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## Taking the stage in Rancho Cucamonga

The new Cultural Center at Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga is coming on strong, putting the finishing touches on the Lewis Family Playhouse. This new stage will bring more theater events to the area, with productions for adults and children. They're still hammering in the last few nails, but tickets are on sale for upcoming shows. Check out what the buzz is all about with our story on page 4.

We've got the usual roundup of hot entertainment for the month of June, but don't forget the Fourth of July. We've listed fireworks displays for you to enjoy on page 7.

Have a happy, and safe, June!

*Tom Pigeon, Editor*

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**ON THE COVER:** The upcoming acts at the new Lewis Family Playhouse. Read about it on page 4.

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# Lewis Family Playhouse invites patrons to dream

The Inland Empire will soon have a new entertainment destination, and the fulfillment of a dream. The Lewis Family Playhouse, part of the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, has been a dream of the City of Rancho Cucamonga for decades. Now just two months away from its inaugural season opening performance, the construction site is busy and the Box Office is buzzing.

The new theater gives Inland Empire stage enthusiasts a brand new forum that's sure to kin-

dle their imagination. The theater will feature performances for adults and children. With the season launching in early September, tickets are on sale now.

Grammy award winning artist Sheena Easton is set to perform opening night at the Lewis Family Playhouse on Friday, Sept. 8. The full 2006/2007 Season at the Playhouse offers 30 performances with more than 150 shows in its 536 seat theatre.

The Playhouse was designed with the audience in mind. "The vision for the theatre design was for the viewing audience to become enveloped with the performance," Kevin McArdle, Community Services Director, said. "Extended side stages flow from center stage with balcony stages on either side of the stage. We wanted to create a truly intimate setting and I feel we've succeeded, with no seat further than 60 feet from the stage."

Sharing live professional theatrical performances with children and their families in the Inland Empire is the primary focus of the Lewis Family Playhouse at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. "The Lewis Family Playhouse is a place where children can take a field trip with their class to watch a favorite story book come to

life on the stage. Educators can use this experience to teach integrated curriculum tie-ins provided by the Playhouse website," Susan Sluka, Performing Arts and Cultural Center Supervisor for the City of Rancho Cucamonga, said. "[It's also a place] where couples can enjoy an evening out highlighted by watching star entertainment like Sheena Easton, Manhattan Transfer and the Smothers Brothers and where teens can enjoy watching talented performers like Tap Kids and Odyssey Dance Theatre with performers their own age."

The Lewis Family Playhouse is part of the three-acre, 89,000 square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, a major anchor of the Victoria Gardens regional town center located at Foothill Blvd. and the I-15 Freeway.

Tickets are on sale now to the full season lineup at the Lewis Family Playhouse. The full season schedule is available online at [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com). Tickets are available for purchase through the Box Office (909) 477-2752, and through the website. Ticket Service Charges apply.

For more information regarding the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, visit [www.vgculturalcenter.com](http://www.vgculturalcenter.com). ■



Kevin McArdle, Community Services Director for the Lewis Family Playhouse, stands in the newly constructed theater. The Playhouse's opening performance is Sept. 8.

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On Sunday, June 18, Dads will enjoy a real feast at the Grand Buffet Champagne Brunch (from 9:30am to 2:30pm). Reservations are recommended.

Upcoming Wine Dinners include the Robert Mondavi event on Monday, June 5, and the Valley of the Moon wines on Monday, July 10. These six-course dinners, beginning at 6:30pm, are paired with exquisite selected wines. Coming up in August will be the Fess Parker wine dinner on the 7th.

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For more information, please visit [www.citruscitygrille.com](http://www.citruscitygrille.com).



Doesn't Dad have enough ties?

## Big Bear fest brings music and crafts

The Big Bear Lake Independence Day Festival expands once again. This year's festival will include carnival rides and live entertainment. A benefit for Big Bear's Living Waters Christian Academy, the Independence Day Festival is a day of family fun in Southern California's high country with a little something for everyone.

The 19th annual Big Bear Lake Independence Day Festival kicks off Friday, June 30 and continues through Sunday, July 2. Along with a variety of carnival rides and children's games of skill, the festival will offer arts and crafts booths with unique items. Watch as crafters make their wares onsite. From wire-wrap jewelry, to hand-thrown pottery, to hats, to rustic home decor, there is sure to be something for every taste and budget. Exhibitors from throughout the West Coast including Arizona and Nevada will be on hand, as well as several of Big Bear's finest crafters.

Live outdoor entertainment features the Skeleton Key, a local Big Bear favorite. The Skeleton Key play a wide variety of music from folk to classic Rock 'n Roll. The Big Bear Cloggers will perform throughout the weekend with a special All-American tribute.

Festival hours are Friday, June 30 from 5-9pm, Saturday, July 1 from 10am-9pm and Sunday, July 2 from 10am-6pm. Admission is \$3 for adults with children 12 and under are free. Live entertainment plays Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11am. For more details, call the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake at (909) 585-3000. ■



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*Huck Finn Jubilee brings family Americana to Victorville*

**I**t takes a heap more than a chewed off piece of straw and a few freckles to make a good Huck Finn. Becoming Mark Twain's most popular storybook character takes a whole lotta heart... and a frog in your pocket doesn't hurt none either.

One might think that looking like Huck Finn is only reserved for a place like Hannibal, Missouri, but in Victorville, California, they've been picking a boy to be Huck for the past 29 years. It's all part of the annual Huck Finn Jubilee – this year held June 16-18.

The Jubilee is more than a look-a-like contest. It's a three-day escape into a new summer. Each year on Father's Day weekend, families pack the camper with kids, banjos and fishin' poles and run away for a weekend of fun in the country.

As the Jubilee unfolds, the spirit of the author who penned the classics Tom Sawyer and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is presented on stage Friday, June 16, at 8pm in the form



*Mel and Pam Tillis offer a father/daughter performance on Father's Day, June 18, at 6pm during Huck Finn's Jubilee in Victorville.*

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## Big Bear Lake Independence Day Festival & Carnival

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of Mark Twain Live.

Named "2001 Bluegrass Event of the Year" by The International Bluegrass Music Association, the Jubilee continues to showcase top names in country and bluegrass music. More than 30 hours of main stage performances feature artists like Larry Sparks, The Grascals, Lonesome River Band and the National Bluegrass Playoffs. Mel and Pam Tillis offer a special father/daughter concert on Father's Day Sunday at 6pm.

There's a cow chip throwing contest, an Injun Joe's Treasure Hunt and the Route 66 Car Show – where a "People's Choice" award goes to the classiest pre-1970 show car arriving on Saturday and Sunday.

The California State Arm Wrestling Championships are a hoot. They not only test the strength, but, more importantly, the technique of guys and gals on Saturday at high noon. Anyone can try his hand at white washing fences, building river rafts and climbing a greased pole. Nearly all contests are free to enter and ribbons are given to winners. Small fries can join the antics of the Russell Bros. Circus and learn how to make rope at the Mountain Man Village.

There's a turn of the century country fair atmosphere to the weekend, where mountain men and merchants tell tall tales and offer goods for sale. There's also plenty of grub on hand from the food and crafts villages, and a visiting woodsman helps those willing to try their hand at constructing a pioneer log cabin on the shores of Horseshow Lake.

In the cool morning hours, hot air balloons launch at 7am for a ride over the park's two man-made lakes and large campgrounds. The 800-acre Mojave Narrows Regional Park is located in a region of woods, meadows and lakes along the course of the Mojave River near Victorville. Camping, horseback riding and fishing offer a laid back, close to home vacation break for families needing to get away.

Weekend camp arrivals are welcome and can be arranged by calling (951) 341-8080.

Jubilee hours are Friday and Saturday from 7am to 11pm, and Sunday from 7am to 8pm. Daily admission for adults is \$15, (Sunday \$20). Youth, ages 6 through 11 are \$5 each day, and children under 6 are free. Parking is also free.

Mojave Narrows Regional Park is located south of Victorville. Exit Bear Valley Road off I-15, then go east to Ridgcrest Ave. and turn north to the park. For further information call (951) 341-8080, or visit [www.huckfinn.com](http://www.huckfinn.com). □

# By the rockets' red glare

**Celebrate the Fourth of July at these patriotic Inland Empire events:**

**BIG BEAR LAKE INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL:** Includes carnival rides, crafts and live entertainment, June 30 through July 2. The Big Bear Cloggers will perform throughout the weekend with a special All-American tribute. Festival hours are Friday, June 30 from 5-9pm, Saturday, July 1 from 10am-9pm and Sunday, July 2 from 10am-6pm. Admission is \$3 for adults with children 12 and under are free. Live entertainment plays Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11am. For more details, call the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake at (909) 585-3000. See article on page 5.

**FOURTH AT FAIRMOUNT IN RIVERSIDE:** July 4, 5-9pm, in Riverside's Fairmount Park. Free family fun, live music, activities, crafts, food vendors and fireworks. (951) 781-5896, [www.riversidedowntown.org](http://www.riversidedowntown.org). See article on page 11.

**INLAND EMPIRE 66ERS 4TH OF JULY SPECTACULAR:** Following the 5:30pm 66ers game versus the Lake Elsinore Storm, at 8pm, the San Bernardino Symphony, led by conductor Dr. Robert Dunham, will stage a concert of patriotic music followed by a spectacular fireworks show. Sponsored by the 66ers Baseball Club and the City of San Bernardino. There is no charge just to hear the symphony following the game.

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## Big Bear Lake is full, ready for fun and fish



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**T**he water level at Big Bear Lake has increased to the edge. Mother Nature's late winter surge helped the lake reach its highest level in eight years. "When the lake is full like this, it enhances the natural beauty of Big Bear," Big Bear Lake Resort Association CEO Ken Brengle said. "The lake is an absolute must see right now!"

Big Bear Lake activities include, boating, water skiing, wakeboarding, swimming, water tubing, canoe tours, kayaking, parasailing and of course fishing.

This year, Big Bear Municipal Water District (BBMWD) officials anticipate one of the best fishing seasons ever. Not only is the lake full, but the lake is thriving with thousands of rainbow trout.

"We literally stocked 250,000 rainbow trout last month [April]," BBMWD Lake Operations Supervisor Mike Stephenson said. "Add that to the fish already in the lake and you have well over 1 million fish."

Both public boat launch ramps on the North Shore are open. The West Boat Ramp is located on the North Shore approximately 2 miles east of the dam on Highway 38. The East Boat Ramp, located a quarter mile from Stanfield Cutoff on Highway 38, is open for the first time in two years. Fishermen looking for boat rentals are amply served by the four marinas that offer fishing and pontoon boats.

Big Bear Lake will once again honor the DFG Free Fishing Days this year on Saturday, June 10. Free Fishing Day means a fishing license is not required for these days, and BBMWD waves the usual \$15 single-day boat-use permit, too.

For more information, visit [www.bigbear.com](http://www.bigbear.com) or call 800-4-BIG-BEAR (800.424.4232). □

## Summer drawing makes Canyon Crest cool

The Canyon Crest Towne Centre in Riverside is hoping to cool you off this summer with prizes. "Summer Just Got Cool 2" runs June 22 through August 31. Going on its 2nd year, this is a drawing you can enter to win \$100 in Canyon Crest Towne Centre gift certificates.

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At the end of each week, after a winner is verified (you must be over 18 years of age, proof may be requested), all entries are destroyed and they begin the drawing from scratch.

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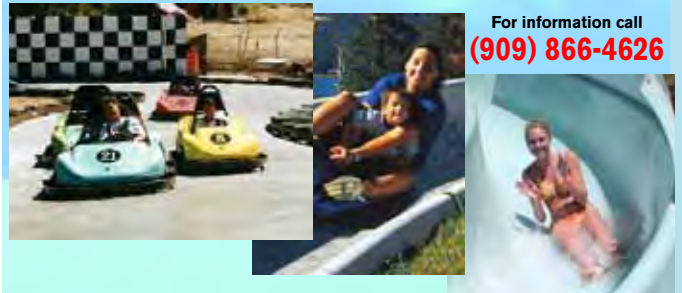
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## Classic cars 'Brung' to Rialto

The Rialto Rotary Club's Run Whatcha Brung returns this year for its thirteenth run of showcasing classic cars. The event, a fundraiser for local charities, kicks off Friday, June 9, at 4pm in downtown Rialto with The Answer Band, cruising, food and display vendors. Oldies DJ Vic Slick serves as the master of ceremonies. Saturday, June 10, events continue from 7am to 4pm in downtown Rialto with more cruising.

Run Whatcha Brung features hot rods, street rods, cruisers, classics, antiques and special interest vehicles. This year adds a custom motorcycle display as well. Event organizers expect up to 500 vehicles to be on display, with trophies awarded to the top 20 cars. The Best of Show will be awarded Saturday afternoon.

Friday night's The Answer Band brings their special brand of rock 'n roll to the show. This group has become a cult fixture at many car shows, with nostalgic performances fitting in with the classic cars.



2005 Best of Show car.

Among the cars strutting their stuff will be Rialto resident Ken Asche showing off his flaming Camaro.

An open header cruise begins at noon on Saturday.

Trophy presentations begin at 3pm.

Rialto Rotary has raised more than \$500,000 from this car show over the years.

For more information, call (909) 421-2236. ■

## Adventures through history

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**BIG BEAR PIRATE FAIRE:** North Shore, Big Bear Lake, Big Bear, June 3-4. [bigbearrenfair.com/pirate/](http://bigbearrenfair.com/pirate/) (909) 585-7825

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**A MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIR:** July 22, 23, 29, 30, at Idyllwild Park. (951) 659-3259.

**GRAND NATIONAL IRISH FAIR & MUSIC FESTIVAL & TARA VILLAGE:** Irvine Meadows, Irvine, June 24-25, [www.irishfair.org](http://www.irishfair.org). See article on page 15.

**33RD ANNUAL SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & GATHERING:** Vista, Terrace Park, June 24-25. [www.sdhighlandgames.org](http://www.sdhighlandgames.org), (760) 726 3691 / (619) 425 3454

**CUTTHROAT PIRATE FEST:** June 24-25 & July 1-2, Corona/Norco, [www.Renaissanceinfo.com](http://www.Renaissanceinfo.com), 951-735-0101

**CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT:** 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave. Vista, July 8-9, [www.goldcoastfestivals.com](http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com) 760 941 1791

**KORONEBURG OLD WORLD FESTIVAL:** June 3-11, a Renaissance village at Crossroads Riverview Park in Corona. 11am-7pm Saturdays, 11am to 6pm Sundays. Admission \$16, seniors and children \$8, children under 6 are free. (951) 735-0101. [www.renaissanceinfo.com](http://www.renaissanceinfo.com).

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# 4th Fun in Fairmount

*Riverside's Fairmount Park site of 4th events and Summer Concert Series*

The City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) and Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP) have partnered to bring family fun events to downtown Riverside this summer.

The summer will kick off with a series of eight concerts. The Summer Concert Series will feature nationally recognized bands as well as loads of other fun activities the whole family will enjoy. These concerts will be held on Thursdays beginning June 29 and will continue to August 17, from 6 to 8pm at the recently improved Fairmount Park located at 2601 Fairmount Boulevard in downtown Riverside.

PRCSD and RDP will host the inaugural Fourth at Fairmount event. The Concert at the Courthouse has been a huge success and has drawn thousands of families each year for six consecutive years. Due to the increasing popularity and success of the 4th of July event, RDP found it necessary to scout out a larger venue to expand their signature event.

Fourth at Fairmount will feature live entertainment provided by Riverside Little Opera featuring a patriotic chorus and Dixieland band. There will also be games, arts and crafts, and a fireworks show overlooking Fairmount Park Lake by Pyrospectacular on July 4th from 5 to 9pm.

Seating options include bringing your own blanket or lawn chair for the grass area, or enjoying a meal catered by the Marriott Riverside in a special VIP seating area (reservations are required and seating is limited). Call (951) 781-7335 for information about purchasing VIP seats.

The lineup for the Summer Concert Series includes: • June 29th, Rock 'n' Roll band, Bombs and Butterflies • July 6th, Alternative band, Neon Fields • July 13th, Country band, Backseat Rodeo • July 20th, Jazz band, The Derrick Edmondson Band • July 27th, Oldies band, Latin Express • August 3rd, Blues band, A 3rd Degree • August 10th will be



*Fairmount Park in Riverside will host this year's 4th of July events, which have grown in popularity over the years and require a larger venue.*

a 'Tribute to the Beatles' featuring Butopia. The series will conclude on August 17th with the nationally renowned Latin Jazz ensemble, LA Mambo Combo.

For more information about these events, visit [www.riversideca.gov/park\\_rec](http://www.riversideca.gov/park_rec) or call (951) 826-2000 or (951) 781-5896. ■

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# Big Bear's Smooth Jazz Festival Extends to Three Days

**T**he second annual JazzTrax Summer Music Festival in Big Bear Lake is the only music festival in Southern California where its attendees ride a ski lift to the concert grounds. The festival, only in its second year, has already grown from a one-day event to a three-day event and takes place at two venues this year.

The festival is Father's Day Weekend Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18.

"It's a no-brainer! JazzTrax tickets make a great Father's Day gift, especially for those dads who want to escape the dreadful 'June Gloom,'" Big Bear Lake Resort Association CEO Ken Brengle said. "Big Bear is high above the grey marine layers with lots of sunshine. Not only will your eyes be thankful, but your ears are in for a treat, too!"

Acoustic Alchemy from London will kick off the festival with an unplugged set at the Big Bear Discovery Center Amphitheatre Friday, June 16 at 7pm. The festival moves to Snow Summit Mountain Resort's natural amphitheatre Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18, from noon to 5pm. Each day features top name acts. Saxophonist Richard Elliot, who had three straight number one hits in 2006, will headline

Saturday's event; supporting acts for Saturday are saxophonist Mindi Abair, the hottest new talent on the smooth jazz circuit and Detroit guitarist Tim Bowman. Sunday's headliner is Grammy Award winning guitarist Norman Brown; Sunday's supporting acts are keyboardist Brian Culbertson and saxophone phenomenon Eric Darius.

Snow Summit's natural amphitheater, which overlooks Big Bear Lake, is divided into two sections. The club section consists of 28 rows of assigned seats and general admission seating is on the lawn area. Ticket prices are: club seating \$65, and general admission \$35. Friday night's performance at Big Bear Discovery Center is \$35 for general admission. Tickets are available online, including full series tickets at [www.tix.com](http://www.tix.com) or 800.4.BIG.BEAR (800.424.4232). Concert times and locations are: Friday, June 16 at Big Bear Discovery Center, doors open at 6pm and the performance starts at 7pm. Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18 at Snow Summit, the chairlift operation begins at 10am, amphitheatre opens at 11am and the performance starts at Noon and to goes to 5pm each day.

A variety of vendors will sell goods from clothing to CDs and food. Fans will have an



opportunity to meet their favorite artist, too. Performers will autograph CDs at the JazzTrax CD store located at the festival site immediately following their performance.

On Saturday, June 17 Big Bear Village revs up for the night's sessions of live jazz. The Catz in the Hat, a Big Bear local favorite, play at The Mandoline Bistro located at 40701 Village Drive. The band performs classic jazz standards starting at 8pm.

For more information log onto [www.jazztrax.com](http://www.jazztrax.com), or call 1.800.4.BIG.BEAR (1.800.424.4232). □

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# Mountain concert series

*Lake Arrowhead Center Stage heats up for 4th and beyond*

**F**rom sun-up to well into the night, Lake Arrowhead Village has a five-day 4th of July weekend celebration that will keep visitors busy with great family entertainment, five special free concerts, attractions, shopping and dining.

In addition, Lake Arrowhead Village is celebrating its 25th Anniversary throughout 2006. While the "new" Village is celebrating 25 years, Lake Arrowhead Village has been in existence, and the center of the mountain communities, for about 85 years.

This special weekend begins officially on Friday, June 30, with the weekly Farmer's Market starting at 5pm. Fresh produce and great shopping are all part of Lake Arrowhead Village's Farmers Market experience.

The Center Stage Concert Series is in full swing and features 17 weeks of concerts on Friday, Saturday, and Holiday nights, with 40 concerts in all. The series features some of the top bands playing in California, and all con-

certs are free to the public.

New this year is the opportunity to reserve tables for each Center Stage concert. Tables seat 10, the cost to reserve a table is \$100, and that includes 10 complimentary beverages (beer, wine or non-alcoholic drinks). All concert performances begin at 5pm and end at 8pm.

Friday, June 30th features the Pop band Person to Person on Center Stage. Person To Person has been entertaining audiences in Southern California and Las Vegas for the past 15 years. Their play list is incredible – Dance, Disco, Latin, Top 40, Alternative, Classic Rock, Country, and Reggae.

Saturday July 1st brings live music to the music to Center Stage during the afternoon from Noon to 4pm. Also Mr. Twister will be there to entertain children with his balloon



*On July 3, at 5pm, The Answer takes Center Stage at Lake Arrowhead Village.*

creations. Of course, what would the 4th of July be without Uncle Sam who will be

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Come early and bring a picnic dinner, browse in the Star Gazer's Gift Shop, and enjoy the butterfly garden and scenic mountain vistas. Program formats include a lively lecture, dramatic slide show, unique demonstrations, question and answer period, laser tour of the night sky, and observatory viewing, weather permitting. Topics are widely varied and are sure to intrigue all ages.

The Discovery Series opens on June 3 with "Astronomy ABC's." "Summer Constellations," presented June 24, introduces beginning stargazers to the basics of navigating the night sky.

SkyQuest Public Programs are offered every Saturday throughout the month. "Today's Universe," July 1, is an unusual opportunity to catch up on the latest "gossip" in astronomy. What is fact and what is fiction? The latest technology gives us advantages over older methods of discovery, revealing amazing new answers.

Summer programs often sell out early and it is suggested that you purchase tickets in advance by calling MSAS Astronomy Village at (909) 336-1699. Ticket prices sold in advance are \$7 for adults, \$6 for MSAS members, \$5 for children under 16. Tickets sold at the door, if available, are an additional \$2 per person.

For a complete schedule of SkyQuest Public Programs, directions to Astronomy Village, Star Gazer's Gift Shop, and information about private programs, visit their website at [www.mountain-skies.org](http://www.mountain-skies.org). For Star Gazer's 24 hour Sky and Event Report, call (909) 336-1299.



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Spiral Galaxy M101, as captured by the Hubble Space Telescope.

MSAS Astronomy Village is located at 2001 Observatory Way in Lake Arrowhead.

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## Get the inside scoop at the NOS Sports Center

Las Vegas Race Betting Professional Bruce Finkelstein makes a return visit to the National Orange Show Sports Center for the Belmont Stakes, which runs June 10.

"Customers can come early to catch all the action, and to hear Bruce," Larry Jacobsen, Sports Center manager, said.

A fan favorite, Finkelstein brings experienced insight to racing that bodes well for the experienced as well as the novice player. Considered to be one of the West Coast leaders in "handicapping" his 9:30am seminar at the Sports Center will be bring to a close this series for this year's Triple Crown Season.

The Belmont Stakes, the last and most difficult Triple Crown event, is always a challenge for horse players. This 1 1/2 mile race will be the 138th Belmont Stakes, which predates both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, the other two legs of this three race series for three-year-old thoroughbreds. Finkelstein is currently featured on XTRA Sports Radio (570 AM) at 8am on Saturday and Sunday on Inside Racing with Jason Levin, and runs his own betting information service.

The Sports Center is the Inland area's premier horse racing venue, sporting 13 huge projection screens, and over 300 other monitors.

Racing fans 18-years and older attend Sports Center action Wednesday through Sunday, with free parking, and the \$4 admission fee waved on Thursdays for Seniors 62-years and older. Usually seven or more tracks a day are shown live on the Sports Center's internal TV network. Players can wager live on these tracks, watch all the action, and cash out their tickets right after the race with no waiting.

Offering "Wall to Wall Horseracing," the 5200 square-foot facility has some reserved seating in the Executive Club available for the Belmont Stakes, but great general admission viewing and wagering are always available.

The NOS Sports Center is located at 930 South Arrowhead in San Bernardino, two stop lights east of the 215 Freeway at the Orange Show Road off ramp. Call 909-885-RACE (7223) Wednesday through Sunday for more information.



## Fest brings the best of the Irish

Enjoy all things Irish, from dance to music and sports. The 31st Annual Irish Fair and Music Festival is set for the Irvine Meadows Fairgrounds in Irvine June 24-25, 10am to 7pm.



The Irvine Meadows Fairgrounds, formally the Lion Country Safari, is located between the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater and the Wild Rivers Waterpark. This new location takes full advantage of the cool coastal weather available during the summer.

The Great American Irish Fair and Music Festival is the largest festival of its kind in the Western United States. The Fair highlights 16 entertainment areas featuring the best in the music, song, dance and sport of the Irish, along with over 100 Irish and Scottish import shops, plus arts and crafts vendors along with sheepherding shows, Irish horse shows, Irish dog shows and one of the largest Irish Step (River Dance) Dancing competitions in California.

There is something Irish for everybody at the Great American Irish Fair and Music Festival.

Adult admission is \$16 at the gate, \$14 in advance. An adult 2-day ticket is \$28, \$22 in advance. Seniors and students are \$12, \$10 in advance. Children 12 and under are free. The Irvine Meadows Fairgrounds are located at 8800 Irvine Center Drive in Irvine. For more information, go online to [www.irishfair.org](http://www.irishfair.org).

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strolling the Village throughout the weekend from 1-4pm.

The Center Stage concert features Big Band music with the Stewart Big Band. Lake Arrowhead Village's own entertainment coordinator, Stewart Udem, brings his big band back to Center Stage for another great night. The Stewart Big Band is a high energy big band and has been one of the favorites for all ages at Center Stage. Their style is suitable for both dancing and listening pleasure.

Sunday, July 2, starts early with the annual Lake Arrowhead Fireman's Pancake Breakfast, held in the parking area above Bank of America. This special event runs from 7-10am. Once again there will be live music on Center Stage from noon to 4pm, as well as Mr. Twister and Uncle Sam from 1-4pm.

The MVP's come back to Center Stage for a second time this concert season for the evening July 4 show. Besides a song list that covers Top 40, 80's, 90's, current dance hits, R&B, Blues, Rock, Latin, Calypso and Oldies, the MVP's are currently recording original material for their next CD.

Immediately following the concert at 8:30pm, the Arrowhead Lake Association's Boat Parade of Lights occurs dockside at Lake Arrowhead Village. Local residents decorate their boats with lights for a special judged competition.

Monday, July 3 is fireworks night at Lake Arrowhead. But before the fireworks begin at 9pm, the Center Stage is active with live music from Noon to 4pm.

At 5pm, The Answer, one of the favorite bands of the concert series, performs Center Stage. This is their second night on Center

Stage this season. The Answer's uncanny reproductions of all that's good in classic rock today sets them far above all the competition. Since 1964, The Answer has been supplying its renditions of top 40 hits.

On the 4th of July there will be live music again on Center Stage from noon to 4pm. The special Center Stage concert for the evening features Wild Child: A Tribute to The Doors. Relive a Doors concert today as presented by David Brock and Wild Child. Wild Child is an 18-year running Los Angeles based Doors tribute band that faithfully recreates a live Doors concert. The music of the Doors and voice of Morrison are re-created with all the depth, energy and emotion of Doors concerts as they were back in 1967-1971.

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## Beat the heat at Alpine's water slide

Big Bear's favorite place to splish and splash to beat summer heat is on the Alpine Slide at Magic Mountain's Water Slide. During the winter Alpine Slide features snow activities, but when the ice thaws the water slides come to life.

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The waterslide is open daily June 10 through Labor Day.

After getting wet on the water slide, take a ride on the Alpine Slide. It begins with a scenic chairlift ride to the top with a beautiful view of Big Bear Lake. Then hop on a sled that you control and ride down one of the two quarter mile tracks through banked turns and long straightaways, much like an Olympic Bobsled ride without the ice.

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## The return of the Leperkhanz



Irish band the Leperkhanz return to Killarney's Pub and Grill June 9 at 9:30pm. Killarney's is at 32475 Hwy. 79 s., in Temecula. For more information, call (951) 302-8338 or go online to [www.killarneys.com](http://www.killarneys.com).

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**JUICE NEWTON:** June 14, AC's Lounge.

**INXS:** June 18, 8pm.

**INDIGENOUS:** June 28, AC's Lounge.

**LOS LOBOS:** July 2, 8pm. Free show.

**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 through 12pm, June 29. 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

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**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

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**\$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.

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**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.

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**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.

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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.

**THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER MALE REVUE:** June 3. \$30, \$25, \$20. 8pm.

**TANYA TUCKER:** June 17, \$50, \$40, \$35, \$30; 8pm.

**U 92.7 FM'S SUPER SUMMER LOVE JAM:** June 24, featuring Rose Royce, Keith Sweat and Brenton Woods; on sale TBA; 8 pm.

**VICKY CARR:** July 1, \$45, \$35, \$30, \$25, 8 pm.

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

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**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.

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

**BRENDEN THEATRES:** For movie schedule, call (702) 535-7469 or go online to [www.brendentheatres.com](http://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 more information go online to [caesars.com/flamingo/laughlin](http://caesars.com/flamingo/laughlin) or call (800) 435-8469. The Laughlin Flamingo is located at 1900 South Casino Drive.

**FLAG DAY BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT:** June 9-11, \$15,000 prize money. Entry fee \$99, includes two-days of tourney play (room not included.)

**SLOT TOURNAMENT:** June 12-14. \$15,000 prize money. Entry fee \$99, includes two-days of tourney play (room not included.)

**\$5,000 FREE ROLL POKER TOURNAMENT:** June 22. First prize \$1,000, second \$500, prize money down to 6th place. Entry earned through regular poker room play.

**3 CARD POKER MILLION DOLLAR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT:** June 23-24. \$249 entry fee

## INXS at Soboba



*INXS will play live at the Soboba Arena on June 18, 8pm. Soboba Casino is located at 23333 Soboba Road in San Jacinto. For more information, call (951) 665-1000 or (866) 4-SOBOBA, or go online to [www.soboba.net](http://www.soboba.net). For tickets, call 1-866-4-SOBOBA, ext. 183. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$55.*

includes three nights in hotel room. Top 25 contestants advance to finals in Las Vegas for shot at \$1 million prize.

**COMEDY STOP:** Through Sept. 3, \$11.95, \$12.95. Showtimes 7:30pm & 9:30pm. See article on page 20.

**THE BEACH BOYS:** June 3, 9pm. \$35, \$40. Outdoor Amphitheater.

**MEL TILLIS AND PAM TILLIS:** June 17, 9pm.

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# MEL TILLIS & PAM TILLIS



Sat, June 17

Flamingo Ballroom • 9pm

Tickets start at \$29.95<sup>plus tax</sup>

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For more information call 1-800-435-8469 or go to [www.flamingolaughlin.com](http://www.flamingolaughlin.com).

*Popular comedy showcase continues in the Flamingo Laughlin Showroom*

The Flamingo Laughlin Comedy Stop continues to perform two shows nightly at 7:30pm and 9:30pm in the Flamingo Laughlin Showroom through Sept. 3. The Comedy Stop features comedic stars of today and tomorrow performing in an intimate lounge environment. With new comedians every week, the show remains fresh and cutting-edge and most importantly, keeps the comedy coming.

The current line-up of comedians includes: June 5-June 11: Chris Coccia, Billy Garan and John Fox; June 12-18: Rob Sherwood, John Barillaro and John Joseph; June 19-25: Kathleen Dunbar, Dan Grueter and Todd Paul; June 26-July 2: Christine Stedman, Karen Rontowski and Steve Shaffer; May 29-June 4: Mick Lazinski, Tina Giorgi and Michael Finney.

Tickets to The Comedy Stop are \$12.95 and \$11.95 plus tax and are available at the Flamingo Laughlin Box Office or by calling 800-435-8469.



Comedian Kathleen Dunbar.

*The Tillis family to perform at the Flamingo Laughlin*

**C**ountry music legend Mel Tillis and country superstar Pam Tillis will perform together on one stage on Saturday, June 17 at 9pm in the Flamingo Ballroom.

With more than 60 albums to his credit Mel Tillis has established himself as a country music staple. In 1956 Webb Pierce recorded a song written by Mel entitled "I'm Tired" which launched Mel's musical career. Now fifty years later Mel has penned over 1,000 songs, 600 of which have been recorded by major artists. The songs he's written have received national recognition and monumental status such as "Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town" which received the Special Citation of Achievement from BMI for 3 million broadcast performances.

Thirty-six of the songs he recorded have been Top Ten singles with nine of them going to #1. "Good Woman Blues," "Coca Cola Cowboy" and "Southern Rain" are just a few of his popular hits.

Mel Tillis has a long list of awards which include: Entertainer of the Year in 1976 and 2004, songwriter of the decade for two decades, 2001 Golden Voice Award winner. In 1976 Mel was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters International Hall of Fame.

Daughter Pam is an accomplished songwriter and performer in her own right. Some of Pam's honors include: 1994 "Female Vocalist of the Year" and 1994 "Video of the Year." Pam also received a Grammy in 1994. Five out of seven of her albums have certified either gold or platinum. Her hits have included: "Mi Vida Loca," "It's Lonely Out There" and "In Between Dances."

Concert tickets for the June 17 engagement are \$29.95 and \$34.95. For tickets or more information call the Flamingo Box Office at 1-800-435-8469 or visit [www.flamingolaughlin.com](http://www.flamingolaughlin.com). ■



Pam Tillis and Mel Tillis perform together at the Flamingo, June 17.



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\$29.95, \$34.95. Flamingo Ballroom. See article on page 20.

**DAILY TOURNAMENT:** No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. Seven days a week. Sign-up at 7:30am. Play is at 9am. \$20 buy-in gets you \$1000 in playing chips an additional \$3 gets you an extra \$500 in chips. 30 min. Round – Blinds \$25/50 – No Limit. 30 min. Round – Blinds \$50/100 – No Limit This is a one hour shoot-out!

**MORNING ACE'S CRACKED:** Seven days a week 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. Ace's cracked gets a rack \$100.

**DINNER HOUR ACE'S CRACKED:** Seven days a week 5:00pm-7:00pm. Ace's cracked gets a rack \$100.

**LATE NIGHT ACE'S CRACKED:** Seven days a week midnight-2:00 a.m. Ace's cracked gets a rack \$100.

**FEATURED JEAN, NV, CASINOS GOLD STRIKE HOTEL AND GAMBLING HALL:** (800) 634-1359. [www.stopatjean.com](http://www.stopatjean.com).

**FRIDAY NIGHT BLACKJACK:** Every Friday, 6pm, play for \$500 first prize. \$25 entry fee.

**NEVADA LANDING HOTEL AND CASINO:** (800) 628-6682. [www.stopatjean.com](http://www.stopatjean.com).

**BUDWEISER WEEKEND RACING PARTY:** Enjoy the races with drink and food specials, plus prize drawings. ■

**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](http://www.adamskarttrack.net).

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

## Big Bear's Moonridge Animal Park hosts special summer events

When planning a trip to the mountains this summer, specifically Big Bear, don't forget to schedule a visit to Moonridge Animal Park during your visit.

Moonridge Animal Park, aka Big Bear Zoo, has some very special events planned for the summer months, including the June 24 Sentinel Day. For the past three years, the Sentinel Day event has been called the Alpine Wildlife Celebration. This year the name was changed in honor of Garrett Maggart, one of the actors in the Sentinel television series because a large contingent of his fans has been coming to the park. The day-long event, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers the opportunity to meet Garrett and also participate in the popular Animal Adoption Auction.

Then on July 1-2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Friends of the Moonridge Zoo is sponsoring its longest running educational event, the 17th Annual Zoocasion. This is a special day at the



park for children to learn more about animals with special animal presentations, tours, animal stories, face painting, and arts and crafts activities.

Moonridge Animal Park, a low-cost wildlife adventure in Big Bear Lake, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in June through August. For more information, visit [www.BigBearZoo.com](http://www.BigBearZoo.com)

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There will also be live stage Thomas train performances, interactive exhibits at the Museum Store, food carts for various vendors, shaded picnic areas, and free cooling pack up.

Families can easily spend 4 hours or more at this event. The Museum will open at 7:30 am and close shortly after 7 pm. Preparing 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](http://www.oerf.org)  
(951) 443-3264

**From the North:** Take Interstate 215 (Foothill Freeway) south to Exit 121 (Perris Blvd) and turn right. The museum is located on the right side of the road, just past the intersection of Perris Blvd and 22nd Street.

**From the South:** Take Interstate 215 (Foothill Freeway) north to Exit 121 (Perris Blvd) and turn left. The museum is located on the left side of the road, just past the intersection of Perris Blvd and 22nd Street.

**Map location of Perris area (shown to North):** Shows the location of Perris, CA, relative to the Orange Empire Railway Museum.

**Map location of Perris area (shown to South):** Shows the location of Perris, CA, relative to the Orange Empire Railway Museum.

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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.

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

**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:** • June 24 Sentinel Day, 10am to 3pm. See article on page

21. • July 1-2, 11am to 4pm, the 17th Annual Zoocasion. This is a special day at the park for children to learn more about animals with special animal presentations, tours, animal stories, face painting, and arts and crafts activities.

• 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.

**NATURE LAB:** At the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, June 1-30. Containing Riverside's most diverse living collection, the Nature Lab is a variety of live plants and animals from around the Riverside area. Located on the second floor of the Museum, the Nature Lab provides unique opportunities to observe behavior and characteristics of local wildlife. Admission is free. Open from 1:30-4:30pm. Riverside Metropolitan Museum, 3580 Mission Inn Avenue Riverside.

**OAKTREE VILLAGE:** 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Apple season is open, with events throughout the season. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony

rides, animal park, trout fishing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktree-village.com.

**ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSEUM:** June 17-18, Pacifica Electric Weekend. Celebrate Father's Day with vintage train rides. Sunday Father's Day BBQ from Noon to 2pm. 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:** (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 27. 

## Moonridge Animal Park

Big Bear Zoo

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### Special Events Calendar

- 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  
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# Theater & the Arts



*Photo courtesy of Moonlight Stage Productions and Ken Jacques Photography*

Bets Malone as Eva Peron in *Evita* opens at Performance Riverside on June 9 completing their 2005-2006 season. *Evita* is directed by John Vaughan. The Landis Performing Arts Center is located on the Riverside City College campus at 4800 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside. Performances are on June 9-10, 16, and 17 at 8pm, June 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 2pm, and June 18 at 7pm. Tickets are \$35, \$30, \$25, and \$20, and can be purchased at 951-222-8100.

**BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER:** • Smokey Joe's Cafe, through June 18. Tickets \$38-\$72. • *Cinderella*, June 23-July 30. • *Jim Curry: Rocky Mountain High*, June 28, 6pm. Jim Curry

and his band faithfully recreate the look and music of the much beloved folk troubadour in a heartfelt tribute to John Denver.

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## 'Cinderella' to grace the Candlelight

*Cinderella*, the timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale, is reborn at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater complete with the Rodgers and Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Rodgers and Hammerstein wanted to do a musical version of the story of *Cinderella* that everyone remembers from childhood. Nevertheless, the script was embroidered with a few sly and witty touches that were uniquely Hammerstein, and the score features such jewels as "In My Own Little Corner" and several of Rodgers' most enchanting waltzes and marches.



For a new generation of theatrical fans, *Cinderella* will introduce them to a miraculous kingdom of dreams come true.

Directed by Barbara Hinrichsen, *Cinderella* makes its debut at the Candlelight Pavilion with the same cast of characters that we all know and love: the fairy godmother, the handsome prince, the wicked stepmother and stepsisters, the golden carriage, the glass slipper and of course the beautifully misunderstood *Cinderella*.

*Cinderella* plays at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater at 455 West Foothill Blvd. in Claremont June 23 thru July 30. Performances are Thursday through Sunday. 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 to \$72. To purchase tickets or for more information call the Box Office at (909) 626-1254 or go online to [www.candlelightpavilion.com](http://www.candlelightpavilion.com).

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\$35. • (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

**CAL STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO MUSIC DEPARTMENT:**

• June 2, 7:30pm, A Senior Recital, Mahlon Loynd, bass trombone, Free Admission. • June 3, 7:30pm, The Main Street Community Band, Paul Kardos, conductor. Standard Ticket Pricing. • June 5, 7:30pm, CSUSB Concert Choir, Dr. Andrew Crane, conductor. Standard Ticket Pricing. • June 7, 7:30pm, Arthur Moorefield Memorial Recital, CSUSB faculty and friends. First Wednesdays Ticket Pricing. • June 8, Noon, A Junior Recital, Lynda Reynolds, soprano. Free Admission. • June 8, 7:30pm, CSUSB Vocal Jazz/Show Choir, Dr. Eva Mae Pisciotta, director. Standard Ticket Pricing. • June 9, 7:30pm, CSUSB Jazz Ensemble, Dr. Robert Knop, director. Standard Ticket Pricing. • June 11, 4pm, Inland Empire Symphonic Choir, Silent Auction 3pm, Alex Ruggieri,

conductor. IESC Ticket Pricing. • June 11, 7:30pm, Opera Workshop Showcase. Dr. Andrew Crane and Dr. Rebecca Tomlinson, instructors. Standard Ticket Pricing. • June 12, 7:30pm, CSUSB Symphonic Band, CSUSB Chamber Winds, Dr. Robert Dunham, conductor. Standard Ticket Pricing. • Standard Ticket Pricing General: \$8; Senior/Staff/Faculty: \$6; Students: \$4. First Wednesdays Ticket Pricing General: \$15; Senior/Staff/Faculty: \$10; Students: \$5. IESC Ticket Pricing General Admission: In Advance: \$10; At the Door: \$13; Special (Students with I.D., Seniors, Staff, and Faculty: In Advance: \$5; At the Door: \$6. All performances are located in the CSUSB Performing Arts Recital Hall unless otherwise noted. (909) 537-7516. Parking is \$3 per vehicle.

**CHINO COMMUNITY THEATRE:** 110 In the Shade, June 2-24. General \$12, seniors/students/child

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The cast of *Menopause the Musical* at the Grove in Upland: (left to right) Iowa Housewife Roberta Wall, Power Woman Sherry Brown-Webster (understudy for Michele Mais), Earth Mother Megan Cavanagh, and Soap Star Lisa Robinson

**Menopause The Musical breaks all records at The Grove Theatre**

Menopause The Musical, at The Grove Theatre in Upland, has proven to be a huge hit in the Inland Empire. Since the show opened on April 14, performances in the 425-seat theatre have routinely sold out, according to Sherry Kinison, owner of The Grove Theatre. Kinison, the force behind buying and renovating the historic theatre built in 1947, said, "We are looking forward to months of laughter, standing ovations, and sold-out houses."

With its charming and witty depiction of "the change," Menopause The Musical draws women back repeatedly with their

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Friday, June 30th...One Night Only

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# The Sawdust Art Festival is true to its founders' creative ideals 40 years later

For over a century, artists have been drawn to Laguna Beach like moths to a flame. The unique combination of rugged natural beauty, amazing light and vistas as well as a welcoming climate established Laguna Beach's reputation as an artist colony at the dawn of the Twentieth Century.

As Laguna Beach grew and the century progressed, Laguna's reputation as a Mecca for artists was almost outshone by its new designation as a Hollywood getaway. The tourists started coming in greater numbers to experience the town's great attractions: its thriving art scene and its beautiful beaches.

In 1966, a group of Laguna Beach artists who were inspired by the social and artistic changes of the times left the confines of the town's established arts festival and started their own festival; a festival that would be dedicated to the artists themselves. A place where the ideals of the time could be experienced; a proudly non-juried art show, a place that was inclusive and created a welcoming haven for local artists.

This first "alternative" art show took place at

an empty lot on Coast Highway in downtown Laguna Beach. To keep the dust down, the artists layered sawdust over the ground. And that is how the Sawdust Art Festival came into being.

In 1968, Sawdust organizers moved the show to a plot of land in Laguna Canyon, which was then purchased in 1972. Over the next several decades, the land has been nurtured by the artists and remains a slice of how Southern California used to be, with its towering eucalyptus trees, waterfalls and resident wildlife.

For nine weeks each summer, the Sawdust's fabled hand-constructed artists' village springs to life, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world. This ode to a vanishing way of life – the artists who work for themselves, earning a living to support their own unique Laguna Beach-lifestyle – is celebrated each summer as the crowds support this unique event that now seems will succeed well into the next century.

In honoring its 40th show, the theme for 2006 is "40 Creative Years." Special exhibits will

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dren \$10. Chino Community Theatre, 13123 7th St., Chino.

**COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER SOCIETY:** Carousel, June 23, 24, 28, 30, July 1, 2, 3, 5, 6-9. At the Big Bear Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard. (909) 866-4970.

**GROVE THEATRE:** Menopause the Musical, playing now. See article on page 24. Located in historic downtown Upland, 276 E. 9th St. (909) 920-4343, grovetheatre.com.

**THE SECOND ANNUAL JAZZTRAX SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL:** June 16-18 at Big Bear Lake. See article on page 12.

**LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** Through 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 week-


ends, 5-8pm. Food and Beverage are available for purchase. Admission and parking are free. Lake Arrowhead Village, 28200 Highway 189 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.

**LIFEHOUSE THEATER:** • Tom Sawyer, June 17-July. Join Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn for fun misadventures on the Mississippi and a romp through America's yester-years. This Mark Twain classic is a toe-tapping LifeHouse original. Written by Wayne R. Scott and directed by Brenda Morrill. Tickets: Adults \$12 - \$17, Children \$6 - \$9. Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm, and Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:15pm. • Reservations may be made by calling (909) 335-3037, ext. 21. www.lifehousetheater.com The theater is located at 1135 N. Church St. in Redlands.

**OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER:** • Moll Flanders, June 3-4. Tickets: \$34. Times: June 3, 2pm & 8pm; June 4, 2pm. • Cinderella: The Ballet.

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# 'Temptations' are strong at Ramona Bowl

*June concert brings Motown favorite to the Inland Empire*

The Temptations have thrilled audiences for more than 40 years, with smooth vocals and distinct harmonies that defined the sound of Motown, and dazzled the eye with stylish choreography. The Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre will welcome The Temptations for one night only on Friday, June 30 at 7pm. The group has been said to be as influential to R&B as The Beatles are to rock and roll.

"We're thrilled to bring musicians of this caliber to the Ramona Bowl to kick off our 2006 summer concert season. The Temptations are a wonderful group that everyone knows and remembers, and this concert is the first of many events the Bowl will host this summer," Al Cordova of the Ramona Bowl Music Association said. "We're working hard to deliver fantastic performances residents of the San Jacinto Valley can enjoy close to home."

The Temptations have sold tens of millions of albums, released four number-one pop hit singles, and 14 number-one R&B hit singles. They're still making music and touring. The

group began in Detroit during the early 1960s. More than forty years and many hits later, the Temptations are still going strong.

It's been an amazing musical success story. In 1964, musical legend Smokey Robinson wrote and produced "The Way You Do the Things You Do" for the Temptations, which thrust them into the limelight and made them stars. Original band members Otis Williams, David Ruffin, Eddie Kendricks, Melvin Franklin and Paul Williams then turned out a string of hits, including "My Girl," "Too Proud to Beg," and "I Wish It Would Rain." Beyond hit records, the band developed a reputation for stunning live performances featuring smooth stepping dance moves and flawless presentation.

A decade later, the Temptations evolved to a more serious style. Dennis Edwards replaced David Ruffin in the group, and the hits continued with "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," "Just My Imagination," and "I Can't Get Next to You." Other singers joined the group, Richard Street and Ali-Ollie Woodson, strengthening their appeal. Even with personnel changes, the Temptations remained faithful to the soulful style

and amazing vocals that made them so popular. They continued recording and performing through the 1980s and '90s into the new millennium. They've continued releasing albums, including "For Lovers Only," "Phoenix Rising," "Ear Resistant," and their latest, "Awesome," released in 2001. The current Temptations line-up includes Otis Williams, Terry Weeks, G.C. Cameron, Ron Tyson and Joe Herndon. Their performances continue to electrify fans of all ages, delivering a feast of music and showmanship.

In addition to being a fantastic evening of entertainment, the June 30 concert is also a fundraising benefit for the Ramona Bowl Music Association and The Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre. "Special events like this enable us to continue bringing great entertainment to the area," Cordova said. "We really appreciate all who contribute of their time and resources to support the Bowl and make our summer concert series possible."

Presale tickets for this performance are \$20, and tickets at the door are \$25. For tickets or more information, call 1-800-645-4465 or visit [www.RamonaBowl.com](http://www.RamonaBowl.com).



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## BEACH ACTIVITIES

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

## CHRISTIAN EVENTS

**CONFIDENTIAL CHRISTIAN SINGLES:** • June 10, dance at Cal State Fullerton, 7pm to midnight. • June 16-18, Singles Safari at Miracle Springs Resort and Spa. • Tuesdays Singles Nights at the Meridian Club in Fullerton. • Saturdays, open house in Santa Ana. • Call for details at (714) 210-3337 or go online to [www.ccisingles.com](http://www.ccisingles.com).

## FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

**119TH COLTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** July 8, 5:30pm, at the Colton High School Stadium. Music, entertainment, and fireworks. (909) 370-6153.

**FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS:** See article on page 7.

**GRAND NATIONAL IRISH FAIR & MUSIC FESTIVAL & TARA VILLAGE:** Irvine Meadows, Irvine, June 24-25, [www.irishfair.org](http://www.irishfair.org). See article on page 15.

**HEMET-RYAN AIR SHOW:** June 10, 9m to 4pm. Free admission, free parking and kids zone. Watch high-flying aviators. Hemet-Ryan Airport, 4200 Waldon Weaver Rd., Hemet. (877) EDA-2-AIR, [www.hemet-ryanairshow.org](http://www.hemet-ryanairshow.org).

**HERITAGE HOUSE ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** June 25, Noon-4pm. Come to the Heritage House for a Victorian Ice Cream Social. 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, just north of Adams St. (951) 826-5129.

**HUCK FINN JUBILEE:** June 16-18 family festival and bluegrass music celebration. In Victorville. Features performance by Mel and Pam Tillis. See article on page 6.

**10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GOURD ART FESTIVAL:** June 24-25, Welburn Gourd Farm in Fallbrook.

**JAZZTRAX SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL:** June 16-18 in Big Bear Lake. See article on page 12.

**KILLARNEY'S IRISH PUB & GRILL:** Authentic Irish pub in Temecula. June live band calendar: 2nd Close Enough, 3rd Whooligans - Irish, 7th Dennis tormey, piano man, 8th Clay Colton duo, 9th the Leperkhanz, 10th Cric Haus - Irish, 14th

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**KORONEBURG OLD WORLD FESTIVAL:** June 3-11, a Renaissance village at Crossroads Riverview Park in Corona. 11am-7pm Saturdays, 11am to 6pm Sundays. Admission \$16, seniors and children \$8, children under 6 are free. (951) 735-0101. [www.renaissanceinfo.com](http://www.renaissanceinfo.com).

**MOUNTAINEER DAYS:** July 1-2 in Wrightwood. Plenty of family entertainment, with contests, arts and crafts, bluegrass music and more. (760) 249-4320, [www.wrightwoodchamber.org](http://www.wrightwoodchamber.org).

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

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

**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. [www.oaktree-village.com](http://www.oaktree-village.com).

**POMONA HOME AND BACKYARD SHOW:** June 9-11, 2-7pm Fri., 10am-7pm Sat., 10am-6pm Sun. Fairplex in Pomona. Admission is free. (800) 696-5592.

**RG CANNING SWAP MEET:** At the National Orange Show, 7am-3pm. Free admission. [www.rgcshows.com](http://www.rgcshows.com). (909) 889-9300.

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

**RIVERSIDE PLAZA:** Located on Central Ave. in Riverside between the 91 Freeway and Magnolia Ave.

**RUN WHATCHA BRUNG:** Car show, June 9-10, in downtown Rialto. See article on page 10.

**STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL:** June 24-25, Main St. in Old Town Temecula, chalk is provided to create original murals on the streets. Live entertainment. 11am to 5pm. Admission is free. (951) 694-6412.

**SUMMER SOLSTICE:** June 22, benefiting the Millard Sheets Gallery Foundation, guests can

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**ASTRONOMY VILLAGE:** The Village is located at 2001 Observatory Way, off Hwy. 18, West of Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead.

**CRESTLINE:** Fishing, boating and more. (909) 338-2706, [www.crest-linechamber.net](http://www.crest-linechamber.net).

**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.

#### MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK:

• June 24 Sentinel Day, 10am to 3pm. See article on page 21. • July 1-2, 11am to 4pm, the 17th Annual Zoocasion. This is a special day at the park for children to learn more about animals with special animal presentations, tours, animal stories, face painting, and arts and crafts activities. • 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](http://www.BigBearZoo.com) or call (909) 878-4200.

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

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friends, mothers, daughters and even husbands.

Inspired by a hot flash and a bottle of wine, writer/producer Jeanie Linders created the show as a celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "the change." Since its first performance, the show has evolved as a grassroots movement of women who deal with life after 40 and all the challenges that result from the mental, physical and spiritual freedom of the post-WWII baby boomer generation.

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

Menopause The Musical is currently playing in 16 U.S. cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Las Vegas, New Haven, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, Syracuse, Tampa, and Upland. Its popularity has spread internationally with casts in two cities in Australia, Philippines, South Korea, and Italy, and opens in Israel in 2006.

Ticket prices start at \$40 and can be purchased by calling (909) 920-4343. Show times are matinees at 2pm on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday; evenings at 7:29pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available and can be purchased by calling (866) 464-2088. For more information, visit [www.menopausethemusical.com](http://www.menopausethemusical.com). □

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**PLANES OF FAME AIR MUSEUM:** 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 museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722.

**PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM:** The museum is open daily 10am-5pm, Wednesday until 8pm. Admission \$10 adults, \$5 youth ages 6-17, children under 6 free, seniors and military \$8.50. 745 N.

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be set up allowing visitors a glimpse into the history of this child of the 60s that continues to thrive in the 2000s.

"The Sawdust has such a rich, unique and sometimes quirky heritage that grew out of the sixties. It is fun to both reflect and creatively share that with everyone this year," Marsh Scott, President of the Sawdust's Board of Directors, said.

The 2006 Sawdust Art Festival will run June 30 through September 3, 10am-10pm each day and features 200 Laguna Beach-based artists selling their original artwork in a variety of artistic media including: painting, ceramics, jewelry, photography, textile arts, wood and metal sculpture, hand blown and fused glass, and even scrimshaw. Artist demonstrations including glass blowing, art activities and classes for adults and children, three stages of entertainment and the uniquely creative and relaxing atmosphere are all included in one admission price.

Also on the premises are three cafés and the Sawdust Saloon.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors (65 and up), \$3 children 6 - 12 and free for children 5 and younger. A Season Pass is available for \$13, and an Annual Pass which includes admission to the Winter Fantasy art show is \$19.

The Sawdust Art Festival is located at 935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach. Metered parking is available adjacent to the festival grounds or park at the City-run ACT V lot up the canyon and take the FREE tram to the festival. For additional information, visit [www.SawdustArtFestival.org](http://www.SawdustArtFestival.org) or call 949-494-3030. □

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Riverside Downtown	7:50a	9:15a	8:05p	San Clemente Pier	8:03a	3:09p	4:49p
La Sierra	8:01a	9:26a	8:15p	San Clemente	8:06a	3:14p	4:54p
North Main Corona	8:10a	9:35a	8:22p	San Juan Capistrano	8:15a	3:23p	5:03p
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Tustin	8:54a	10:19a	7:06p	Orange	8:46a	3:55p	5:35p
Irvine	9:01a	10:26a	7:13p	Anaheim Canyon	8:53a	4:02p	5:42p
Laguna Niguel	9:10a	10:35a	7:22p	West Corona	8:57a	4:06p	5:46p
San Juan Capistrano	9:16a	10:41a	7:27p	North Main Corona	8:58a	4:07p	5:47p
San Clemente	8:26a	10:51a	7:36p	La Sierra	8:59a	4:08p	5:48p
San Clemente Pier	8:31a	10:56a	7:40p	Riverside Downtown	9:00a	4:10p	5:49p
Oceanside	10:01a	11:21a	8:12p	San Bernardino	—	5:20p	7:00p

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La Sierra	\$6.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$7.75	\$8.00	\$10.25	\$11.75
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