceremonies. Sonora Cantina Folklorico Dancers are also set to perform along with La Polma Spanish Dancers, while Fiesta-goers can dance both days to popular Mexican band Grupo Sabor a Mi.

On Saturday night at 7pm the Fiesta is transformed into "Club Puebla" for adult-themed fun that includes salsa dancing, quick drink contests and more.

New for 2006 is the "Best of the Mountain" margarita contest, which sees Big Bear restaurants and bars trying to create the perfect concoction. The top three recipes will be sold throughout the Fiesta as sampler kits with attendees voting on the winner. Other new contests include the tortilla toss, "Big Juan Burrito" eating contest, and quick drink events. Returning events include the "Best of the Mountain" salsa competition, with pro divisions for restaurants and open for everyone else.

Miss Cinco de Mayo is awarded to the winner of costume, speech, fundraising and cultural presentations.

Enjoy tacos, ceviche and other Mexican delights prepared by Big Bear restaurants including Sonora Cantina, El Jacalito, Boo Bear's Den and La Montana, plus fair foods like cotton candy and snow cones.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican victory over the French at Puebla, 100 miles east of Mexico City, on May 5, 1862. It was a victory that helped the United States as well, since it prevented the French from providing assistance to the Confederate army during the Civil War. After that conflict ended, Union forces under General Phil Sheridan joined the Mexican army in expelling the French, and the American Legion of Honor marched in the ensuing victory parade in Mexico City.

Fiesta admission is \$8 on Saturday, \$10 on Sunday. Look for the \$2 off coupons on page 30. Fiesta is free both days for ages 12 and under. Two-day passports are \$14. Call (909) 585-3000 for more information. For information on weekend resort packages, call (800) 4-BIG-BEAR. ■

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Racing begins at Orange Show Speedway

Adozen races for the fiercely contested Super Late Model class and the addition of the ASA Modifieds to the regular weekly programs highlight the 2006 racing season at Orange Show Speedway.

The schedule created by race director Steve Larsen for the quarter-mile paved oval on the National Orange Show grounds consists of 23 nights of racing plus the annual Route 66 Rendezvous Burnout Contest and Monster Truck show Sept. 15.

The season will begin on Saturday, April 8, and conclude Saturday, Oct. 28. Spectator gates will open at 5pm each race day and racing will get under way at 6:30pm. Tickets are priced at \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (over 62), military personnel and juniors (13-16) and \$2 for children 6 to 12. Parking, through Gate 3 off Mill Street, is \$4 per vehicle.

There will be three appearances by the touring ASA Speed Truck Challenge, including opening night, and three fan-pleasing Demolition Derbies. The first of those will be run May 27, as a stand-alone event in conjunction with the National Orange Show Festival. The other derbies, on July 15 and Oct. 21, will

be part of full racing programs.

The Super Late Models, Modifieds, Late Models, Street Stocks, Stock Ponys, Sport Trucks and Sport Compacts will run under the ASA banner. The Pro-4 class no longer is an ASA division, but will race at the Orange Show eight times using new weight and engine rules designed to equalize the competition.

The speedway will continue to provide opportunities for the scaled-down Legend Cars, Bandoleros and Mini and Jr. Mini StockKars that have raced here in the past.

"The Super Late Models will be our premiere series again this year," Larsen said, "and we're optimistic that the close and entertaining racing the fans saw last year will lead to bigger crowds, and that more drivers will want to get in on the action."

In addition to the Super Late Models, the Stock Ponys will have a dozen races while the entry-level Sport Trucks and Sport Compacts make 11 appearances apiece. There are eight races scheduled for Street Stocks.

The Modifieds, which ran four races at the speedway late last season, are on the schedule 10 times this year.

For more information, contact the speedway office at 909-888-6788, Ext. 438. 

Christian singles gather at Cowtown, Riverside

Christian singles looking to meet can look forward to a bevy of new opportunities, thanks to Confidential Christian Introductions (CCI). New events added to their schedule include Country Western and Swing dancing at Cowtown in Riverside, at 15950 Van Buren Blvd.

If you can't dance get there early because the evening includes an hour of dance lessons. It's not necessary to bring a partner, because dancers rotate during the lessons.

Cowtown dances will be held the fifth Saturdays of each month (except December) at 7:30pm..

Other fun events for Christian singles include Christian Speedy Introductions, Bunco & Karaoke, a rotational dinner-dance on the Queen Mary, a cruise to Europe, additional dances and rotational dinner-dances, and an alcohol-free New Year's Eve Party.

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Wine dinners and Sunday brunches at Citrus City Grille

Citrus City Grille, one of Riverside's finest restaurants, continues to bring the best in dining adventures to the Inland Empire.

On Monday, May 8, Citrus City Grille will host a special Wine Dinner, featuring Joshua Tree Wines, and on Mother's Day, May 14th, a special Sunday Grand Buffet Champagne Brunch. Reservations are recommended.

In addition to cuisine to delight any palate, the Grille also offers nightly entertainment and a wide selection of Californian, Australian and French wines from its Wine Cellar.

Citrus City Grille is located in the Riverside Plaza at Riverside Plaza at 3555 Dr., Suite 100.

Mother Nature's Earth Jam at The Living Desert

The Living Desert and Newman's Own present Mother Nature's Earth Jam on April 22. Join more than a half-billion people all over the world who will celebrate Earth Day 2006. Zoo gates open at 9am and close at 4pm. Special Earth Day activities are from 10am to 4pm.

Admission to the park is \$2 per person for Earth Day only. Donate an old, used cell phone and admission is free.

This fun and informative day will feature environmental and conservation presentations from local organizations. Visitors can learn how to save energy, recycle, preserve wildlands and even look at the sun through a giant telescope. Free rare Cochiti and Escondida chile pepper plants will be given away to the first 2,500 visitors.

Live entertainment in the Palm Garden Patio will be from 10am to 4pm and will include the Truman Elementary Tigers, Desert Sands Unified School District Dance Team and several other musical groups. There will be activities for the family along with the WildLife Wonders animal shows and Gecko Gulch, the desert playland for children. Food and beverages are available for an additional cost.

Call 760-346-5694 for more information or log-on to the website at www.livingdesert.org.



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April 29-30, 2006

Easter Fun

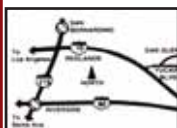
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Lemons galore at Upland festival



Prepare to pucker up for plenty of lemony goodness as Upland celebrates the lemon. The 9th Annual Upland Lemon Festival runs April 28 (5-9pm), 29 (10am-9pm), and 30 (11am-7pm) in downtown Upland. The fun includes, of course, a lemon pie eating contest, and other lemon-themed treats. There is also plenty of entertainment, with three stages with live events, a children's fair, rides, crafts, more than 200 booths, beer and wine gardens, and more.

On April 29, visit the Main Stage to watch finalists from the "Upland Idol" competition. A customized version of the popular "American Idol" pop music competition, the finalists will appear at the Lemon Festival from 6pm to 8pm. Winners in three categories will be awarded prizes at the Lemon Festival.

The Festival is a great family outing, with most of the events free of charge. Purchase carnival ride books in advance, by April 27, and get them for \$10 for a book of 8 tickets.

For more information, call (909) 949-4499 or go online to hitoricdowntownupland.com. 

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The Lake Arrowhead Mountain Skies Astronomical Society (MSAS) Astronomy Village takes the space-botany connection a step further. In their garden is a very special inhabitant. Nestled in among the plants, trees, and small wildlife is a Sycamore tree named "Luna." She was planted on the site in 1999 to celebrate the grand opening of Astronomy Village. What makes Luna special is that she is one of a handful of "astronaut" trees that have been in space.

The story of the Moon Trees began 35 years

ago when a former US Forest Service "smoke jumper" and Air Force test pilot, Stuart Roosa, joined Alan Shepard and Ed Mitchel to form the crew of NASA's Apollo 14 Mission. Each astronaut was allowed to take personal items with them on their mission. Roosa's items included a canister of tree seeds.

After the seeds returned to Earth they went through decontamination procedures and were sent to the US Forest Service laboratories in Mississippi and California. Apparently almost all of the hundreds of seeds successfully germinated.

The MSAS Astronomy Village is located in Lake Arrowhead, off State Hwy 18, just west of Rim of the World High School. For more information about Astronomy Village, call (909) 336-1699. For Star Gazer's Sky and Event Report, call (909) 336-1299. You can also visit their website at www.mountain-skies.org.

MSAS is a nonprofit public benefit educational corporation and is not affiliated or associated with any commercial business that attempts to replicate its presentations or programs. 

The Chef Knows With Peter Dills moves to KDOC

"The Chef Knows With Peter Dills," a fun look at Southland restaurants, will premiere on its new station, KDOC-56 on Saturday, April 1, where it will be seen every Saturday afternoon from 4-4:30 pm.

Dills is following in the footsteps of his father, noted restaurant critic Elmer Dills. KDOC-56 (www.kdoctv.net) is seen on every cable and dish television service throughout Southern California.

Each week, "The Chef Knows With Peter Dills" highlights some of the finest and most popular restaurants in the Southland covering every range of affordability and ethnic dining experience. Dills gives his audience a detailed and fun glimpse of what it's like to dine at the showcased establishments, touching on everything from the décor to the ambience to the service to the dishes themselves.

Dills also serves as fill-in host for his father, noted restaurant critic Elmer Dills, on his radio show.

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Earliest warplanes showcased at 'Planes of Fame'

The earliest warplanes of the 20th century were nothing more than simple aircraft with mounted guns and virtually no protection for the pilots. Nevertheless, their early aces paved the way for modern aerial warfare.

World War One Aviation is the subject of the monthly special event hosted by The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" at the Chino Airport on Saturday, May 6. The event will begin at 10am with a seminar on the role of aviation in the First World War and conclude with the flight demonstration of a "Planes of Fame" warbird.

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"Planes of Fame" is noted for its extensive collections of "heavy metal" World War II combat aircraft, that collection does include aircraft from the entire spectrum of aviation as well, including the wood and fabric warplanes of the first conflict in which aircraft played an important role.

In contrast to the sturdy combat aircraft that evolved in later years, the fighting airplanes of World War One were really rather crude machines.

Generally vulnerable to all sorts of enemy fire, and lacking in any sort of real protection for their crews, the warplanes of that era were little more than "death traps" for the brave young lads who flew them into combat. Most never even had parachutes that could offer some means of escape from a disabled airplane; yet those fliers did persist in their duty and set the standards for modern military aviation.

The very first permanent air museum in the American West, The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" is now in its 50th year as an independent, non-profit, educational institution. The museum also pioneered the concept of restoring historic aircraft to flying condition so that the public can appre-


ciate those artifacts in their natural element.

Staffed primarily by a core of dedicated volunteers, the museum supports its operations with admission fees, donations and proceeds from the use of its aircraft in various productions.

The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" also has a special membership program available to the public, with one of the benefits of membership being the ability to experience the thrill of warbird orientation flights. At each monthly special event, members in attendance, including last-minute sign-ups, can have their names entered into a free drawing for a warbird orientation flight.

The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" is open to the public every day, except Christmas and Thanksgiving, from 9am until 5pm. General admission is \$8.95; youngsters 11 and under are admitted for \$1.95; and admission is free for accompanied children under five.

Also coming up in May, The Air Museum will host its annual Air Show on May 20-21.

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The Sports Center also offers a premium Derby Day package for \$35 per person, which includes a gourmet buffet, reserved seating in the executive club, VIP parking and a complimentary racing program.

The Derby, always a high-profile event, is attracting a record amount of pre-race betting at the freestanding satellite wagering facility, according to Larry Jacobsen, Manager of the NOS Sports Center. “This year’s race is wide open, with no

overwhelming favorite. Some of the 3-year old standouts include Bluegrass Cat, Brother Derek, Bob and John, Lawyer Ron, Achilles of Troy, and a mare with the appealing handle of Oprah Winney.”

If you’re new to horse racing, the Sports Center offers a 9:30am seminar on Derby Day hosted by Bruce Finkelstein, a nationally respected racing authority.

“The Derby is the first race in The Triple Crown, followed by the Preakness and Belmont Stakes. Only eleven horses have won all three Triple Crown events. The last was Affirmed in 1978,” Jacobsen said.

The doors at the Sports Center open at 7:30am for the early birds. Bruce Finkelstein’s Handicapping Seminar is at 9:30am, with the Derby usually going to the post at approximately 2:30pm.

Reservations can be made Wednesday through Sunday at the Sports Center, located at 930 South Arrowhead Avenue, or by calling (909) 885-RACE (7223). To reach the Sports Center, exit the 215 Freeway in San Bernardino at Orange Show Road. Go east one block to Arrowhead Avenue, turn left (north) to Gate #10 on the National Orange Show Events Center grounds. ■

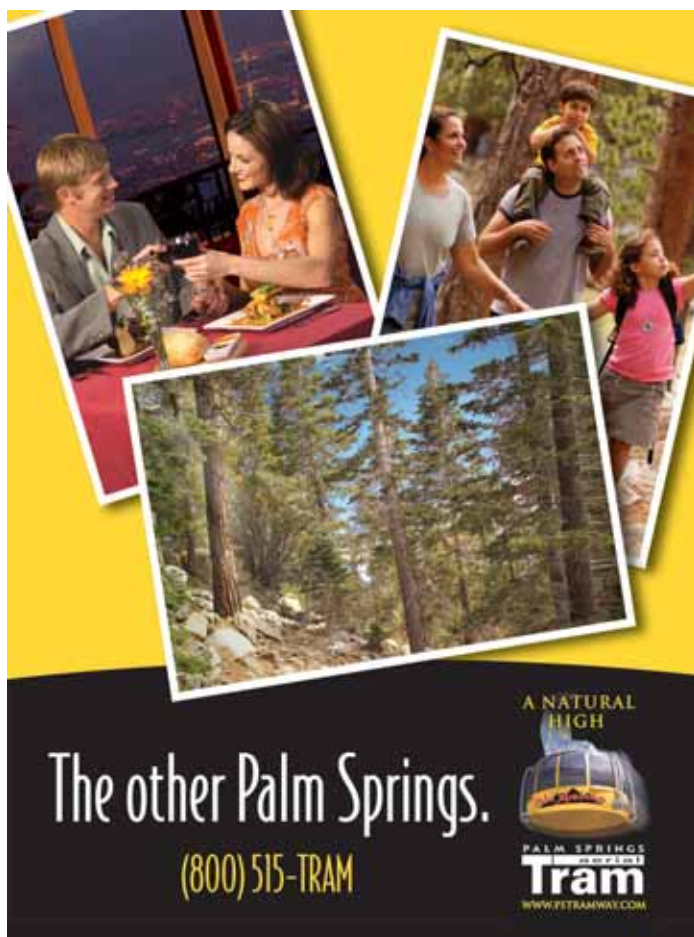
Easter ‘Peep’ show at DragonMarsh

DragonMarsh in downtown Riverside will host an Easter “Peep Show” on April 14, from Noon to 2pm.

See the chicks and bunnies “strut their stuff” while the costume shop puts on an art contest and statuary competition.

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Once again the awesome engines of the Show and Go Car Show and Street Race for Charity grace the asphalt in downtown Riverside. From May 5-6, on Market St. between 5th and 13th, classic cars buffed to perfection will line up for your inspection. On Sunday, May 7, the Show and Go moves to the new Strip at the Perris Auto

Speedway for 1/8-mile street legal, nostalgic car racing.

The action begins Friday night at 6:30pm as the cars cruise Market St. Bring a lawn chair and cheer on your favorite classic.

On Saturday, 1,000 classic cars, street rods and muscle cars will line the road and cruise along Market St., from 9am to 4pm. Check out the sponsor booths and enter to win a 383 CI Chevy Engine and Trans.

Both events are free to spectators and food is available.

Gates open at 8am on Sunday for the Perris Auto Speedway street racing. Admission is \$10, parking \$5 and kids 12 and under are free to view the action.

The K&N Filters Show and Go has grown to become the largest classic car show in Riverside County, with 30,000 spectators expected. Produced by the Riverside East Rotary and the Old Farts Racing team, all proceeds from the event benefit charity.

For more information, go online to www.showandgo.us.

RIVERSIDE PLAZA April Events

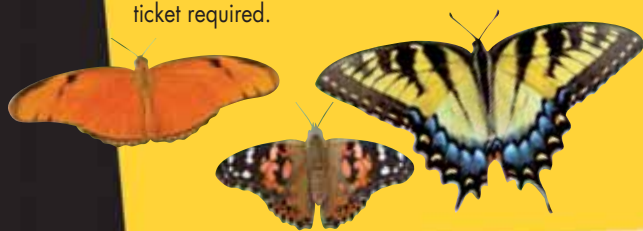
DATE	TIME	EVENT
FRI 31st-SAT 1st	7-9PM	Moi (Indie/Acoustic/Rock)
FRI 7th-SAT 8th	7-9PM	Hector Jimenez (Vocals/Pianist)
FRI 14th	7-9PM	Brian Duncan (R&B/ Jazz/ Funk)
SAT 15th	7-9PM	The Reckless Reefers (Instrumental Surf Music)
FRI 21st	7-9PM	Tom Kurai (Traditional Japanese Music)
SAT 22nd	7-9PM	Paddy Doyle's Boots (Traditional Irish Folk Music)
TUE 25th	4PM	Clean Campus Competition Rally
FRI 28th	7-9PM	Tom Kurai (Traditional Japanese Music)
SAT 29th	10AM-4PM	Riverside Plaza's salute to Architecture Week
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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.

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.

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AMBROSIA: April 19, 8pm, \$25.

ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL: April 10, 8pm, \$25.

MONTHLY HIGH POINT CHALLENGE: The top 20 slot point earners will receive free slot play (Sobobucks) to use the following month. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 4th.

MONTHLY FREE ROLL POKER TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING: Begins the 1st of the month through the last Friday of each month at 5pm. Tournament Friday at 7pm. Players who have acquired 40+ hours of play each month will qualify for a free buy-in tournament, known as a "free-roll" tournament. Prize pool for this tournament will be \$1,500, in which the final table will be paid (10 players). All tournament rules will apply. Players must have a Soboba Club Card to qualify; hours of play will be tracked through each player's cards.

2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS MYSTERY CASH POKER GIVEAWAY:

Qualifying, Monday through Thursday 10am & 11pm. Double tickets will be given out between 2pm -6pm the day of each drawing. Players who are in live play games will receive a ticket for every hour of live play. Giveaway: Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month 10am to 2pm and 6pm to 11pm hourly. To be eligible, Poker players must be seated in live play, and have no missed blinds when their ticket is drawn. There will be 8 envelopes, each envelope containing a cash voucher ranging from \$200 to \$1,300. The player whose ticket is drawn will select an envelope and receive the cash amount contained therein.

MONDAYS FREE MORNING SLOT TOURNAMENT:

Sign Up: 9am in non-smoking room. Start: 10am. Entry Fee: Free. Prizes: 1st - 10th places paid in Sobobucks, \$500 to \$50.

FREE EVENING SLOT TOURNAMENT: Sign Up: 5pm in non-smoking room. Start: 6pm. Entry Fee: Free. Prizes: 1st - 10th places paid in Sobobucks, \$500 to \$50.

GRAB BAG MONDAYS: 4pm - 10pm. The casino

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Club Soboba members begin earning tickets on April 1st to win a luxury RV and \$5000 free gas!

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Love is in the air at the Flamingo Laughlin

Engelbert Humperdinck, known for his songs with eternal themes of love and longing, will perform in the Laughlin Flamingo Outdoor Amphitheater April 15 at 8pm.

Humperdinck has been a legend in the international music industry for over thirty years and has sold over 130 million records. Engelbert Humperdinck, has recorded everything from the most romantic ballads to the theme song from the Beavis and Butthead movie to dance mixes of his classics.

With four Grammy nominations, a Golden Globe for "Entertainer of the Year" (1988) and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Humperdinck might rest on his laurels. Hardly. In the past few years, he has joined an elite group of musical artists who have crossed over successfully to strike a new chord with a younger generation in addition to their core audiences.

Engelbert Humperdinck came into this world as Arnold George Dorsey, one of ten siblings. His father served in the




British military, and his mother taught violin and had an operatic voice. They all lived in Leicester, England and the young lad from Leicester developed strong and enduring family values imparted by his parents. At the age of eleven, Arnold George Dorsey began to study saxophone.

When he was seventeen, Engelbert found himself playing at a pub that sponsored a singing contest. Persuaded by his friends to enter, he put down his sax and for the first time revealed another vocal talent: impersonations. Arnold George

Dorsey gave the world's finest impersonation of Jerry Lewis; fans dubbed him Gerry Dorsey. He never picked up the sax again. To this day, Engelbert continues to include a bit with impersonations in his shows.

Gerry Dorsey was very popular on the UK music circuit until he contracted tuberculosis, which silenced him for six months and nearly put an end to his rising star. Upon regaining his health, Gerry Dorsey knew he had to bury his old, somewhat tainted image to make a comeback as a strong, dynamic performer, still tall, dark, handsome and somewhat mysterious. His manager suggested the new name Engelbert Humperdinck. It was just outrageous enough to be memorable. It would take a man with a secure self-image and sense of humor to pull it off. And thus was born the soon-to-be legend Engelbert Humperdinck.

Tickets for the Humperdinck concert are \$25/\$30/\$35. For information or show tickets contact the Flamingo Box Office at 1- (800) 435-8469 or visit www.flamingo-laughlin.com. 

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TUESDAYS \$1,000 BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT:

Sign Up: 3pm at tables across from Club Soboba. Start: 5pm. Entry Fee: \$15 - Unlimited re-buys. Prizes: A percentage of all entry fees.

CLUB SOBOBA GIFT OF THE MONTH

GIVEAWAY: For Club member's that receive a Tuesday Gift of the Month coupon by playing and qualifying with their member's card. Call Club Soboba for more information - 951-665-1000.

THURSDAYS GAS CARD GIVEAWAY: 4pm - 10pm. The Player Development department will randomly select a Club Soboba member playing a slot machine with their card properly inserted every 15 minutes. 24 winners will receive a \$100 gift card for free gas. The winner drawn at 10pm will receive \$2,500 in free gas (gas for a year).

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

\$1,600 BLACKJACK TOURNAMENTS: Every Tuesday and Thursday - registrations at Noon;

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THE LIVING DESERT: Zoo featuring flora and fauna of the area's deserts. Located south of State Highway 111 at 47-900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert. 760-346-5694, livingdesert.org.

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.

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CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE BALLET:

A Fiesta, May 5. See article on page 24. At the Riverside Municipale Auditorium, 3485 Missin Inn Ave. in Riverside. (951) 787-7850.

CALIFORNIA THEATRE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS:

San Bernardino Symphony presents Movie Music for the Young and Young at Heart. April 22, 3pm. Downtown San Bernardino, 562 W. 4th St. (909) 381-5388.

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'Ramona' has been described as a feast for the senses. This popular show is set against the rugged



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Overall, *Pirates* is a delightful musical farce whose unusual plot nevertheless is salted to the popular taste. Only occasionally do Gilbert and Sullivan ask their audience to allow the show's imagination to exceed its reality. Laced with the kind of catchy lyrics and music that only Gilbert and Sullivan could write, there is no reason not to also find humor among its cutthroat male characters. Florenz Ziegfeld, had he been around, most certainly would have kidnapped *Pirates'* multiple pretty maidens for his *Follies*.

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'Pirates of Penzance' raises swashbuckling hilarity



The Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater in Claremont continues its 21st Anniversary Season with the musical comedy *The Pirates of Penzance*. The British comic opera team of Gilbert and Sullivan brings zany wit, swashbuckling romance, and tricky, tongue-twisting lyrics to the forefront of this delightful comic romp. "The Pirates of Penzance" is on now and runs through April 16.

In "The Pirates of Penzance," star-crossed lovers Frederic and Mabel are subjected to the plans of Frederic's "nurse," Ruth, and the dashing Pirate King. With wit, romance, tricky lyrics, and swashbuckling action, *The Pirates of Penzance* is captivating enjoyment.

Casey Marshall takes the stage as the dashing Pirate King. Richard Bermudez of Highland is the accidental pirate apprentice, Frederic. Sarah Elizabeth Combs plays the sweet maiden heroine, Mabel. Beach Vickers appears as Major-General Stanley, and Ann Peck McBride is Ruth, Frederic's hard-of-hearing nursemaid.

The Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater is located at 455 W. Foothill Blvd. in Claremont. Performances run Thursday through Sundays with Evening Dinner seating at 6pm and performances at 8pm. Saturday and Sunday matinees have luncheon seating at 11am and the performances at 1pm. Business casual dress is preferred.

For reservations, call (909) 626-1254 at least one day in advance. Tickets are available through the Box Office or online at www.candlelightpavilion.com. Ticket prices range from \$38-72 for adults.

Benise tour begins in Riverside

2006 marks the year Spanish guitarist Roni Benise unveils his electrifying multi-cultural stage show *Nights of Fire!*, with a national tour that starts in Riverside.

Nights of Fire! is a spectacular adventure through Spanish Flamenco, Cuban Salsa and Brazilian Samba that raises the standards of live performance to a fresh new level of originality with dancing that is equally mysterious, sensual and festive. As composer, guitarist and creative force behind the event, Roni Benise (pronounced Buh-nes-say) says the show's ambition is "to take people on a musical journey. I wanted to push the boundaries of traditional Flamenco/Spanish guitar while combining the elements of dance and theater. This show is a celebration of culture—the culmination of all the shows we've done over the last five years."

With a PBS program in March and the *Nights of Fire!* DVD and CD released recently, Benise begins his tour in Riverside on April 18, 8pm, at Riverside Municipal Auditorium. Backed by a stage full of musicians and elaborately choreographed dancers, *Nights of Fire!* captures world music at its best.

Benise's tour continues to Anaheim April 19 at the Grove of Anaheim, San Diego April 20 at Speckles Theatre, Phoenix, Arizona, April 21 at the Dodge Theatre, Los Angeles April 22 at the Greek Theatre, and on to dozens of more locations across the country.

For Riverside Municipal Auditorium ticket information, call (951) 788-3944, or go online to ticketmaster.com or benise.com. ■

natural backdrop of the southern Hemet hills, and is presented by a cast of more than 400 local actors, singers, dancers, and horsemen. The natural shape of the amphitheatre enhances the sound quality of the performance, and the beautiful landscaped surroundings create a perfect setting for this colorful and exciting fresh air pageant.

This year's performance will include several important changes. "Of the 14 major roles, 7 will be portrayed by talented new actors who have wanted to play these parts for a long time. Each brings great enthusiasm and energy to the production, and all share a love of California history that can be seen and felt," Dennis Anderson, Artistic Director for the Bowl, said.

"This year, for the first time in 22 years, we'll have a new actress playing the leading role of the Senora, and we're excited to see the way she reshapes the role and makes it her own. We've also added a colorful new Native American dance to the Elder Blessing scene, which is one of the most spectacular scenes of the show, featuring more than a hundred children," Anderson said.

Tickets are on sale now for weekend shows that begin on April 22. Performance dates for the 2006 season are April 22, 29, 30, and May 6, 7, and 13. Gates open at 1pm, with entertainment and pre-show activities starting at 1:30pm, and continuing until show time. Ramona performances will begin promptly at 4pm and conclude at 6:30pm.

For tickets or more information call 951-658-3111 or visit www.ramonabowl.com. ■



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Jeanie Linders

From hot flash to hit show, 'Menopause' opens in Upland

Four years, 42 cities and seven countries after the first show, *Menopause The Musical*, the hilarious celebration of women and *The Change*, is celebrating its fifth year, with the latest opening at the Grove Theatre in Upland on April 14.

It all started in a tiny 76-seat perfume-shop-turned-theatre in Orlando, Florida, in 2001. Inspired by a hot flash and a bottle of wine, writer/producer Jeanie Linders created the show as a celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived *The Change*. Since its first performance, the show has evolved as a "grassroots" movement of women who deal with life after 40.

The ensemble production features four women at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale with nothing in common but a black lace bra and hot flashes, night sweats, memory loss, chocolate binges, not enough sex, too much sex and more. A joyful parody of 25 re-lyricized classic baby boomer hits, the 90-minute show features chart-toppers including "I Heard It Thru the Grapevine," "You No Longer See 39" and the disco favorite "Stayin' Awake! Stayin' Awake!"

Ticket prices range from \$40 and can be purchased by calling (909) 920.4343. For more information, visit www.menopausethemusical.com.

'45 Seconds' is comedy homage to theatre cafe

Lying in the shadow of theater greatness is a small cafe where budding actors can find comfort. This is the setting of Neil Simon's comedy *45 Seconds From Broadway*, presented by the Temecula Valley Players at the Old Town Temecula Community Theater April 14th.

The inspiration for *45 Seconds From Broadway* came to Simon as he peered through the windows of the Hotel Edison's famous Café Edison coffee shop, a.k.a. the Polish Tea Room, where he often found sustenance and small talk. It is a humble but honest place, with food more hearty than fancy, and prices appealing to mere mortals and theatrical luminaries alike.

In *45 Seconds* the warm couple who run the Polish Tea Room reserves a section for celebrity habitués, although these are nowadays outnumbered by the varieties of soup. As in any restaurant, the customers (and perhaps the employees) come and go. They do here, as well, and are all overseen by Bernie the proprietor whose kindness extends to free meals and jobs for budding playwrights and actresses. Zelda his wife is a feisty old broad who really runs the business from the kitchen to the cash register.

45 Seconds From Broadway runs April 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 at 8pm, and April 15, 22, 23, 29, 30 at 2pm. All tickets are \$15. For tickets or information call 1-866-653-8696 or go online to www.temeculavalleyplayers.com. The Old Town Temecula Community Theater is located on Main Street in Old Town Temecula

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'The Lion' in Big Bear




The Community Arts Theater Society (CATS) continues its production of James Goldman's award winning classic American play, *The Lion In Winter*. Directed by Steve

Gaghagen, the show takes place at the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Based on the historical figures of England's King Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, the action of the play takes place in Henry's castle at Chinon, France, in the year 1183. The bickering, conniving, scheming and plotting of their most dysfunctional family is a metaphor for the stress and strife that has plagued families throughout the ages.

The play is offered Sat. April 1, Wed. April 5, Thursday Apr. 6, Fri. Apr. 7 and Sat. Apr. 8 at 7:30 pm. Three matinee performances will be offered at 1:30pm on April 2, 8 and 9. All seats are reserved.

Regular ticket prices range from \$10.95-\$19.95 for adults, \$9.95-\$17.95 for Seniors and \$7.95-\$12.95 Student/ Child depending on performance and desired location. Advance ticket purchases are available through the PAC Box Office at (909) 866-4970. The City of Big Bear Lake imposes a \$1 per ticket fee. Mastercard and VISA are accepted.

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- October 7 - "Mexico Canta" with tenors Jose Medina, Jorge Lopez Yanez and soprano Monica Abrego, accompanied by Maestro Jeff Nevin directing the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra.
- December 16 - "Merri-Achi Christmas." Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez and the Ballet Pacifico Dance Company



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Time for a 'Fiesta'

California Riverside Ballet holds its Fifth Annual Gala and Spring Production

The California Riverside Ballet presents its Fifth Annual Gala and Spring Production, "A Fiesta" on Friday, May 5.

The Production includes "Fiesta" choreographed by David Allan, "Moon Dance" choreographed by Damien Diaz, "Concerto in G" choreographed by R. Clinton Rothwell and "Pas d'Espagne" choreographed by Larissa Nazarenko.

The Gala is a festive event, including a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner buffet and recognition ceremony for four honorees, David Allan, William Gillespie, Duane R. Roberts and Matt Webb, and the production.

There will be opportunity drawings for a wine country getaway, a

Lake Havasu getaway and a white gold raincross necklace donated by Mardon Jewelers. Tickets are \$10 each and the winner need not be present to win.

Production tickets are \$21.50 for seats in the loge and balcony areas. Members of the California Riverside Ballet at the \$25 level or higher may purchase VIP seats in the balcony also for \$21.50. Individual Gala seats are \$125 or tables of eight seats are \$1,000.

Gala doors open at 6pm. Production doors open at 7pm. The event will be held at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Avenue, in Riverside.

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With the goal of bringing their vision and dedication toward quality entertainment to the Inland Empire, a group of local entrepreneurs began Vertical Artist Productions. They launched a series of concerts in January of 2006 that met with great success, encouraging them to reach for new acts.

Continuing to expand on that momentum, Vertical Artist Productions is now bringing Nashville recording artist "Plumb" to the Inland Empire. Plumb, who have had their songs featured on everything from the major motion picture movie soundtrack "Brokedown Palace" to running spots on ESPN, will bring their hit sound to the City of Menifee on April 7.

Vertical Artist Productions will also introduce award-winning and radio top-10 artist Sonic Flood to the City of Highland on April 20.

So whether you are looking for some of the hottest up and coming bands or waiting to see some of your long time favorites, Vertical Artist Productions deserves your attention.

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

Performance Riverside Rocks the '50s and '60s with Smokey Joe's Café

Smokey Joe's Café: The Music of Leiber and Stoller, the longest running musical revue in Broadway history, comes to Performance Riverside, presenting the memorable songs of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, "the Rodgers and Hammerstein of rock 'n' roll."

Directed by Paul David Bryant, Smokey Joe's Café features some of the best songs of the '50s and '60s, including "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock," "Spanish Harlem," "On Broadway," "Stand By Me" and "Fools Fall in Love."

This is director/choreographer Paul David Bryant's second show with Performance Riverside this season. He directed the 2005-2006 season opener Ragtime, which recently received 40 nominations for the 2005 Inland Theatre League Awards.

Two of the distinctive, defining creators in mid-century pop music culture, Leiber and Stoller composed some of the most enduring rock 'n' roll hits in our times, and wrote songs for such music legends as Elvis Presley, The Coasters, George Benson, The Isley Brothers, Peggy Lee, The Drifters and Aretha Franklin.

Smokey Joe's Café: The Music of Leiber and Stoller, is playing at the Landis Performing Arts Center on the Riverside City College campus at 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Performances are on April 1st, 6th, and 7th at 8pm, April 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th 2pm, and April 9th at 7pm. Tickets are \$35, \$30, \$25, and \$20, and can be purchased through the Landis Box Office, 951-222-8100. Discounted week-day performance tickets for school and senior groups are available by calling 951-222-8372. □



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Vikki Carr kicks off Sinfonia 2006

Enjoy the symphonic treasures of Mexico at a trio of concerts this year. Sinfonia Mexicana's 2006 concert season features three events, all held at the historic California Theatre of Performing Arts in San Bernardino:

- May 13 - "Concierto Para Las Madres" starring Vikki Carr and Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano.
- October 7 - "Mexico Canta" the annual symphonic program features tenors Jose Medina, Jorge Lopez Yanez and soprano Monica Abrego, accompanied by Maestro Jeff Nevin directing the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra. Sinfonia will host 500 middle and high school students under the "Arts for Student Enrichment Program" at this concert.
- December 16 - Culminating the season is the annual Christmas celebration, "Merri-Achi Christmas." Featured is Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez and the colorful and exuberant Ballet Pacifico Dance Company


Sinfonia Mexicana has been thrilling audiences since 1985 when Mario Porras and Charles Eisenhard inspired members of the Inland Empire Symphony Association, local civic leaders, and then Consul of Mexico Emerenciano Rodriguez, to form a committee to present a unique concert of Mexico's symphonic masterpieces.

The concert was a tremendous success the committee continued to present annual state-of-the-art musical and culturally enriching programs for the enjoyment of the entire community.

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CALIFORNIA TRUCK JAM: May 7, 9am-5pm, at the Verizon Amphitheater, 8800 Irvine Center Dr., in Irvine. Test drive and off-road course, extreme air hop contest, burn out contest, sound-off, monster truck crash, truck jam girls, live music and more. 310-326-4526.

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CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA: May 6-7, at the Big Bear Lake Convention Center. (909) 585-3000. www.bigbearevents.com.

COMPUTER FAIR: April 8, 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO: April 22, 9am-3pm, Cal State University San Bernardino. Celebrate Earth Day with more than 100 exhibits, giveaways, entertainment and good. Water festival for kids with hands-on learning activities. (909) 537-5681, expo.csusb.edu.

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.

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PALM DESERT OPEN: April 8-9 fencing competition in Palm Desert. See article on page 14. www.desertfencingacademy.com

POMONA HOME AND GARDEN SHOW: April 28-30, at the Pomona Fairplex. Hundreds of exhibits, seminars, and more. www.home-showconsultants.com.

RETRO UFO: revisit the UFO phenomena of the '50s, '60s and '70s in the Hi-Desert. April 29, 8:30am-9pm. Meet contactees. A nostalgic look at the UFO conventions of that era, to rediscover and explore the fascination with UFO phenomena of the Morongo Basin. Speakers, tours, art, antique cars, vendors, food, music and more. Camping available. At the Integratron, in Landers. General \$25. Programs are \$15 each. Full day pass \$145. Overnight \$195. (760) 365-3266. www.retrofuo.com.

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

RIVERSIDE HOME AND GARDEN SHOW: April 1-2, at the Riverside Convention Center, 3534 Orange St., Riverside. Fri. 2-7pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 10am-6pm. Hundreds of exhibits, seminars, prizes and more. (800) 358-7469.

RIVERSIDE PLAZA: • April 1, 7pm, Moi acousitc rock. • April 7-8, 7pm, Hector Jimenez, pianist. • April 14 7pm, Brian Duncan, R&B. • April 15, 7pm, The Reckless Reefers, surf music. • April 21 & 28, 7pm, Tom Kurai, Japanese music. • April 22, 7pm, Paddy Doyle's Boots, Irish folk music. • April 25, 4pm, clean campus competition. • April 29, 10-am, salute to architecture week. • April 29, 7pm, Riverside Gator Cheer Squad. • Located on Central Ave. in Riverside between the 91 Freeway and Magnolia Ave.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FAIR: May 5-14. Contests, carnival rides, food, crafts, entertainment for kids and families, and more. (760) 951-2212.

SPRING ART SHOW & SALE: April 7, the Paletters of Lake Elsinore will hold their spring art show and sale, 11am-3pm, at the Lake Elsinore Culture Center on Main in downtown Lake Elsinore.

SPRING GARDEN TOUR: May 6, 10am-4pm, visit six spectacular Riverside gardens with UC master gardeners on site. Tickets \$12 presale, \$15 day of event. Proceeds benefit the Child Abuse & Neglect Unit at Riverside County Regional Medical Center. (951) 486-4461.

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1:30pm. See article on page 23.
31970 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear
Lake. (909) 866-4970.

GROVE THEATRE: Menopause, the
Musical, April 14. See article on
page 22. Located in historic down-
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PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE:

Smokey Joe's Cafe, April 1, 7, 8,
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RIUM: Benise, April 18, 8pm. See
article on page 21. For more infor-
mation, call (951) 787-0251. 3485
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SINFONIA MEXICANA: Concierto
Para Las Madres starring Vikki Carr
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884-3228. www.sinfoniamexi-cana.com.

SONIC FLOOD: April 20, 6:30pm,
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PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM: World War I Aviation, May 6, 10am with a flight demonstration at Noon. \$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. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722.

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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TRACE ADKINS: April 1 at the Flamingo Amphitheater. 8pm. \$25, \$30.

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