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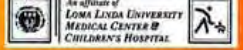
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May is a circus

This May brings plenty of family fun, including the annual National Orange Show. Now in its 91st year, the show this year sports a circus theme and offers plenty of carnival entertainment. We've got the full scoop on page 11. If motorcycles are your thing, then check out page 12 for our coverage of the May 29 West Coast Thunder event. Harleys roar through Riverside for a good cause, thanks to Skip Fordyce Harley-Davidson.

Protect your kids and have a good time doing it at the Kids Fair in Riverside on May 13 (see page 26). Riverside County Regional Medical Center is putting on the event, which focuses on child safety with demonstrations sure to catch your attention.

Tom Pigeon, Editor

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Got a thing for gourds? Well, even if you don't, there's a festival in June that will change how you think about the humble gourd.

The 10th Annual International Gourd Art Festival comes June 24-25 to the Welburn Gourd Farm in Fallbrook, and over 8,000 visitors are expected to attend.

Visit the festival and you'll be amazed at what can be done with a gourd. Over 55 exhibitors offer everything from fabulous works of gourd art to gourd books, tools and supplies.

In addition to the gourds, there is plenty more to keep a family entertained. Festivities include food and drink, an authentic Hawaiian Luau, live entertainment with authentic gourd musical instruments, Polynesian and Hawaiian dancing performed by some of the top competing hula dance troops, fine wine and microbrews in the Wine Garden, and incredible fine gourd art in the new Fine Arts Showcase.

Try your own hand at creating gourd art in the Gourd Crafting Arena, where adults and kids alike get to clean, carve, woodburn, stain, paint and decorate their very own gourd creations. You can also observe live demos on gourd crafting.

First-time visitors to the festival are often surprised by just how much can be done with a gourd. "Unbelievably fantastic," Bobette Campbell of La Crescenta said. "We had planned to spend a couple of hours and ended up spending the whole day! The work displayed in the [Competition] tents was amazing ... a fabulous experience!"

What is a gourd? Different from the colorful, ornamental gourds found at Thanksgiving time, the hard-shelled gourd has come a long way from its original uses as simple bowls and water dippers. Gourds have emerged as a popular canvas for crafting and fine artwork.

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The festival has gained attention from international artists and attendees, giving visitors the chance to meet some of the artists behind these creations.

The Welburn Gourd Farm is recognized as the world's largest supplier of organic hard-shell gourds. The farm plants and harvests some 60 acre of gourds and sells more than 350,000 gourds each year.

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All of this is free to the public, including parking.

Bring your appetite and join them for the Pancake Breakfast from 6:30am until 9:30am. The host of this annual fundraiser is the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

In addition to pancakes, enjoy browsing, shopping and eating from a variety of food, merchandise and non-profit vendors.

For more information on the Hemet-Ryan Air Show visit www.hemet-ryanairshow.org or call the Riverside County Economic Development Agency at 1.877.EDA.2.AIR (1.877.332.2247).

The Hemet-Ryan Air Show is presented by the County of Riverside and City of Hemet in association with the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, EDA Aviation, KZSW-TV, KOLA Radio, Hemet-Ryan Aviation and the International Council of Airshows.



Take mom to the 'Desert' for flowers and wildlife

Celebrate Mother's Day, May 14, at The Living Desert by taking mom on an early morning wildflower walk.

The Living Desert Zoo in Palm Desert features the flora and fauna of our local desert regions. Meet at the main entrance at 7am. Breakfast is first followed by a tour of the gardens with knowledgeable Garden Department Staff. Garner landscaping ideas as well as observe plants showing off their spring finest and observe the birds and bees attracted to them.

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Grand Terrace Days

Boy Wonder, Batmobile, Phatchoppers and more at this year's parade

Holy superheroes, Batman! Burt Ward of TV's Batman Show will be the Grand Marshal of the 22nd Grand Terrace Day's Parade and Festival on June 3. The boy wonder will also accompany an authentic Batmobile from the show.

The Batmobile-to-be was the brainchild of Lincoln Mercury's postwar chief stylist, Bill Schmidt. Named the Futura, the car was inspired by a scuba-diving encounter with a shark

— Schmidt sketched a low, long, wide, and flat vision of the future with a predatory full width grille, ominously hooded headlights, and killer tail fins

Unfortunately, the excesses of the Futura seemed woefully at odds with the design ethics of the Sixties. And so it happened that the unwanted car ended up in the possession of George Barris. In 1965, Barris was commissioned to build the Batmobile for ABC's upcoming Batman TV series. But because the show was about to go into production, he had only three weeks to build it. He quickly realized it didn't take much work to modify the Futura for the part.

Barris in '66 would assemble 3 more Batmobiles for different stunts on the TV show using bodies based on the prototype mold and built on a production car chassis—one of those originals will be in the parade.

Grand Terrace Days 2006 will also host the Phatchoppers Bike Show 2006. Over 100 high-end custom choppers will be on display and trophies will be given out for different

theme categories.

Phatchoppers, an Inland Empire based company, builds theme bikes and shows them all over the United States. Two famous bikes on the tour are the "Freedom Bike," dedicated to the soldiers that died in Iraq and the other is called "In the Line of Duty" dedicated to the twenty-three New York Police officers that died in the Twin Towers on 9/11.

Bikes are being accepted for judging through the www.phatchoppers.com website.

Bike vendors who sell bike parts and accessories will also be displaying their merchandise. A portion of the entrant's fees will go to The Foundation of Grand Terrace. The public is invited for free courtesy of The Foundation of Grand Terrace.

The Parade starts at 9:30am on Barton and Canal and ends at Rollins Park (Mt. Vernon and DeBerry). The Festival begins at 10am at Rollins Park and ends at 3pm.

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The 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show takes place on Memorial Weekend, Saturday, May 27 in Riverside on Magnolia Avenue. Magnolia Avenue from Van Buren

Boulevard to Jackson Street will close down to accommodate this hot, summer event.

This show has every ingredient for tasty fun: start off with samplings of delicious chili prepared by community cooks, celebrity cooks and professional chili masters from the International Chili Society. Stir in generous helpings of food vendors, arts and crafts, kiddie rides, carriage rides and a petting zoo, and top with live musical entertainment by CUBO (the infamous

band of Riverside police officers). Add a full serving of detailed, prime classic cars, trucks and bicycles and wash it all down with a cool brew from the beer garden.

People come from miles around for the day-long of fun, beginning at 10am and running until 5pm.

Admission to the event is free and there is ample, nearby free parking. Chili tasting kits are available at a minimal charge.

This event is produced by the Arlington Business Partnership, a nonprofit organization that promotes and manages the Arlington Business Improvement District. As with every year, the Partnership donates a portion of event proceeds to Arlington-area nonprofits and charitable organizations. This year, they have chosen three charities: Boy Scout Troup 116, the AssisTeens and Operation SafeHouse.

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The popular Summer Pass is now available for purchase. The Summer Pass is valid May 1st through August 31st. The cost of the Summer Pass is \$50 for adults and seniors and \$25 for children ages 3-12. Once purchased the pass holder can enjoy unlimited Tram rides and 10% discounts on additional Tram admissions.

Located at the Mountain Station are two restaurants, viewpoints, gift shop, Natural History Museum and two movies – one on the Tramway and one on the State Park. As an added bonus visitors can enjoy the nearly 40-degrees cooler temperatures at the 8,516-foot level.

The first Tram up Monday through Friday is at 10am, first Tram up Saturday and Sunday is 8am, and the last Tram up is 8pm, last Tram down 9:45pm. For more information call 888.515.TRAM or 760.325.1391 or visit www.pstramway.com.



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What started as a fun way to trade military toys has turned into an annual celebration of war heroes. The annual A Weekend of Heroes Action Figure Convention/Military and Law Enforcement Recruitment display enters its 5th year over the weekend of June 9-11 at the Ontario Convention Center.

A Weekend of Heroes began as a fun-filled venue for military action figure collectors to meet the real heroes of yesteryear. Over the past three years, the convention has grown from its modest hotel ballroom size show to the currently 74,000 sq-ft facility.

This year's theme is "Proud to be an American." AWH 2006 will salute US Army 173rd ABN Maj. Alfred Rascon, an immigrant from Chihuahua, Mexico, who would later earn the Congressional Medal of Honor as a Medic in an elite recon platoon with the 173rd ABN Brigade in Vietnam. Incredibly, Maj. Rascon only recently returned from Afghanistan and Iraq.

AWH 2006 also presents Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester of the 617th MP of the Kentucky National Guard. From managing a shoe store in Nashville, TN to the heated battlefields of Iraq, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester made history by becoming the first woman to receive the Silver Star medal since World War II.

AWH 2006 presents former WWII German Army Lt. Gerhard Franzky whose adult life was filled with conflicts and wars only to find peace later in life when he became a proud American.

AWH 2006 also hosts the author of "A Sense of Duty," USMC Lt. Quang X. Pham, as one of the speakers. Lt. Pham followed his father's (who was a combat pilot of the South Vietnamese Air Force) footsteps to become a pilot with the Marines.

History Channel's "Mail Call" star Gunny R. Lee Erme will make an appearance at the convention for the first time to sign autographs and mingle with fans. Gunny Erme is also known for his role in the movie "Full Metal Jacket."

AWH's sister program, USAirsoft EXPO,

will once again join in with its unique brand of military hobby. Special target shooting tunnels and a challenge course will be setup for all to test their skills.

The USAirsoft EXPO speaker this year is retired US Army Ranger MSG Howard "Mad Max" Mullen, co-author of the US Army Hand-to-Hand Combat Manual, combat veteran, and training Master Sergeant with a no-nonsense reputation.

All seminars are free to the public. All military personnel and family members with proper ID are admitted free to the convention hall weekend. Registered Conventioneers and School Group/Teacher Groups are admitted Fri. from 1pm to 5pm. Public hours are Sat. 10am-6pm, and Sun. 10am-3pm. General admission for the public is \$7, children ages 11 and under admitted free. Children and Teens ages 17 and under admitted free all day Sunday.

Teacher Groups and Student Groups may sign up to visit VIPs on Friday, June 9, from 1pm to 5pm for free. For more information, call (818)551-9905. ■

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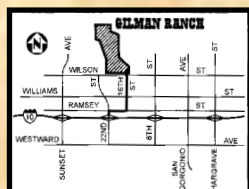
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Held in Upland, May 19-20, the Southern California Festival and Sale is a great family event. This year is the 9th annual festival that features food, antiques, collectibles, and children's games, while raising money for world relief and world hunger. The Festival is operated completely by volunteers.

The festival is an antique collectors and quilt lover's paradise. There is an Old Gas Engine Show, Classic Car Display, Kids world


with a clown balloon artist, games, contests, prizes, International gifts made by skilled artisans, Farmers Market and International Foods, Country Kitchen filled with home baked goods, Amish and Mennonite home-made quilts and antique quilts auction, furniture and antiques auction, collectibles, and a silent auction.

May 19, Friday night features a deep pit BBQ dinner starting at 4:30pm. The auction at 6pm follows featuring the antiques, furniture and collectibles.

Saturday morning starts with a breakfast where you can customize your own omelet to get ready for the auction that begins at 10am.

The skills of the Amish and Mennonite quilters can be seen in the quality of the handmade quilts being auctioned off for charity. Quilts, Afghans, and blankets have been made and donated from 6 year olds to 90 year olds.

Bring your spare change to drop into the Penny Power Machine to help kids living in the Congo under conditions of extreme poverty and HIV/AIDS.

The Festival takes place May 19, from 4-9pm, and May 20 from 7am-4pm, at the Pacific Christian Center, 800 W. Arrow Hwy in Upland. It is located at the corner of Arrow Hwy. and San Antonio Blvd. For more information, call (909) 210-6354. 

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Under the 'Big Top'

The 91st edition of the National Orange Show in San Bernardino is taking guests to the circus. With the theme "Under the Big Top," the 2006 festival will feature a circus complete with an elephant act, acrobats, clowns, trapeze acts and more.

The National Orange Show Festival has been entertaining Southern Californians since 1911 and this year's will be packed with entertainment. In addition to the circus, a highlight of the festival will be daily live tiger demonstrations by "Tigers of India." As always, attendees will find a carnival, cultural music, shopping galore, pig races, K-9 shows, livestock, art, great food and much more.

The festival offers a wide range of entertainment, from the circus to wrestling, rodeo, a demolition derby, and more.

Taking place over Memorial Day Weekend, the National Orange Show Festival makes for great family fare. Opening Day is Thursday, May 25 and it runs through Monday, May 29.

On Friday, there will be a show featuring legends of professional wrestling, including Sergeant Slaughter, Rey Misterio, Warlord, Ax, The Hammer, and more. Show time is at 7pm.

Saturday attractions include two free shows. X-Men will perform at 3pm and 5:30pm. There will be a demolition derby in the stadium at 4:30pm and 7pm, with the second show followed by a fireworks spectacular.

Lupillo Rivera will take center stage on Monday. In conjunction with a rodeo, Rivera will perform in the stadium. Doors open at 1pm.

Tickets for the Legends of Wrestling and Lupillo Rivera shows are available at Ticketmaster.

"We are extremely excited about our entertainment this year. There is something for everyone," National Orange Show Assistant General Manager Blake Inman said. "I can't wait to see the circus myself."

Always known as one of the most affordable ways to entertain a family, this year is no different. On Thursday, admission is free for all guests. Friday through Monday, admission is only \$7 for adults (13 and older) and \$5 for children 6 to 12. Kids 5 and under are free all weekend. Members of the military are \$5 all weekend, with I.D. Carnival wristbands are just \$10, allowing guests to ride all day long.

Be one of the first 2,000 in attendance on Saturday, May 27 and receive a free floppy hat

*The National
Orange Show takes
visitors to the circus*



Carnival rides are assembled and ready to roll for the 91st annual National Orange Show in San Bernardino, taking place May 25-29.

courtesy of the California Highway Patrol's "Don't Hesitate to Designate" Program and KOLA 99.9. On Sunday, LaSalle Medical Associates, Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospital, and Lazer Radio are providing free t-shirts to the first 2,000 through the gates. Monday is baseball cap day. The first 2,000 through the gates will receive a cap courtesy of Leno's Rico Taco and KCAL 96.7.

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Gates open at 4pm on Thursday and Friday. Saturday, Sunday and Monday start time is 11am. Gates close at 10pm. all five days.


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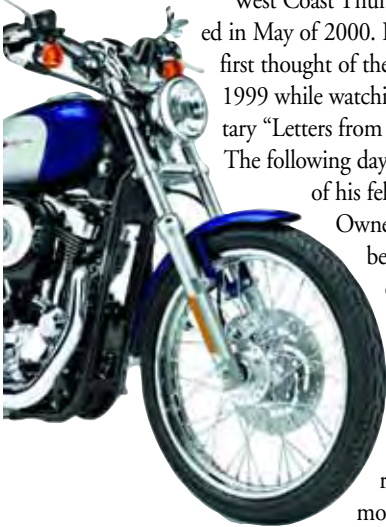
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The world renowned Pacific Rim International Wine Competition was held on March 8 and 9 at the National Orange Show Events Center. This was the 21st annual competition held at the NOS Events Center with about 1900 wines entered by wineries from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Argentina and Canada. Thirty-one judges evaluated the wines over the two-day period.

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Now in its 88th year, the annual Cherry Festival in Beaumont brings a wide range of family fun from June 1 to June 4. The event includes a parade, carnival and plenty of live entertainment. The parade takes place June 3 at 10:30am, with a cherry pancake breakfast before from 6:30am to 10am at the Beaumont Civic Center. The parade route runs from Beaumont Avenue and ending at City Hall on Sixth Street.

Concert headliners include Kansas and War. Also playing are the Basix, Thunder Road, Superfreaks, Temptations, Peaches and Herb, Rockit Scientists, and Caliente.

Admission on Thursday is \$3, the remaining days are \$5. Children ages 6 to 11 are \$2, and kids under 5 are free. The festival runs from 5 to 10pm on Thursday, Friday 5pm to midnight, Saturday Noon to Midnight and Sunday Noon to 9pm. 

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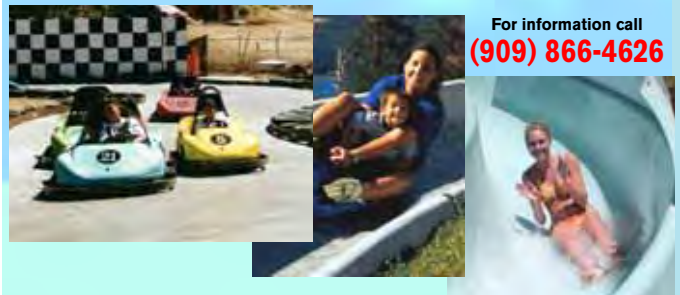
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Stargazing 101

A few tips to get the most out of the night sky

Stargazing provokes a sense of wonder and beauty in some of us, in others it stimulates a desire for scientific exploration. All we need to get started is a clear, dark night sky and some helpful guidelines.

On a clear, dark night you can see about 3000 stars with the naked eye. This number can be overwhelming to a beginning amateur stargazer, trying to identify specific stars. That's where constellations lend a hand.

The ancients imagined images of mythological heroes and monsters among the constant patterns of stars in the night sky. The process helped them remember and record the positions of stars and celestial phenomenon. The various imagined images are what we call constellations.

Constellations are essentially celestial landmarks that anyone can use to find objects in the night sky. First you locate the brightest, most apparent stars and then you 'connect the dots' or stars to envision the entire mythical hero or creature.

There are important things to keep in mind

while observing the night sky. First, what appears to be stars rotating across the night sky is really Earth turning on its axis. Another essential point to grasp is that the Earth tilts on its axis and orbits the Sun. As a result we see different constellations in the night sky during each season.

Take advantage of the dark night skies that the local mountains offer to have some fun. Locate north, south, east and west by positioning yourself so that your left side points at the location of the setting Sun. You will be facing north. Your right side is east, and behind you will be South. Stretch your arm out in front of you and make a fist. The width of your knuckles is about 10 degrees of sky. The width of your index finger is about one degree of sky. Begin with the constellation or prominent group of stars known as Ursa Major, or the Big Bear. It is easy to spot in the northern sky in all seasons except fall. The most obvious part of this constellation is a group of stars within it known as the Big Dipper. It looks like a cup with a long handle on it. When you locate the Big Dipper you can use it to find other constellations.

To find out what constellations and celestial

objects are visible in the current night sky, call Star Gazer's Sky and Event Report at (909) 336-1299. If your curiosity grows, there are many resources available at the MSAS Astronomy Village to enhance your stargazing experience.

The public is invited to attend regularly scheduled SkyQuest Public Programs. The admission fee entitles you to an informative and entertaining slide/lecture, question and answer period, laser tour of the night sky, and a visit to the Robert Brownlee Observatory, weather permitting.

For information, call (909) 336-1699 or go online to www.mountain-skies.org. Mountain skies astronomical society 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. ■



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The thundering engines of the Show and Go Car Show and Street Race for Charity meet the asphalt in downtown Riverside this month. 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. 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.

Entire resort reserved for christian singles retreat

Spectacular Events, host of the largest Christian singles events in Southern California, has reserved an entire resort for their 2006 Singles Safari. Hundreds of Christian singles of all ages, races, and denominations will attend this weekend retreat at the Miracle Springs Resort and Spa, near the Palm Springs Airport.

The weekend program starts with Christian Comedy Night starring popular comedian Phil Snyder of hollywoodmedia.com, worship by Pastor John Kouri, and karaoke. On Saturday, Warren Duffy will speak on "Giving Life a 2nd Chance." After lunch, singles have free time to enjoy dance lessons, various games/activities, the resort's seven natural hot mineral pools or cold pool, full therapeutic spa treatments (for a fee), plus access to the resort's property next door with mineral pools featured on Huell Howser's series, "California's Gold."

Christian DJ, Dave Deno, of KKLA radio will play a variety of music for the rotational dinner-dance on Saturday night as men change tables for each dinner course. Pastor Phillip Myles, author of "They That Wait," will speak at Sunday's church service. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the mixer games played through the weekend.

Rates to attend the Singles Safari Retreat on June 16-18 start at \$165 per person and include accommodations, meals, seminars, and weekend program.

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This year's competition is particularly competitive and compelling. Brother Derek, Ron & John, Sinister Minister, and Lawyer Ron all had easy wins in their final tune-ups for the Kentucky Derby – 132nd “Run for the Roses.” But it's not uncommon for horses to not race to their full potential until that big date. Others continue to improve when they run in the Preakness Stakes at Baltimore or in New York's Belmont Stakes – at a longer distance.

Since no horse has been able to capture all three since 1973, it's not probable that there will be a Triple Crown winner among this year's crop of three-year-old thoroughbreds. But that's why they run the races.

The only place to view and wager on all the action locally is at the National Orange Show Sports Center in San Bernardino. “The Best in Satellite Wagering” is more than a slogan. The Sports Center was the first truly Off Track Betting (OTB) facility to be built in California (Del Mar's OTB being an extension of their live track operation), and continues to be the largest by many measurements.

Gate 10 opens for Free Parking at 7 am for all three Triple Crown events. Guest Professional Handicapper Bruce Finkelstein will hold racing seminars, and share his picks beginning at 9:30am for each event.

Reservations can be made for tables and Grand Buffet Luncheons in the Executive Club by calling 909-885-RACE (7223) Wednesday through Sunday. The Sports Center access is at Gate-10 on the National Orange Show grounds, at 930 South Arrowhead Avenue, (Between Mill Street and Orange Show Road) in San Bernardino.

Mountain elegance



Northwoods in Big Bear makes enticing offers for summer fun

Take a break from the beach this summer and head to the mountains. Big Bear Lake is just as beautiful when the sun is shining as when the snow is falling. A Big Bear resort is making a pair of deals so you can do the mountains in style.

Combining first-class accommodations with rustic hand-crafted design in the Adirondack-style, Northwoods Resort and Conference Center in Big Bear Lake is breezing into summer with mid-week package offers. Effective Sunday through Thursday, Northwoods Resort's summer package specials begin Monday, June 20.

Northwood Resort's Adventure packages are just that ... adventurous. From hiking and biking, to a trip into the high-country with Big Bear Off Road Adventures to boating, mid-week adventure packages are based on double occupancy and feature a spacious guestroom designed with custom rustic furnishing, a hearty breakfast for two at Stillwells Restaurant, a copy of USA Today and an adventure specially set up for you.

The Play and Stay package is based on double occupancy and offers sports enthusiasts a large, standard room for two, a speedy Golfer's Continental Breakfast for two, discounted play on Bear Mountain Golf Course and two sleeves of custom souvenir golf balls.

Steeped in rustic charm, Northwoods Resort offers 148 guest rooms and suites in a 1930's sporting lodge-style. Rooms are furnished with collectibles depicting the area's natural mountain environment. Log rails throughout the property were gathered from fallen trees and embedded in river rock. A modern exercise facility, heated swimming pool, spa and an indoor dry sauna awaits adventurers following a day on the links or the trails.

Popular Stillwells Restaurant and Lounge, named after prominent Big Bear Lake restaurateurs, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and features patio dining on a handsome wooden deck overlooking the pond. The 120-seat restaurant and lounge serves an array of delectable signature dishes and features Happy Hour food and beverage specials Monday through Thursday.

Northwoods Trading Co., located on the lobby level, has something for the entire family. The shop is a “real find” and features unique hard-to-find handmade gifts by local artisans and essential sundries.

Located at 40650 Village Drive in Big Bear Lake, Northwoods Resort and Conference Center has become one of Southern California's premier resorts, attracting thousands of sports enthusiasts annually to its warm and cozy atmosphere. The resort is conveniently located at the west end of Big Bear Lake, adjacent to Village shops and galleries.

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'Command' in the sky

Airshow puts vintage fighters, bombers and more back into action

In celebration of its 50th year as the premier aviation museum in the American West, The Air Museum Planes of Fame plans to make this year's annual two-day airshow at the Chino Airport over the weekend of May 20-21 a memorable display of air power. Gates for the event will open at 8am and flying activities will begin around 11 am.

With "Fighter Command" being the theme of the Planes of Fame Airshow 2006, flying activities will include everything from the World War I British Sopwith Camel and German Fokker Dr.1 Triplane to World War II fighters, vintage jet fighters and even modern supersonic fighter-bombers.

Highlighting the aerial action will be Air Force Heritage Flight demonstrations featuring an F-16 Fighting Falcon flying together with World War II U.S. Army Air Force warbirds

and Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight demonstrations pairing up an F/A-18 Hornet with a World War II U.S. Navy fighter plane. There will also be warbird aerobatic displays.

Perhaps the most eagerly anticipated fighter flybys will be those of the Planes of Fame Boeing P-26A Peashooter and Seversky 2PA fighter-bomber. These 1930s fighter planes are the only flyable examples of their types.

Bombers and other types of combat aircraft will work together with the fighters during scheduled Airpower Flight mass flyovers featuring about two dozen warbirds in the air at the same time.

The first permanent air museum in the American West and a pioneer in the concept of restoring display aircraft to flying condition, The Air Museum Planes of Fame is manned



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

General admission to Airshow 2006 is \$18, youngsters 5-11 will be admitted for \$5 and admission will be free for accompanied children under five. Advance discount tickets (\$15 for general admission and \$4 for youngsters) can be obtained at the Museum or through the Museum's website.

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Lake Arrowhead concert series

Once nearly condemned, the Lake Arrowhead Village has become a thriving center of mountain entertainment

Lake Arrowhead Village was originally developed in the 1920's and served as a thriving tourist destination for many years; however, by the 1970's, age had taken its toll and the Village was in a state of disrepair and facing potential condemnation.

The road to the "new" Village began when a group of investors headed by developers George Coult and Jerry Jackson bought the "Village" and "Lodge" properties in 1978. They made the decision to redevelop Lake Arrowhead Village into a multifaceted center that would serve the community for generations to come.

In April of 1979, a month-long "Burn to Learn" exercise was conducted by the Lake Arrowhead Fire Protection District along with the San Bernardino County Fire Department and Air Corps taking part. The exercise was decided upon because the 1920's Village had become dilapidated and a fire hazard over the years.



3 D Va playing on Center Stage in Lake Arrowhead Village.

Photo by Leslie McClellan

"If the termites had quit holding hands, the buildings would have fallen down," Mr. Coult said. To this end, all structures in the Village were burned four to five times over the course of the month, except the original

dance pavilion building, the post office, bank and real estate office.

The Grand Opening of the "new" Lake

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Arrowhead Village occurred over Memorial Weekend, 1981. The beautiful new Village was built in much the same architecture as the old Village, and the dance pavilion was restored as the Theme building. What is now called the Pavilion building houses Papagayo's Mexican Restaurant, Color Me Mine and the Wishing Bear. The "new" Lake Arrowhead Village is ten times larger than the original. Significantly, this means that more than 90% of the people currently employed in the Village would not be employed if the Village had not been redeveloped in 1981 and more than 90% of the stores and restaurants in the Village would not be in the Village today.

The old Village was replaced with a state of the art Alpine village that includes residential, retail, restaurant, entertainment, office and governmental uses. Although the project was one of the first of its kind in 1981, it has become a blueprint for downtown community development. In California, cities like Brea, Fullerton, and Anaheim are in the process of revitalizing their downtown streets with the combination that the Village brought to the Lake Arrowhead Communities in 1981.

Today the Village draws 3 million visitors annually. Being the "downtown" of Lake Arrowhead, the Village features more than 50 specialty and outlet stores as well as a variety of restaurants. On any given weekend at the Village one can experience an assortment of musicians, children's entertainers and special celebrations.

The main annual event of Lake Arrowhead Village entertainment is the free 18-week long Center Stage Summer Concert Series that runs every Friday and Saturday nights as well as holiday night from the middle of May through Labor Day. There are approx. 40 outdoor concerts showcasing some of the best bands in California and the west. A variety of musical styles is featured from Classic Rock/Pop to Reggae and Country to even Celtic rock. All concerts are perfect for families and run from 5pm to 8pm.

Other annual events include Easter weekend with two days of Easter Egg Hunts for thousands of children. Market Night is held every Friday night from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. June hosts the Antique and Classic Wooden Boat Show, July features a spectacular fireworks display over the lake, September and October weekends are full with Southern California's best free Oktoberfest, November

and December focus on the holidays with Santa and live reindeer.

Attractions include a Village Fun Park for all ages consisting of autopia cars that everyone can drive, an antique carousel, bounce house, giant slide and train ride. Also for kids there is the Lake Arrowhead Children's Museum and a lakeside playground. The Arrowhead Queen tours the lake with a 50 minute narrated cruise highlighting the history of the area and is the only way the general public can get on the lake and see the spectacular views.

With four distinct seasons, the clean mountain air and the beautiful lake, it's no wonder Lake Arrowhead Village is a premiere destination for Southern Californians.

Lake Arrowhead Village has come full circle since its beginnings in the '20's and has regained its place as one of the most popular tourist destinations in Southern California. Memorial Weekend 2006 will be the cornerstone of the 25th Anniversary celebration. Throughout the year, special events and entertainment will take place to commemorate Lake Arrowhead Village.

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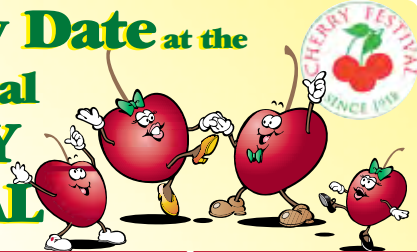
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Big Bear 'Spring Air' offers home ideas and unique crafts

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The official kickoff to Big Bear's summer season takes place Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29. The 20th annual Spring Air Home & Garden Show features home improvement specialists from throughout Southern California, as well as unique art and craft vendors, a childrens' entertainment area and an outdoor BBQ and beer garden. With something for every taste and budget, the annual Spring event provides a perfect day of high mountain entertainment for the whole family.

Spring is traditionally the season of housekeeping and home improvement. Artists, crafters and home specialists from throughout the West Coast provide homeowners and visitors to Big Bear the opportunity to shop for home products as well as unique arts and crafts.

Spring Air is the largest event of its kind in Southern California's high country. From wire wrap jewelry to the latest in spas, to handmade clothing to landscaping specialists and home repair, the show provides a mix of products.

Little visitors will enjoy a day in the mountains while visiting the petting zoo or jumping in the bounce house. The outdoor BBQ and beer garden, located under the majestic pines, allows for a pleasant break.

The Spring Air Home and Garden Show is open Saturday through Monday, May 27-29. On Saturday and Sunday, the festival is open from 10am to 5pm, and on Monday from 10am to 3pm. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

For more information, call (909) 585-3000 or go online to www.big-bear-events.com.



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Theme Weddings

DragonMarsh makes your wedding historical (not hysterical)

The cardboard tube just delivered was special, for it contained a scroll invitation to a historic wedding, sealed with gold wax and a double heart stamp. It was almost too exquisite to break. Rose and lavender flowers gently fell to the ground as it was opened. The old English lettering was highlighted by the golden dust that adorned the words "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" inviting all to attend.

The day of the wedding, a golden retriever "flower dog" wearing a wreath of flowers around his neck led the procession. The maid of honor and attendants followed carrying flower arm bouquets that matched their historical gowns. Ribbons trailing from their flower headpieces fluttered in the breeze of the lakeside setting. The wind played music on the bells hung with the streamers in the trees.

The Bride, resplendent in a silk and lame' Renaissance gown, with pearls sewn to resemble roses on the sleeves, stepped out of the horse drawn carriage to the sound of flutes and hammered dulcimer. She looked like a fairy tale princess with her bouquet of white roses and pearls, which matched the pearls woven in her lovely auburn hair and edging her veil. Rays of sunlight spun like bright threads from the small tiara of gold and pearls perched atop her head.

She met the groom at the end of the aisle, who looked like a prince himself in a silk and lame' doublet with matching breeches.

Even his shoes had matching bows to complete the appearance. His hat had a feather plume that waved as he inclined his head toward his bride, his face aglow at the sight of her.

The ceremony was beautiful, with a harp player and a beeswax unity candle. The bride and groom exchanged a jewel and a sword after they exchanged their rings. The reception that followed was spectacular as they cut the castle cake with the groom's sword. Court dancing followed with instruction for the guests. The feast, that included roast beast, was begun with the proclamation "Eat, Drink, and be Merry!"

The newly married couple walked through a cloud of bubbles and the ringing of tiny bells held by the guests to their white carriage drawn by white horses adorned with roses and ribbons ... and they lived happily ever after!

Is this your dream wedding? Perhaps a Medieval, Victorian or other time period? Maybe a theme such as celestial, western, animal (cats, frogs, dragons), Scottish, Gothic, top hat and tails, Yule, or Handfasting would be more your idea of the perfect wedding.

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May Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
FRI 5th	7-9P	Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Sol De Mexico (Mexican Folkloric)
SAT 6th	11A-2P	• Corvettes of Riverside Car Show • Cadillac Cats (Rockabilly Oldies)
	7-9P	Kotoyuki (Contemporary Japanese Instruments)
FRI 12th-SAT 13th	7-9P	Anderson Hall (Acoustic Medley)
FRI 20th	8A-2P	• Arthritis Walk • All the Rage (Pop Rock)
	7-9P	Citrus Swing Orchestra plus UCR Swing Club
SAT 21st	7-9P	Citrus Swing Orchestra
FRI 26th-SAT 27th	7-9P	Hobo Jazz (indie/acoustic/rock)

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Casinos

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

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

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

CAHUILLA CREEK CASINO: (951) 763-1200.
www.cahuilla.com. 52702 Highway 371, Anza.

CASINO MORONGO: (800) 252-4499. www.casinomorongo.com. 49750 Seminole Drive, Cabazon.

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).

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

SAN MANUEL INDIAN BINGO AND CASINO: (909) 864-5050. www.sanmanuel.com. 5797

North Victoria Avenue, Highland.

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

JACKPOT DINNER: Daily promotion. All Jackpot winners of \$2006.00 or more won during the year 2006 will receive a dinner invitation to the Manhattan at Soboba Restaurant valued at \$40.00. Jackpot winners of \$1200.00 to \$2005.99 will receive a free gift.

HIGH POINT CHALLENGE: The top 20 slot point earners during the month of May will receive free slot play (Sobucks) to use the following month. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, June 6. Players have a chance at winning between \$2,500 and \$50 in slot play.

HIT THE ROAD: Win a R.V. Package with a \$5000 Gas Card. For every 1,000 points earned, Soboba Club members can earn entry tickets to win a R.V. Package- which includes a "Class A" R.V. and a \$5000 Gas Card. Members can redeem entries Apr 1 through 12pm, June 29, 2006. Tickets earned must be picked up weekly or will be forfeited. Tickets deposited in the drawing drum will be eligible for the "Hit the Road" Bonus Slot Play drawings on Thursdays. Drawing: June 29, 2006 at 10pm. Must be present to win.

POKER GRAVEYARD DOUBLE JACKPOTS: Monday – Friday, 1am – 3am.

POKER \$100 HIGH HAND: Monday – Friday, 12pm-4pm

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM POKER: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 10am. Buy in: \$25 + \$2. Terms: \$1000 Guaranteed - \$5 Bounties

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

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM POKER: Mondays, 7pm. Buy in: \$40. Terms: \$10 Bounties

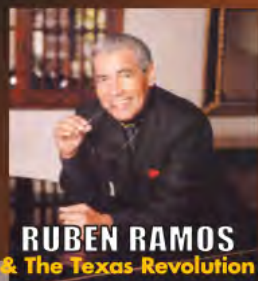
5X CLUB SOBOBA POINTS ON ALL SLOTS: 11pm Monday – 8am Tuesday.

\$1,000 BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT: Tuesdays. Sign Up: 3pm at tables across from Club Soboba. Start: 5pm. Entry Fee: \$15 – Unlimited re-buys. Prizes: \$1,000 guaranteed prize pool. \$600 guaranteed for first place. First thru fourth place will win guaranteed percentage of prize pool.

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM POKER: Tuesdays. Time: 7pm. Buy in: Free. Terms: \$10 re-buys first hour,

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Cinco de Mayo Soboba Weekend



Saturday May 6th Tex-Mex Fest on Tour

Tickets are \$25 & \$15 Doors Open at 4:00pm - Concert Begins at 6:00pm

Friday, May 5th FREE Live Entertainment in AC's Lounge featuring Little Bit of Soul, and strolling Mariachis throughout the casino.

Saturday May 6th AC's Lounge Pay-Per-View Fight
Ricardo Mayorga vs Oscar De La Hoya

Admission \$20 - Seating is Limited

Call Toll Free 1-866-4-SOBOBA

Sunday May 7th

\$55, \$40 & \$25

Doors Open at 6:30pm Concert Begins at 8:00pm
Tickets on Sale Now!



Management reserves the right to modify or cancel at any time. Must be 21 to enter casino. Gambling become a problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER for help.

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\$20 add-on at the break, \$1000 guaranteed. (Play 1 hour "live" between 4pm-6pm and receive 500 in extra chips to start.

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM POKER: Wednesdays. Time: 7pm. Buy in: \$30+\$3. Terms: \$1500.

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM POKER: Fridays. Time: 7pm. Buy in: \$10. Terms: \$10 re-buys first hour, \$10 add-on at the break, \$1500 guaranteed.

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM POKER: Saturdays. Time: 11am. Buy in: \$30 + \$3. Terms: \$2000 Guaranteed - (Play 1 hour "live" between 8am-10am and receive 500 in extra chips. Play 2 hours and receive 1,000 in extra chips.

NO LIMIT HOLD'EM POKER: Sunday. Time: 11am. Buy in: \$30 + \$3. Terms: \$2000 Guaranteed - (Play 1 hour "live" between 8am-10am and receive 500 in extra chips. Play 2 hours and receive 1,000 in extra chips.

TREASURE CHEST MYSTERY PROGRESSIVE: During May. This unique promotion will feature a mystery progressive on every machine, but only customers playing with a Club Soboba card can win. The progressive will start at \$30,000 and is guaranteed to hit before it reaches \$100,000. Customers will be able to see on the machine screen display the amount of the progressive as it nears that \$100,000 mark. An added bonus is that every carded customer playing when the progressive hits, will receive \$30 in free slot play auto-

matically added to their account.

SPA PACKAGE GIVEAWAY: Table games will give away 6 Spa Packages to Murrieta Hot Springs Spa on Mother's Day. Customers earn entries by playing any table game and qualifying with winning hands.

COMEDY NIGHT: May 3. 8pm - AC's Sports Lounge. Featuring: Sifanco Ochoa, Steve Simeone, Honest John Basinger and Bo Bo Lamb. Tickets: \$5 for Player's Club members - \$7 for non-members. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

CINCO DE MAYO: May 5. 9pm - AC's Lounge. Little Bit of Soul. Strolling Mariachis through out the casino.

TEX-MEX FEST: May 6. 6pm - Arena. Tickets: \$25 & \$15. Doors open: 4pm. Featuring: Ruben Ramos 7 the Texas Revolution; Emilio; Little Joe & La Familia.

RICARDO MAYORGA VS OSCAR DE LA HOYA

PAY-FOR-VIEW FIGHT: May 6. 6pm - AC's Sports Lounge. Tickets: \$20.

TRISHA YEARWOOD: May 7, 8pm - Arena. Tickets: \$55, \$40 & 25. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

KFROG FOREVER KARAOKE CONTEST: May 10. 8pm - Midnight - AC's Sports Lounge. Free to the public. Win a trip to the 41st Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas on May 23.

MOTHER'S DAY POKER SPECIAL: May 14. No Limit Hold'em Poker Free Tournament Play for the

Ladies. 11am. Buy in: \$30 + \$3. Terms: \$2000 Guaranteed

MOTHER'S DAY SPA PACKAGE GIVEAWAY: Drawing times: Hourly between 3pm & 8pm. The drawing will be held from entries earned between May 1 and May 14 for winning table game hands.

EARN A FREE FABERGE EGG: May 14. Customer who earn 1000 club points during the day will receive a free Faberge Egg from Club Soboba.

SOBOBA CLASSIC POKER TOURNAMENT: May 19, 7pm. Buy in: \$50 + \$10. Max: 120 players. Terms: \$5000 Guaranteed.

SOBOBA CLASSIC POKER TOURNAMENT: May 20. 2pm - AC's Lounge. Buy in: \$80 + \$10. Max: 150 players. Terms: \$8000 Guaranteed.

SOBOBA CLASSIC POKER TOURNAMENT: May 21. 1pm - AC's Lounge. Buy in: \$100 + \$20. Max: 150 players. Terms: \$10000 Guaranteed.

KFROG DJ: May 24, 8pm - Midnight - AC's Sports Lounge. Free to the public. Come ride the mechanical bull and win free slot play.

\$1,000 Free Crap Tournament: May 31. Registration 3pm in the pit across from Club Soboba. Tournament begins 5pm, AC's Lounge

AC'S LOUNGE: Live entertainment throughout the week.

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www.avicasino.com

Desert paradise

New lagoon adds tropical splendor, and parties, to Laughlin Avi Resort

The hottest place to cool down in the Laughlin desert is the new lagoon pool at the Avi Resort & Casino. Seeming like paradise in the sun, the new lagoon pool is situated overlooking the Avi's sugar white sand beach on the Colorado River and framed by the majestic peaks of the desert mountain range in the background.

Surrounded by lush tropical foliage and swaying palms, the pool's two natural stone waterfalls fill the air with misty moisture. The lagoon will play host to the new Sunday night pool parties starting June 4th, and features separate restroom and shower facilities from the beach, a special children's pool with built in water cannons and a jetted hot spa, which will seat 46 people at a time.

The new fully staffed lagoon pool cabana sits at the gated entrance and offers amenities such as extra towels for guests along with retail items like sunscreen, hats and t-shirts. And the new Tiki Bar offers an appetizer-snack item

menu, specialty drinks and keg station.


Resort guests soak up the warm sun while reclining in submersed in-water lounge chairs with poolside service offered by a friendly staff.

The lagoon isn't all about relaxation, however. Every Sunday this summer the Avi's new lagoon pool will be kickin' it with hip twenty-one-and-over-only-parties from 2pm until 9pm.

Admission to the Avi's Sunday pool parties is open to the public, free of charge and will

feature a Vegas DJ who will spin everything from classic rock to calypso for the crowd. A variety of organized team challenges will be presented-from water polo and Hacky Sack competitions.

Professionally supervised childcare is available at Kid's Quest, located in the Beach Tower area, and can be paid for using Avi Advantage Club points.

For more information call 1-866-INFO.AVI [463-6284] 



Clint Black

Saturday, May 20

Flamingo Outdoor Amphitheater • 8 p.m.

Tickets start at \$30^{plus tax}

Beach Boys

Saturday, June 3

Flamingo Outdoor Amphitheater • 9 p.m.

Tickets start at \$35^{plus tax}

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For more information call 1-800-435-8469
or go to www.flamingolaughlin.com.

Big names at the river

Clint Black and Beach Boys play the Laughlin Flamingo

In keeping with their tradition of bringing top name entertainment to the Colorado River the Flamingo prepares their outdoor venue for two more popular concerts this Spring.

First, on Saturday, May 20 the Flamingo welcomes one of the most popular and influential artists in the history of country music, Clint Black. Concert time for Clint Black will be 8pm with ticket prices at \$30, \$35 and \$40.

Having burst back onto the country music scene in 2004 with the hit "Spend My Time" from the album of the same name, Clint Black is back with more new music. This past October Black released his newest project "Drinkin' Songs And Other Logic" released on the independent label he helped form, Equity Music Group. The CD includes: "Rainbow In The Rain" and the current single "Code of the West."

Black said in a recent interview with the Chicago Sun-Times that he has come full circle with this CD and approached the recording process this time with a renewed sense of simplicity, gathering all the music he grew up on and buying anything he did not own such as Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Don Williams.

Black is adding another chapter to an already impressive career that includes 19 million albums sold, 20 self-penned No. 1 hits, 10 Grammy nominations and numerous awards for both his musicianship and humanitarian work.

Back on the road, Clint is once again bringing his unmistakable brand of country to concert venues across the nation. A master showman,

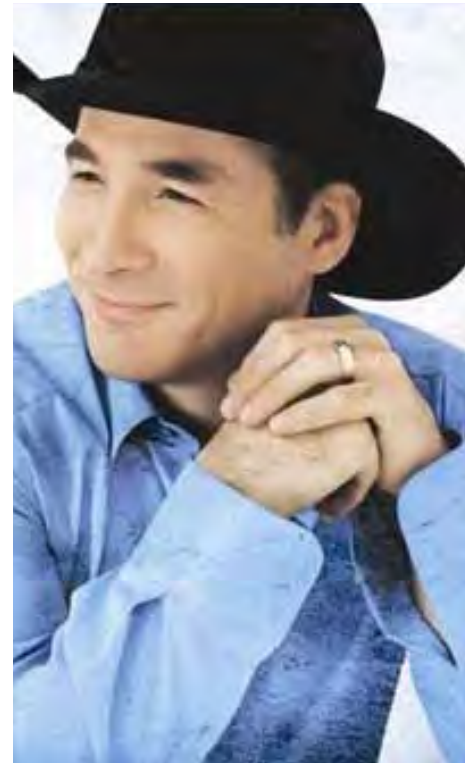
Clint treats fans to his latest creations as well as timeless favorites that have helped shape one of the most successful careers of the past 15 years.

The Beach Boys make a return to the Flamingo Outdoor Amphitheater Saturday, June 3 at 9pm as they ride the crest of a wave unequaled in America's musical history. Their classic songs have captured the spirit of the California lifestyle and have become an American icon to a worldwide audience of all ages.

The Beach Boys' first hit "Surfin" (1961) launched a string of chart-topping songs that spans nearly thirty years and includes eternal anthems of American youth: "Surfin USA," "Surfer Girl," "Fun, Fun, Fun," "I Get Around," "California Girl," "Help Me Rhonda," "Barbara Ann" "Good Vibrations," "Wouldn't it Be Nice" "Rock and Roll Music" and "Kokomo."

The Beach Boys have sold more than 100 million records worldwide and have received 32 RIAA Platinum and Gold record awards. The multi-platinum "Kokomo" is The Beach Boys biggest selling hit, climbing to #1 on the pop music and video charts in 1988. The Beach Boys were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in the same year.

The popularity of The Beach Boys is unique to the music industry, with their audience ranging in age from six to sixty-six. The Beach boys have performed more concerts than any other major rock band in history including numerous milestones: the Live Aid Concert, Farm Aid Concerts, the Statue of Liberty's 100th Anniversary Salute, the Super Bowl, and four



Clint Black plays the Laughlin Flamingo in May.

Presidential Inaugurations.

Tickets for The Beach Boys concert are \$35 and \$40.

For more information or tickets to either the Clint Black or The Beach Boys concerts contact the Flamingo Box Office at 1- (800) 435-8469 or visit www.flamingolaughlin.com. ■

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Palm Springs.

SPOTLIGHT 29 CASINO: (760) 775-5566. www.spotlight29.com. 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella. Tickets for all shows can be purchased through the casino box office or through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 585-3737.

DJ LIFE: Wednesdays, in the Blue Bar, 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Rock, Spanish rock, blues.

BARRY MINNIEFIELD (4PC BAND): Wednesdays, in the Blue Bar, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Classic pop to light classical, film and stage.

BLUE BAR: Disco, blues and rock, Thursday - Saturday, 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

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ARROWHEAD LOUNGE: Live entertainment daily.

2-FER THURSDAYS: Every Thursday Advantage Club card members receive double points and cash back, 2 for the price of one buffets in the Native Harvest Buffet (or half price for one), and two hours for the price of one at Kids Quest.

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

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

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

FREE \$1,000 SLOT TOURNAMENT: Every Tuesday - registration begins at 11am, session

starts at Noon with final round at 7:30pm. 1st-\$600, 2nd-\$250, 3rd-\$150.

FREE \$1,500 VIDEO POKER TOURNAMENT:

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

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

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

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

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ADAMS KART TRACK: For ages 5 and up. Pro shop, kart track, racing school. 5292 24th St. in Riverside. (951) 686-3826. www.adamskarttrack.net.

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

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

Riverside County Regional Medical Center holds Kids Health and Safety Fair

Riverside County Regional Medical Center will hold its 8th Annual Kids Health and Safety Fair on May 13, from 9am to 2pm, at the Mission Grove Plaza in front of Steinmart. This free community event features health and safety education, injury prevention materials, and information on services available to the residents of Riverside County.

Among the emergency vehicles on display will be the City of Riverside Fire Safety House, American Medical Response Ambulance Services, and the Riverside Police Department. Families can enjoy the AMR bike safety show where children who bring their bikes and participate will receive a free bike helmet.

Other activities include free fingerprinting made available by the Riverside County Regional Medical Center Foundation, low cost bike helmet sales, and dance performances by Powerhouse Dance at 10am and 1pm. Also, children from Kindergarten age through 12th grade can receive a free dental screening.

Families are encouraged to come and enjoy the day. Mission Grove Plaza is at 321 E. Alessandro Blvd., between I-215 and Trautwein, in Riverside. For more information, call (951) 486-4566.



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

Families can easily spend 4 hours or more at this event. The Museum will open at 7:30 am and close shortly after 5 pm. Prebooking for each Thomas train will be 30 minutes before the scheduled departure.

For additional information on the event, contact:
Orange Empire Railway Museum
www.oerf.org
(951) 443-3264



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specialty stores. 800 Wild Rose Lane. Call (909) 866-4626.

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS AT OAKTREE VILLAGE: Exotic animal sanctuary, meet live exotic animals up close, in person, and endangered species in naturalistic habitats. Interactive educational exhibits for the whole family. 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktree-village.com.

BOOMERS: In Upland. Miniature Golf Courses, Go Karts, Bumper Boats, Rock Wall, Ferris Wheel, Spinning Tubs, Airplane Ride, Tiny Tot Cars, Bounce House, Two Arcades, Snack Bar & Cafe. 1500 W. Seventh, Upland. Call (909) 985-1313.

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

FIRST SUNDAYS: Free hands-on art making activities for families and youth. Held on the first Sunday of each month, 1pm, through May 7, 2006. At the Riverside Art Museum, 3425 Seventh St., Riverside. (951) 684-7111. www.riversideartmuseum.org.

GROVE THEATRE: Tickets \$6. Located in historic downtown Upland, 276 E 9th St.. (909) 920-4343, grovetheatre.com.

KIDS HEALTH AND TRAFFIC SAFETY FAIR: May 13, 9am-2pm, in Riverside at Mission Grove Plaza, Alessandro Blvd. between I-215 and Trautwein. Learn about kid safety and have family fun! (951) 486-4566. See article on page 26.

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.

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.

MORAN RACEWAY: Drive high-performance go-carts. Includes driving schools, corporate events and rentals. (951) 522-9302, www.moranraceway.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.oaktree-village.com.

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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 \$10, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 943-3020. www.oerm.org

RAGING WATERS: 111 Raging Waters Dr., San Dimas, (909) 802-2200, ragingwaters.com. California's largest waterpark, with over 50 landscaped acres and 36 slides and attractions, plus a sand beach. (909) 802-2200, www.ragingwaters.com. General Admission for guests 48" and taller is \$27.99. Junior Admission for those guests under 48" is \$16.99. Children two years and younger are free. Call for specials.

RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: Footloose the Musical, May 11-12, 18-20 at 7:30pm, May 13, 20-21 at 2pm, May 11 at 10am. Tickets \$10 by calling (951) 756-4240. The Wallace Theater at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

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. 

Moonridge Animal Park

Big Bear Zoo

Open Daily (Weather Permitting)

Special Events Calendar

May 27-28 Bear Country Fair
June 24 Sentinel Day
July 1-2 Zoocasion
August 19 Music in the Zoo
August 26-27 Native American Arts Festival
September 2 Ice Cream Safari
September 9 Run for the Grizzlies
September 23 through October 28
Every Saturday night:
Flashlight Safari
October 21 Wolf Awareness Day
October 31 "Boo" in the Zoo

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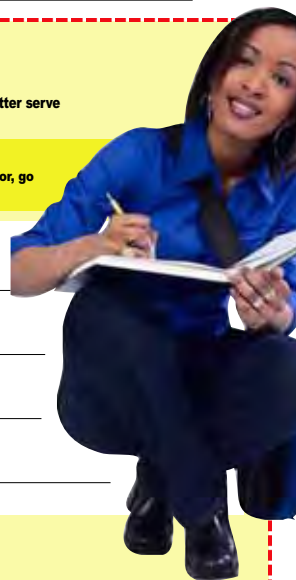
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CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE BALLET: A Fiesta, May 5. At the Riverside Municipale Auditorium, 3485 Mission Inn Ave. in Riverside. (951) 787-7850.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK: In Riverside at North Park. May 7 Cinco de Mayo concerts. June 4, to be announced local band. See article on page 32.

FULLERTON CIVIC LIGHT OPERA: Grease, May 12-28. Thur, Fri, Sats 8pm, Suns 2pm; Also Sun May 21, 7pm and Sat May 27, 2pm. Late 50's rock and roll musical about love, rebellion, DA haircuts and hot rod Greasers. (714) 879-1732. Tickets \$25-\$49. Also available online at fclo.com. Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave.,

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Ill-fated journey

'Terra Nova' tells the tale of doomed expedition

Sometimes, the best of human nature is seen in the worst of adversity. Riverside Community Players is set to open Terra Nova, Ted Tally's rich portrayal of British explorer Robert Scott's ill-fated Antarctic expedition and an exploration of the human condition.

Told in an exciting and imaginative non-linear manner, the story traces Scott's race with Norwegian Roald Amundsen to become the first to reach the South Pole during the early part of the last century. After discovering that the Norwegian team had beaten them by more than a month, each member of the British party perished on the return trip.

"This play truly mines every level of theatricality," said director Patrick Brien, who was awarded the 1993 American Association of Community Theatre's National Best Director award for his work

on a previous production.

"When I first saw the show in 1982 at San Diego's Old Globe, it changed the way I looked at theatre and gave me a whole new appreciation for what was possible on a stage. I'm tremendously excited at the opportunity to embark upon this journey once again and share the piece with an entirely new audience. We have a fantastic cast that is capturing the energy that is unique to this show," he said.

No effort is being made to recreate the Antarctic landscape through any scenic elements as the play takes place within the mind of Scott as he makes his final journal entry. Instead, the Riverside Community Players famous arena is draped in white fabric, which expressionistically suggests the wasteland which surrounds the men. It also serves

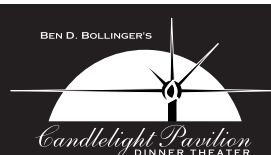
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Grease is the word

Slick hair and famous tunes rock Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton

Grease, the popular late 50's rock and roll musical about love, rebellion, DA haircuts and hot rod Greasers is coming to Fullerton's Plummer Auditorium May 12 through May 28. This is an all new show with new costumes and scenery, including a battery powered, licensed, road worthy "Greased Lightnin'" hot rod.

The original stage version opened in New York in 1972 and ran for eight years, starring such stage and movie personalities as Barry Bostwick, Adrienne Barbeau, Richard Gere and Brooke Shields. In a Channel 4 television poll it was voted the most popular musical of all time. The 1978 film version starred John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John and is the largest grossing film for a musical in history. It seems that Baby Boomers, their kids, and even their grandkids just can't get enough of Danny Zuko, Sandy Dumbrowski and guys with more grease on their hair than on their burgers.

Tickets are priced from \$25 to \$49.

Call for reserved seating at (714) 879-1732, or buy on line at felo.com. Tickets are also on sale for the comedy musical "Lucky Stiff," playing July 14-30, and "42nd Street," Playing October 13-29.

Plummer Auditorium is located at 201 E. Chapman Ave. in Fullerton. ■



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Michelle London as Sandy and Brian Brigham as Danny Zuko.

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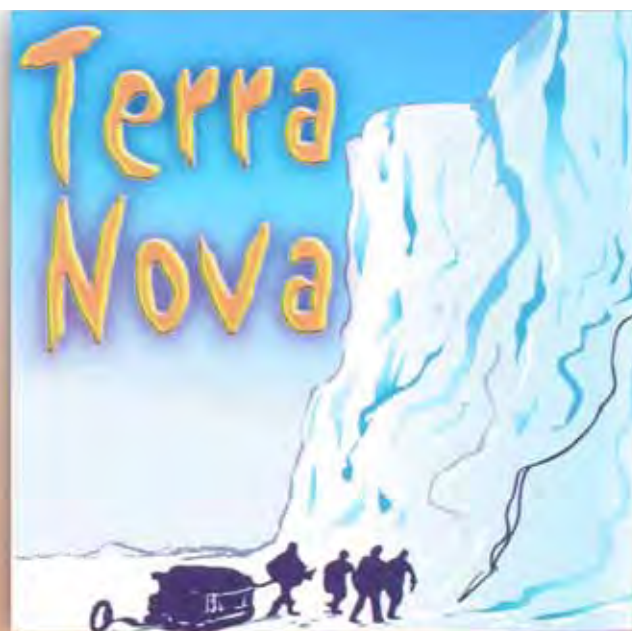
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An extraordinarily inventive play, produced to national acclaim at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. Dealing with the ill-fated Antarctic expedition of Englishman Robert Scott, the story is drawn from Scott's own journals and letters. With flashbacks and fateful glimpses of Scott's Norwegian rival, Roald Amundsen, who beat Scott to the South Pole, the play captures the scope and personalities crucial to this compelling study of heroism in the face of bitter failure.

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Classic kid show comes to the stage

'Schoolhouse' brings childhood classic to life

Revisit a childhood treasure with the staged version of one of America's most beloved animated shows. *Schoolhouse Rock Live!*, the musical based on the popular '70s ABC-network cartoon series, will be presented by Performance Riverside on May 6.

Schoolhouse Rock, a series of three-minute Saturday morning lessons on grammar, civics, science, and math, ran from 1973-1985 and returned in 1994 with new installments. This Emmy Award-winning cartoon taught us through clever, tuneful songs like "Conjunction Junction," "Just a Bill," "Lolly Lolly Lolly, Get Your Adverbs Here," and "Interplanet Janet."

Tom, a nerve-wracked school teacher nervous about his first day of teaching, tries to relax by watching TV when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music through such beloved "Schoolhouse Rock" songs as "Just A Bill," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly" and "Conjunction

Junction." Both children just discovering the TV series and "Generation X-ers" seeking a taste of nostalgia will delight in this sure-fire entertainment that's simply good, clean – and educational – fun.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! is directed and choreographed by Performance Riverside's Jennifer Lawson. The cast includes John LaLonde and Victor Hernandez (Harold Hill and Marcellus from Performance Riverside's February production of *The Music Man*), Inland Theatre League Award winner Marci Olin, Andrea Beemer McGuire of Corona, RCC Norco student Matthew Saunders, and voice teacher Jennifer Wilcove of Covina.

The Landis Performing Arts Center is located at Riverside Community College's City Campus at 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Reserve tickets for *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* on May 6 at 2pm are \$19, \$14, and \$11, with general admission tickets available for only \$10. Specially discounted weekday morning shows are available on May 3, 4, and 5. For more information, call the Landis Box Office at 951-222-8100. □

Schoolhouse Rock cast members (clockwise from left) Matthew Saunders, John LaLonde, Andrea Beemer McGuire and Jennifer Wilcove.

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<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: #800080;">THEATRE</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>School House Rock Live! Saturday, May 6 @ 2 pm Landis Performing Arts Center (Riv)</p> <p>Norco Theatre Conservatory A Trip Through Tennessee Thursday @ 2:30 pm: May 18 Friday @ 7:30 pm: May 19 & 26 Saturday @ 7:30 pm: May 20 & 27 Saturday @ 2:30 pm: May 27 Norco Little Theatre (Nor)</p> <p>ESL Project Thursday, May 4 @ 2:30 pm May 5 & 6 @ 7:30 pm Norco Little Theatre (Nor)</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Call Landis Performing Arts Center Box Office - (951) 222-8100 Riverside Community College 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside</p> </div> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: #800080;">FINE ART</p> <p>New Ground - An exhibition of work by 4 Women Printmakers April 17 - May 7 Student Honors Exhibition May 15 - June 1 Landis Performing Arts Center Gallery (Riv) Gallery hours: M-F, 10am - 3pm)</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: #800080;">DANCE</p> <p>Celebrate Dance May 19th & 20th Landis Performing Arts Center (Riv) Admission: \$6 student/senior/child and \$8 general if purchased in advance. \$10 student/senior/child and \$12 general day of the performance. 951.222.8100</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: #800080;">MUSIC</p> <p>Jazz Ensemble I & Honor Bands A Concert Tribute to Basie & Ellington Saturday, May 6 @ 5 pm Digital Library Auditorium (Riv)</p> <p>RCC Wind Ensemble Tribute to King Karl King Honor Band Sunday, May 7 @ 4 pm Landis Performing Arts Center (Riv)</p> <p>RCC Jazz Festival Saturday, May 13, 8 am - 8 pm Riverside Campus</p> <p>RCC Orchestra Concert Monday, May 22 @ 7:30 pm All Saints Episcopal Church, Riverside</p> <p>Jazz, Big and Small: Jazz Ensemble II and Jazz Combos in Concert Thursday, May 25 @ 7 pm Digital Library Auditorium (Riv)</p> <p>Vocal Jazz Ensemble in Concert Friday, May 26 @ 7:30 pm Digital Library Auditorium (Riv)</p>
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Sinfonia Mexicana features Vikki Carr

This month begins the symphonic masterpiece series of Sinfonia Mexicana with a May 13 concert starring Vikki Carr. Enjoy the symphonic treasures of Mexico held at the historic California Theatre of Performing Arts in San Bernardino:

May 13 features "Concierto Para Las Madres" starring Vikki Carr and Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano.

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

For more information, call (909) 884-3228 or toll free 1-866-687-4284 or 1-800-901-5002, or go online to www.sinfoniamexicana.com.

Festival brings day of top Christian bands to SB

Looking for something cool to do for your Memorial Day Weekend? Mark your calendar for May 27 when Vertical Artist Productions brings some of today's hottest bands to the Inland Empire.

From the provocative and innovative sounds of The Violet Burning to the passion of The Listening and super groups like Olivia The Band and Kids in the Way, this all day festival features some of the best in Christian bands.

In addition to the music, there's family entertainment such as bounce houses to great food.

The festival takes place at Northpoint Christian Fellowship at the corner of Parkdale and Sierra in San Bernardino. For more information contact Vertical Artist Productions at (909) 713-0171 or go online to www.verticalartistproductions.com.

'Stand' at Killarneys



Irish rock band Stand Easy will play Killarney's Irish Pub on May 6. Killarney's Irish Pub & Grill at 32475 Hwy. 79 S., in Temecula. For more information, call (951) 302-8338. www.killarneys.com.

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Free concerts in the park

Sunday series launches at North Park in Riverside

Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP), a non-profit organization that promotes and manages downtown Riverside, launched a new Sunday music series two years ago. The series, which started at Riverside Public Library and was later moved to North Park, is aiming to enhance the quality of life in downtown Riverside. These free concerts will take place Sunday, May 7 and June 4 on the beautiful grounds of North Park, located on the corner of Mission Inn Avenue and Vine Street.


In an effort to bring more exciting activities to the Live at North Park Sunday Music Series, RDP invited the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) to partner with them. This partnership makes this already successful event even more spectacular by providing additional amenities such as the Park and Recreation Mobile Unit, which houses a host of games and other children's activities. In addition, PRCSD will be showcasing its newly purchased 32-foot mobile stage at the venue.

The concert series consists of a total of four concerts, two in the spring and two in the fall. The first of these concerts takes place Sunday May 7. The theme of this concert is "A Cinco De Mayo Celebration." It will kick off at 3:30pm with art exhibits featuring Division 9 Gallery artists: Cosmé Cordova, Jorge Fernandez and Carlos Castro. Ward Two Councilman Andy Melendrez will greet the crowd at 4:30pm, immediately followed by a live performance by Westside Latin, a Latin Jazz, R&B and Old School local musical band from San Bernardino. This sensational high-energy Latin group can only be described in one word "Caliente." Their song list is quite extensive, consisting of a variety of different crowd pleasers from hit groups such as Santana, Average White Band, Tower of Power as well as many others. The band's leader, vocalist, keyboardist and guitarist is Jeffery Menor. Anthony Garcia, who has played with music legends such as George Duke and Sheila E and many more, is on Bass Guitar. Julio Rodriguez is on Tenor, Alto and Soprano Sax. Johnny Martinez on drums. Female vocalist

Cleo B rounds out the group with vocals of dynamic range and force.

The second of the Sunday Music Series takes place Sunday June 4 at North Park from 4:30 to 6pm and will also feature a local act, to be announced. The event is family-friendly and no alcoholic beverages will be sold in the park. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blanket or chair for the lawn. A few food vendors will be on site to offer some refreshments. This event is free and open to the public.

After the performance, dine at one of the many fine restaurants in downtown Riverside. Downtown Riverside offers a host of different restaurants to choose from including Italian, Spanish, Creole, American, Greek, or even authentic English food. Downtown Riverside is certain to have something to tantalize your taste buds.

Bring the whole family to enjoy a sunny afternoon of fun, Live at North Park. For more information and to find out about future events call 951.781.5896 or visit www.RiversideDowntown.org. 



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Theater appreciation

Educators attend theater event to introduce children to the stage

Teachers went to class on April 19 in Rancho Cucamonga to learn how they can help their students appreciate theater.

About 200 Educators from Rancho Cucamonga area Elementary and Middle Schools attended the event at the Goldy S. Lewis Community Center in Rancho Cucamonga where they learned about the offerings on the Lewis Family Playhouse stage that will provide integrated curriculum materials to enhance their student's visit to the Lewis Family Playhouse Theatre for Young Audience performances.

"The City of Rancho Cucamonga is committed to fostering a life-long appreciation of the arts in the children of the Inland Empire," Kevin McArdle, Community Services Director for the City of Rancho Cucamonga, said. "The Victoria Gardens Cultural Center provides an entertaining integrated link for children and their families with literature, the performing arts and education."

The Lewis Family Playhouse, part of the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, focuses on Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) productions and family programming. The City of Rancho Cucamonga will produce three TYA Productions based on children's literature, including: Miss Nelson is Missing, Seussical and Charlotte's Web. Presenting TYA productions include LA Opera's The Prospector and Dallas Children's Theatre's A Midnight Cry.



Theatre for Young Audience programs will present live theatrical productions for elementary and middle school children.

"We've hosted this event for our local Educators, the Elementary and Middle Schools in our local districts as they have been a part of the vision of the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center for years," McArdle said. "Our local Educators have assisted us in focus groups, through surveys, and many discussions, in which they've shared their hopes for programs and offerings at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center; to help us develop dynamic Community Services, Library Services and TYA professional offerings."

The theater is working with educators to help students get the most out of these produc-

tions. "School groups across the region will come to the Lewis Family Playhouse to see a performance that ties into curriculum materials their teachers will be able to download from our lewisfamilyplayhouse.com website that meet California Education Standards. Youngsters will be able to see, maybe for their first time, professional theatre, right here in their own community."

In addition to school performances, more than 100 public performances of Theatre for Young Audiences, Family and Specialty shows will be performed during the Inaugural 2006/2007 Season of the Lewis Family Playhouse.

Opening Summer 2006, the three-acre, 89,000 sf Victoria Gardens Cultural Center is a major anchor of the Victoria Gardens regional town center located at Foothill Blvd. and the I-15 Freeway. This City of Rancho Cucamonga project consists of a second full-service City Library, and a 536-seat professional performing arts center, the Lewis Family Playhouse and Celebration Hall, with meeting and banquet space for special occasions and events.

The Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office is temporarily located at the Rancho Cucamonga Theatre Arts Center at 9791 Arrow Route in Rancho Cucamonga. For more information, call (909) 477-2752 or go online to www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com. For more information about the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, go online to www.vgculturalcenter.com. ■

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Fullerton. (714) 879-1732, www.fclo.com.

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

LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: May 26-September 4. Lake Arrowhead Village presents its 3rd annual Family Friendly free concert event series, featuring bands such as the Answer, Tijuana Dogs, the Fenians, the MVPs and many more. Concerts are every Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday and Mondays of holiday weekends, 5-8pm. Food and Beverage are available for purchase. Admission and parking are free. Lake Arrowhead Village, 28200 Highway 189 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.

LANDIS ART CENTER GALLERY: Through May

10, New Ground, An Exhibition of works of 5 Women Printmakers: Makiko Okamoto, Maura Bendett, Elizabeth Sadoff, Mary Sherwood and Jessica Curtaz. Inside the Landis Performing Art Center, Riverside Community College, 4800 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside. Gallery hours Monday-Friday 10am - 3pm. (951) 222 8358.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER: Songs for a New World, May 19-20, 8pm, May 20-21, 2pm. www.fineartsnetwork.org. (866) 96-DRAMA. • Moll Flanders, June 3-4. A striking musical about one of the most interesting and notorious women of 18th century England. Follow Moll Flanders from her illegitimate birth in Newgate Prison through a life of struggle, surprise, triumph and fun. Moll does manage five husbands and a few lovers in the course of events. Tickets: \$34. Times: June 3, 2pm & 8pm; June 4, 2pm. • (866) 653-8696, [temecula-](http://temecula-theater.org)

latheater.org. 42051 Main St., Temecula.

PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: Schoolhouse Rock, May 6. See article on page 30. At Landis Performing Arts Center, 4800 Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

RAMONA BOWL AMPHITHEATRE: Ramona Outdoor Play, May 6, 7, 13. Tickets \$29-\$31. Box seats \$49. Gates open 1pm, performance 4pm. See article on page 20. Tickets and info call (951) 658-3111 or (800) 645-4465. 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., Hemet. (951) 658-3111, www.ramonabowl.com.

REDLANDS BOWL: Much Ado About Nothing, Redlands Shakespeare Festival, May 13-28, 8pm. Smiley Park in Redlands. Admission is free. Redlands Bowl, 25 Grant Street, Redlands.

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symbolically as a funeral shroud that envelopes both Scott's party and the audience.

Throughout the show, Scott's Norwegian rival appears to him, almost as a figure of death. Amundsen (Jeff Deards) alternately criticizes, taunts and inspires Scott (Riverside's Joe Musil). Also appearing prominently in flashback and in fantasy is Scott's wife, Kathleen (Wrightwood resident Kendra Nicholson).

"Historically, we know of Scott's fate," Brien said. "But when the lights fade out, the audience is left with an undeniable sense of the indomitable nature of the human spirit. It's how you deal with adversity that defines who you are."

Brien's previous work has included Sylvia at the Lyric/Hyperion Theatre in Los Angeles, Grapes of Wrath at Theatre Memphis in Tennessee, Waiting for Godot at the LCCC Playhouse in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Little Shop of Horrors at the Backstage Theatre in Breckenridge, Colorado and The Blood Knot at Baumholder Playhouse in Germany.

Playwright Ted Tally won an Academy Award in 1991 his adaptation of Silence of the Lambs.

Terra Nova runs at Riverside Community Players on May 19, 20, 26, 27, June 2 and 3 at 8pm, and May 21, 28, June 3, 4 at 2pm. The theatre is located at 4026 Fourteenth Street in Riverside. Tickets for every performance are \$15. For reservations or more information, call the Riverside Community Players box office at (951) 686-4030. ■

Series Tickets Now on Sale for Inaugural Season of Lewis Family Playhouse

Celebrating their inaugural season, the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga is offering new patrons a "Create Your Own Series" package deal.

"Patrons are able to take advantage of a 10% discount when they purchase four shows and 15% for five or more shows," Lewis Family Playhouse Box Office Coordinator Cristina Gorka said. "Our goal was to introduce a flexible 'Create Your Own Package' Series for our patrons, versus creating set subscription packages. We want our patrons to create their own custom package by selecting shows and events they are excited to attend and benefit from a discount for purchasing multiple shows."

Package and individual tickets are on sale now. A full listing of the Lewis Family Playhouse Season of performances can be found online at www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.

As one of the key elements to the City of Rancho Cucamonga's Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, the Lewis Family Playhouse will focus on Theatre for Young Audiences productions, and showcase Family and Specialty performances with a variety of shows suitable for audiences of all ages. Highlights of the recently announced season include Playhouse-opening performance by Grammy Award-winning superstar Sheena Easton, Tap Kids, Miss Nelson is Missing, Seussical, Manhattan Transfer, Sing-A-Long Sound of Music, Fly Dance, The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion, The Smothers Brothers and more.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (909) 477-2752 or visit their website at www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.



Good times at 'Smokey Joe's'

Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater brings American rock classics to Claremont

Smokey Joe's Café: The Music of Leiber and Stoller, the longest running musical revue in Broadway history, has come to The Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater. "Joe" presents 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."

Smokey Joe's Café features performances by Paul David Bryant, Lawrence Cummings, Frankie Leon, Charna Felthouse, Jeff Baker, Destiny Lofton, Christia Mantzke; Vonetta Mixson and Geoffrey Voss.

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 Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater at 455 West Foothill Blvd in Claremont. Performances are Thursday through Sunday until June 18th. Thursday-Saturday evening performances start dinner seating at 6pm with the curtain at 8:15pm. Sunday Evening dinner seating is at 5pm with the curtain at 7:15pm. Saturday and Sunday matinees, with luncheon seating, will start at 11am and Curtain at 12:45pm.

Tickets range from \$38-\$72 and can be purchased through the Box Office at (909) 626-1254. For more information, go online to www.candlelightpavilion.com. ■

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

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

CHRISTIAN SINGLES EVENTS: Tuesdays Singles Nights at the Meridian Club in Fullerton • May 6 rotational dinner-dance at the Sea Port Marina in Long Beach. • May 20, speedy introductions, bunco and karaoke at Chase Suites Hotel in Fullerton • Saturdays, open house in Santa Ana • 714/210-3337, www.ccisingles.com.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

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.

CHERRY FESTIVAL: June 1-June 4. The biggest community event in the city of Beaumont. Virtually the entire community participates in this three-day celebration, which features games, rides, booths, music, entertainment and a variety of scrumptious food and drink items. The event is capped off with a popular parade beginning on Beaumont Avenue and ending at City Hall on Sixth Street.

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

CHILI COOK-OFF AND CAR SHOW: May 27 in Riverside along Magnolia avenue, enjoy hot chili, cool cars and lots of entertainment. See article on page 8 for details. (951) 907-2395.

COMPUTER FAIR: May 6, 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.

GRAND TERRACE DAYS: Parade on June 3. See article on page 7.

HEMET-RYAN AIR SHOW: June 10, 9m to 4pm. See article on page 6.

10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GOURD ART FESTIVAL: June 24-25, Welburn Gourd Farm in Fallbrook. See article on page 4.

KILLARNEY'S IRISH PUB & GRILL: May entertainment lineup: Every Tuesday – Clachen Boys, Irish; 3rd – Harold's Craic Band, Irish; 4th – Clay Colton duo; 5th – Close Enough, 80's/90's cover band; 6th – Stand Easy – Irish rock; 10th – Harold's Craic Band, Irish; 11th – Clay Colton duo; 12th – Budivicious, rock cover band; 13th – the Whooligans, Irish; 17th – Citizen Band, cover band; 18th – Clay Colton duo; 19th – Close Enough, 80's/90's cover band; 20th – Clay Colton Band, rock cover band; 24th – Portcheen Folk Band, Irish; 25th – Clay Colton duo; 26th – Budivicious, rock cover band; 27th – Boneyard Dogs, rock cover band; 31st – Steelin' Tin, Irish. Authentic Irish pub in Temecula. 32475 Hwy. 79 s., Temecula. (951) 302-8338. www.killarneys.com.

KIDS HEALTH AND TRAFFIC SAFETY FAIR: May 13, 9am-2pm, in Riverside at Mission Grove Plaza, Alessandro Blvd. between I-215 and Trautwein. Learn about kid safety and have family fun! (951) 486-4566. See article on page 26.

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NATIONAL ORANGE SHOW FESTIVAL: May 25-29. The 91st annual event, with circus attractions, rides, games for kids, food, a rodeo, live entertainment, wrestling and more. See article on page 11 for full details.

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.

PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM: Airshow May 20-21. See vintage planes in action. Gates open at 8am, flying begins at 11am. See Article on page 17. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722.

REDLANDS FESTIVAL SERIES: Through May 28. More than 20 organizations will present more than 100 activities during the Redlands Festival, a coordinated calendar of cultural events. For more information, visit redlandsfestival.com or call (909) 335-4731.

RG CANNING SWAP MEET: May 7, 14, at the National Orange Show, 7am-3pm. Free admis-

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RIVERSIDE ORANGE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL: May 20-21 in downtown Riverside. Rides, food, and lots of family activities. 10am-10pm. (951) 715-3400.

RIVERSIDE PLAZA: May entertainment lineup: May 5, 7pm, celebrate cinco de mayo with Sol De Mexico; May 6, 11am, Corvettes of Riverside Car Show with the Cadillac Cats (rockabilly oldies); May 6, 7pm, contemporary Japanese instruments with Kotoyuki; May 12-13, 7pm, acoustic medly with Anderson Hall;

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SHOW 'N GO CAR SHOW: Annual car show in downtown Riverside, May 5-7. See article on page 15. For more information, call (951) 684-8450.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FESTIVAL: May 19-20 in Upland. Auction and events for charity. See article on page 10.

SPRING AIR FAIR: Home and Garden Show, May 27-29, at the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake.

(909) 585-3000. www.big-bearevents.com.

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

TASTE OF UPLAND: Enjoy wine and food from Upland restaurants, May 19, 5-9pm. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. In downtown Upland. (909) 949-4499. www.historic-downtownupland.com.

WEST COAST'S LARGEST ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW: June 4, 5am-2pm. Pomona Fairplex. Car parts, accessories and more. Admission \$8. www.pomonaswap-meet.com.

WEST COAST THUNDER: Annual memorial Day ride, May 29. See article on page 12 for full details.

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

• A Trip Through Tennessee, Norco Theatre Conservatory (these productions are at the Norco Little Theatre). May 18, 27, 2:30pm, May 19, 20, 26, 27, 7:30pm. • ESL Project, Norco Theatre Conservatory (these productions are at the Norco Little Theatre). May 4, 2:30pm, May 5, 6, 7:30pm. • Student Honors Exhibition, Fine Art, May 15-June 1. • Celebrate Dance, May 19, 20. • Jazz Ensemble Tribute to Basie & Ellington, May 6, 5pm, Digital Library Auditorium. • RCC Wind Ensemble Tribute to King Karl King Honor Band, May 7, 4pm. • RCC Jazz Festival, May 13, 8am-8pm, Riverside Campus. • RCC Orchestra Concert, May 22, 7:30pm, All Saints Episcopal Church, Riverside. • Jazz, Big and Small, May 25, 7pm, Digital Library Auditorium. • Vocal Jazz Ensemble in Concert, May 26, 7:30pm, Digital Library Auditorium. • Landis Performing Arts Center. 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. (951) 222-8100. performanceriver-side.org.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY

PLAYERS: Terra Nova, May 19-June 4. See article on page 28. Tickets: \$15. Seating 7:30pm.

Curtain 8pm. Matinee, Seating 1:30pm. Curtain 2pm. 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

SINFONIA MEXICANA: Concierto Para Las Madres starring Vikki Carr and Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, May 13, 7:30pm. (909) 884-3228. www.sinfoniamexicana.com.

TWIT PRODUCTIONS: Solved any funny mysteries lately? Why not let the TWITs of Temecula Whodunit Interactive Theatre serve you an evening of laughter and good food - while you solve a mystery. With over three years as the inland valley's only year-round dinner theatre, TWIT just opened their fifth comedy, Showdown at Sundown (give or take an hour or so). Performances are Fridays (7:30pm) and Saturdays (7pm) and reservations are required. The price (\$32 - \$35) includes a three-course meal (with 4 main course choices) served by the actors in character. For more information, twitproductions.com or phone (951) 323-3292.

YUCAIPA LITTLE THEATRE:

Aladdin and His Wonderful Magical Lamp auditions May 15 & 16, from 7 - 9 pm at 12135 California Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399. "Kiss Me Kate" performance from May 25 to June 4 at same address. For information call (909) 790-1884. ☐

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ARROWHEAD QUEEN: Narrated boat tour across Lake Arrowhead. (909) 336-6992.

ASTRONOMY VILLAGE: The Village is located at 2001 Observatory

Way, off Hwy. 18, West of Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead.

GILMAN RANCH: Mountain Man Encampment, June 1-2 for school groups, June 3 for public. 9am to 2pm. See how the mountain men lived, guided tours of the ranch, gold panning and more. \$7 per person, free under 3. Historic interpretive programs, wagon museum, picnic facilities, Wilson and 16th streets, Banning. (951) 922-9200.

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER: Hiking trails, museum, education, 1 mile northwest of Idyllwild on 25225 Hwy 243. Children's Discovery area, local history, wildlife, gift shop. (951) 659-3850, www.idyllwildnaturecenter.net

OAKTREE VILLAGE: 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fishing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020.

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PALM SPRINGS TRAMWAY: A 2.5 mile ride to the San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness area in Palm Springs. (800) 515-TRAM.

MUSEUMS

CABOT'S PUEBLO MUSEUM: 67-616 E. Desert View Ave., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. CPM is open Oct. through May for regular Heritage Tours and Pueblo Crafter Exhibitions on Fri. & Sat. from 10am-3pm. Hopi-inspired Pueblo constructed by California homesteader & adventurer Cabot Yerxa. Turn-of-the-last century photographs and Native American collections. The Pueblo Gallery features handcrafted American and Southwestern heritage gifts and art. For information on special events and group tours, call (760) 329-7610.

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

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 \$10, children 5-11 \$8. (951) 943-3020. www.oerm.org

PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM:

• World War I Aviation, May 6, 10am with a flight demonstration at Noon. • Airshow May 20-21. See vintage planes in action. Gates open at 8am, flying begins at 11am. See Article on page 17. • June 3 monthly event focusing on vintage aircraft. 10am with a seminar and a flight demonstration. • \$8.95 general, children 11 to 5 are \$1.95 and children under 5 are free. The

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more information go online to caesars.com/flamingo/laughlin or call (800) 435-8469. The Laughlin Flamingo is located at 1900 South Casino Drive.

COMEDY STOP: May 1 - Sept. 3, \$11.95, \$12.95.

CLINT BLACK: May 20, 8pm. \$30, \$35, \$40. See article on this page.

THE BEACH BOYS: June 3, 8pm. \$30, \$35, \$40. See article on this page.

MAY FLOWERS SLOT

TOURNAMENT: May 9-11. \$15,000 in prize money. First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, third prize is \$850, and prize money paid down to 50th place. The entry fee for each is

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CELEBRATE RED, WHITE AND BLUE VIDEO POKER TOURNAMENT: May 29-31. \$15,000 in prize money. First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, third prize is \$850, and prize money paid down to 50th place. The entry fee for each is \$99 and includes two days of tourney play (room not included).

FLUSH ON THE RIVER POKER ROOM: \$5,000 Free Roll Poker Tournament- will be held on May 18. 1st Place \$1,200 2nd Place \$550, 3rd Place \$500, 4th Place \$450, 5th Place \$400 and 11th-24th Place \$50

DAILY TOURNAMENT: No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. Seven days a week. Sign-up at 8:30 am Play is at 9:00

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