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It may be September, but the Oktoberfest festivals are kicking into high gear this month. We feature three, with Big Bear Lake (page 16), Lake Arrowhead (page 26), and Beaumont (page 29). These annual German festivals have become a Southern California tradition, and no wonder ... people love them! There's plenty more going, however. On our cover we have the dynamic duo of Brooks and Dunn, who bring their high-energy country to Soboba Casino on October 8. For fans of country, this concert is sure to be a hit.

Have a great September! Tom Pigeon, Editor

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Southern California Fair gears up to Rev the Fun

ig name concerts, thrilling car races, high energy entertainment, extreme monster truck shows and, of course, fabulous foods are just some of the highlights of the upcoming Southern California Fair. Set for Oct. 7-15, the fair is preparing to put the pedal-to-the-metal as it "Revs Up the Fun."

The 2006 Concert Series is packed with 5 nights of speaker thumping tunes. Taking the pole position concert on Monday, Oct. 9, will be Raven, star of Disney Channel's That's So Raven. Tuesday night will feature the sidesplitting comedian Carrot Top. Wednesday's spotlight concert will be national performing artists REO Speedwagon. Thursday's concert is yet to be announced. Crossing the finish line on Friday, Christian artist Jeremy Camp will wrap up the concert series.

All shows are free with fair admission. If you would prefer to be "pit pass close" and have a reserved seat, tickets are available for \$10.

Checkered flag fun is set for both weekends. Saturday, Oct. 7, has double the fun with the Monster Truck Madness Show beginning at 2:30pm and Sprint car races Saturday evening. Sunday is sure to be a thrill with two monster truck shows. The fair's second weekend brings home the trophy with another fuel injected lineup. Saturday, Oct. 14, the Bud Light Arena will be hoppin' with an all day event, The Amateur National Super Cross Championship. Sunday, Oct. 15 will be smashin' with the demolition derby (2 heats).

Of course the fair will great food (found on a stick), carnival rides, livestock shows, arts and crafts, exhibits and family entertainment. Tickets are available online at www.socalfair.com. For more information, call the fair at (951) 657-4221.



Focusing on the feminine

Women's Only Mountain Bike Weekend

By Cathleen Calkins

onfidence, camaraderie, skill building, memorable weekend with the girls – just a few of the perks offered by Team Big Bear's all x-chromosome mountain bike weekend. The largest promoter of mountain bike events in the United States, Team Big Bear turns its attention to female riders at its 14th Annual Women's Only Mountain Bike Weekend based at Camp Oakes in Big Bear Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24.

"Two things make Women's Weekend: Everybody has a boat load of fun and there's an emphasis of supporting other women in a fun environment," says Ann Hall, event coordinator. More and more women are moving towards clinics developed with them in mind. With the push to be competitive removed, riders excel under the guidance of an all female staff. Fears that may have developed from being pushed along by wellmeaning boyfriends or husbands are easier to overcome in an environment based on fun. Clinics will offer a rare opportunity to learn an assortment of new skills such as cornering, climbing steep terrain, riding with your feet, tips on nutrition and race techniques. The weekend also provides a forum for meeting other women with similar riding ability.

The clinic begins Saturday at 9am and runs until 4pm. Lunch breaks for an hour and an afternoon social allows riders to talk about the day's events. All abilities are invited to attend beginning with Juniors (riders under 18). Bring your daughters for a tailored workshop. Beginner instruction encompasses rotation through a series of stations to develop basic skills such as braking, turning, shifting, nutrition and endurance.

Intermediate riders spend the morning on the trail practicing climbs and descents in varying conditions, navigating switchbacks and zipping down single-track. In the afternoon, riders choose from a variety of specialized clinics. Advanced women spend the entire day on the trail with plenty of personalized instruction. Sunday's Cross Country Race and Big Fun Ride allow participants to show off their newfound expertise.

REI will be on hand with women's specific bike gear and accessories, demonstration kayaks and a roc climbing wall.

For more information or to register, call (909) 866-4565 or visit www.teambigbear.com.

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Theater & the Arts

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ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE: At the Big Bear Performing Arts Center, Sept. 1-3, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard. See article on page 21. (909) 866-4970.

ART-A-FAIR FESTIVAL: Through Sept. 3, 777 Laguna Canyon Rd. in Laguna Beach. For more information, call (949) 494-4514, or go online to www.artafair.com.

BEN BOLLINGER'S CANDLELIGHT PAVILION DINNER THEATER: •

Gypsy, through Sept. 24. • Anything Goes, Sept. 29-Nov. 12, 6pm. • Tickets \$43-\$73, includes show and dinner. (909) 626-1254. 455 Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

BIG BEAR LAKE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: Sept. 15-17. For more information, www.bigbearlakefilmfestival.com, (909) 866-3433.

21 years of great symphony

Sinfonia Mexicana returns with Mexican classics

infonia Mexicana is celebrating its 21st season and has scheduled "Mexico Canta" featuring Maestro Jeff Nevin conducting the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra. Also on the program are Mexican vocalists, soprano Monica Abrego and tenors Jose Medina and Jorge Lopez Yanez performing songs by famous Mexican composers Jose Alfredo Jimenez and Agustin Lara.

Opera songs of the masters such as Nessun Dorma and arias from Carmen and Con Te Partiro, made famous by Andrea Bocelli, will also be sung.

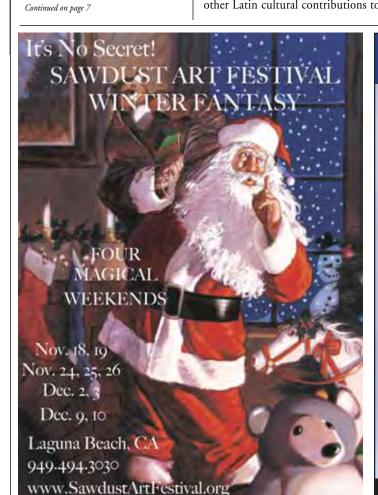
The concert celebrates Sinfonia's history. Sinfonia Mexicana's mission is to present high quality professional performances to a diverse audience which features Hispanic composers, conductors, authors, musicians, and artists to foster a greater appreciation and understanding of Mexican and other Latin cultural contributions to the arts, ranging from classical music to various forms of regional folk music and dance.

In following through with their mission, Sinfonia has invited 500 middle and high school students from the local area under the "Arts for Students Enrichment Program."

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by



calling the Sinfonia office at (909) 884-3228 or toll free 1-800-901-5002. You can visit the box office at 468 W. 5th Street (between D and E streets) in San Bernardino. A 15 percent discount is offered to all seniors (62 and over). Normal ticket prices are \$15, \$20 and \$30. You can find Sinfonia Mexicana online at www.sinfoniamexicana.com.



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Lewis Family Playhouse Kicks Off 2006-07 Season with All-Ages Performances Of 'Tap Kids' and 'Miss Nelson is Missing!'

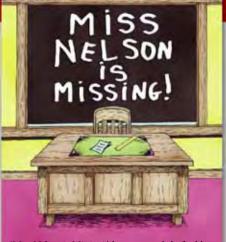
hildren of all ages can let summer fun last a little bit longer at the brand new Victoria Gardens Cultural Center in Rancho Cucamonga. Two exciting shows take the stage in September, helping to kick off the inaugural season at the center's Lewis Family Playhouse.

The amazing production of "Tap Kids" bounds onto the stage at 3pm and 8pm on Saturday, Sept. 9. The eight-member ensemble, boasting some of the country's most talented tap dancers, ages 10 to 18, has earned standing ovations at some of America's top theaters. Presented by New York Stage Originals, the colorful production is directed and choreographed by Lisa Hopkins with original music by Philip Stern. Tickets are \$22, with senior tickets available for \$20 and youth tickets priced at \$16.

As an added event, the "Tap Kids" will hold a workshop for aspiring tappers the morning of each performance and invite the lucky participants onto the stage for a rousing tap number of their own. (Pre-registration is required, call (909) 477-2775 for information.)

Next, the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center's very own "Mainstreet Theatre Company" presents the West Coast premiere of "Miss Nelson is Missing." Based on the book by James Marshall and Henry Allard, the production will run Fridays at 7pm, Saturdays at 2pm and 7pm and Sundays at 2pm and 4pm Saturday, Sept. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 8. The hilarious show follows a group of students as they search for their favorite teacher, Miss Nelson, who was mysteriously replaced by a surly substitute teacher. Tickets are \$18, with senior tickets available for \$16 and youth tickets for \$12.

Beginning Sept. 11, young patrons can stop by the Victoria Gardens Library to pick up an official "Miss Nelson is Missing" game piece then watch for clues for finding Miss Nelson at participating retailers in the Victoria Gardens



'Miss Nelson is Missing!,' but you can help find her at Victoria Gardens.

Regional Town Center or at www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com.

The three-acre, 89,000-square-foot Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, located at 12505 Cultural Center Dr. near Foothill Boulevard and the I-15, opened to the public Aug. 19, 2006. The Box Office is open Monday through Thursday and Sunday from noon to 6pm, and Friday and Saturday from 10am to 6pm, with ample free parking available.

For the full season line-up or to purchase tickets on-line, visit www.lewisfamilyplay-house.com or call (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422.

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CARLSBAD ARTSPLASH: Sept. 23-24, free family event. 10am-5pm. Fine art and food, free Saturday evening concert by House of Blues, A Taste of Carlsbad. (760) 436-2828. www.carlsbadartsplash.org.

CHINO COMMUNITY THEATRE: Chino Community Theatre, 13123

7th St., Chino. COMMUNITY ARTS THEATER SOCIETY: At the Big Bear Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big

Bear Boulevard. (909) 866-4970. THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS: Voted

one of the Top 3 Art Festivals in America. Through Sept. 1, 10am-11:30pm. Admission \$7. 650 Laguna Canyon Rd., in Laguna Beach. (949) 494-1145. www.lagunafestivalofarts.org.

FULLERTON CIVIC LIGHT OPERA: Plummer Auditorium, 201 E.

Chapman Ave., 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.

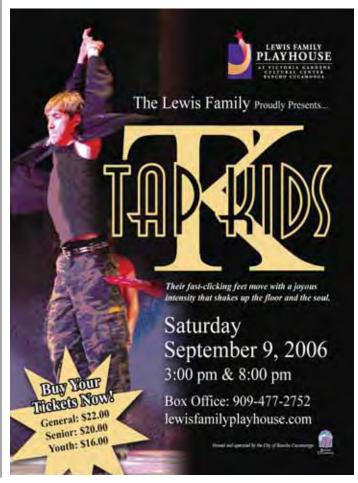
LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Through September 4. Lake

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 weekends, 5-8pm. Admission and parking are free. Lake Arrowhead Village, 28200 Highway 189 Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.

LAKE ELSINORE WINE AND ART FESTIVAL: Oct. 14. See article on page 10.

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE: See

article on page 7. • Sheena Easton, Sept. 8, 8pm. \$50 general, \$48 senior, \$40 youth. • Tap Kids, Sept. 9, 3pm & 8pm. \$22 general, \$20 senior, \$16 youth. • Miss Nelson is Missing, Sept. 22-Oct. 8. Fri. 7pm, Sat. 2pm & 7pm, Sun. 2pm & 4:30pm. \$18 general, \$16 senior, \$12 youth. • 12505 Cultural Center Dr., Rancho Cucamonga.



Theater and Arts

Carlsbad ArtSplash Popular festival returns to wow crowds

et ready for fabulous art, great entertainment, tasty foods and non-stop family fun when Carlsbad ArtSplash returns to scenic Armada Drive on September 23-24. The art extravaganza will feature gallery quality art, professional chalk artists and a children's section.

Event highlights include local and regional performers on stage, Karl Strauss beer garden, sand sculpting, Fern Street Circus, A Taste of Carlsbad and a free Saturday evening concert sponsored by House of Blues.

The fine-art category will feature juried artisans showing original designs in stone, bronze sculptures, art glass designs, paintings, jewelry and pottery. Enjoy watching several of the artists as they work on their newest design. Featured artists this year will be Paula Yates and Victor Picou. Picou will show sculptures in clay, wood and stone; his sculptures represent a close connection to gardens, people and to the sea. Joining Victor will be sculptors Laura Wambsgans and David Webb. Paula Yates, an award winning bronze sculptor from Scottsdale, Arizona displays sculptures primarily of women and children. Her bronze figures depict the innocence of a time remembered. The freedom and energy of her pieces will capture your heart.

House of Blues will display an exhibit of American folk art, local artist Ron Juncal will be on hand to demonstrate the art of rock stacking and international sand sculptor, Gerry Kirk, will work his magic and create a multi-dimensional work of art from sand.

The street will be transformed into a virtual asphalt art gallery as professional and novice chalk artists take to the street creating ephemeral masterpieces for all to enjoy. Plan to attend both days and watch the amazing images as the artists complete them.

The hillside venue with its spectacular ocean view takes on a lively atmosphere Saturday evening when the House of Blues presents San Diego super-group, Lady Dottie and The Diamonds. This group is a crowd pleaser with



Chalk artists work their magic at the Carlsbad ArtSplash.

their gritty and passionate performances.

Also on Saturday, A Taste of Carlsbad will be on site serving up delectable cuisine offered by Carlsbad restaurants. Contact the Carlsbad Educational Foundation at (760) 929-1555 for ticket information.

Delicious food and beverages will be available throughout both days of the festival. ArtSplash is a free event with free public parking available. Hours are 10am to 5pm, the Saturday concert will be 5 to 7pm and A Taste of Carlsbad 3 to 6pm.

The festival location is on Armada Drive between Palomar Airport Road and Cannon Drive, just east of I-5. For additional information, visit www.carlsbadartsplash.org or call (760) 436-2828.



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www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com. (909) 477-2752.

LIFEHOUSE THEATER: 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.

OAK RIDGE BOYS: Performing Sept. 28, Stage 1 in Corona. See article on page 10.

OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY

THEATER: Two Rooms, be Lee Blessing, Sept. 29-30 at 8pm, Oct. 1 at 2pm. \$15. (866) 653-8696, temeculatheater.org. 42051 Main St., Temecula. PERFORMANCE RIVERSIDE: Damn

Yankees, Sept. 15-24, 8pm. Landis Performing Arts Center, 4800 Magnolia Center, Riverside. (951) 222-8100 or www.performanceriverside.org.

RAMONA BOWL AMPHITHEATRE: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Sept. 15, 16, 22, 23. Tickets \$17.50, students \$13.50. Tickets and info call (951) 658-3111 or (800) 645-4465. 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd., Hemet. www.ramonabowl.com.

REDLANDS FOOTLIGHTERS: Laughter on the 23rd Floor, Sept. 7-24, 2pm & 8pm. General admission \$14. 1810 Barton Rd., Redlands. (909) 793-2909. www.redlandsfootlighters.org.

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:

Funny Money, Sept. 8-24. Tickets \$15. 4026 14th St., Riverside. Theatre in the Round. Box office: (951) 686-4030.

3RD ANNUAL RIVERSIDE JAZZ

FESTIVAL: Sept. 23-24, 12-10pm, White Park, 3939 Chestnut St. www.riversidejazzfestival.com. (951) 687-7129. RIVERSIDE YOUTH THEATRE: (951) 756-4240. The Wallace Theater at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL: Annual Laguna Beach art fest features local artists displaying their work. Runs through Sept. 3. (949) 494-3030, www.sawdustartfestival.org.

SAN BERNARDINO SYMPHONY: Sept. 30, 8:15pm, Classical Delights with

pianist Wendy Chen. See article on page 9. Tickets \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50. 1811 North D St., San Bernardino. (909) 381-5388.

SINFONIA MEXICANA: Mexico Canta, Oct. 7, 7:30pm, with Jose Medina, Jorge Lopez Yanez, Monica Abrego and maes-

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San Bernardino Symphony celebrates its 78th season

The San Bernardino Symphony celebrates the opening of its 78th season with an exciting performance, sure to please music lovers of all ages and taste. In addition to breathtaking symphonic masterpieces from Schubert and Mendelssohn, don't miss this unique opportunity to hear worldrenowned pianist Wendy Chen perform Grieg's Evergreen Piano Concerto.

The concert takes place Saturday, Sept. 30, at 8:15pm.

Call the symphony office to purchase tickets at (909) 381-5388 or stop by the office at 1811 North D Street San Bernardino 92405. Ticket prices are \$10 for students and military, and general admission is \$20, \$30, \$40 or \$50.

The theater box office opens at 6:30pm the day of the concert.

The California Theater of Performing Arts is located at 562 West 4th Street in San Bernardino.

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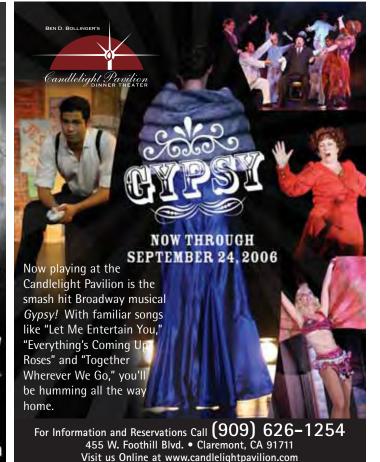
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Fun for everyone in Lake Elsinore

ut that 60-hour work week in your rearview mirror and that never-ending list of household chores on the backburner for a lazy and relaxing Saturday afternoon. On Oct. 14, the Fourth Annual Art & Wine Festival in Lake Elsinore is an opportunity for you to enjoy Historical Downtown Lake Elsinore's City Park with your friends and family while browsing the works of local artisans, listening to live entertainment, and tasting great food, wine, and

The Art & Wine Festival will include local artisan exhibitors that will show stunning, original work in photography, painting, pottery, glass, wood, and ceramics. The wine selection offered will allow you to learn more about the different kinds of wine from around the world.

beer from around the world.

There will be several food vendors that will offer you the rich and diverse foods offered throughout the Temecula Valley. The Micro-Brew area will offer several of the local beers for the "hops lovers." The popular soda tasting station returns this year with several new designer soda flavors.

The children will have plenty of activities as they enjoy themselves art activities available throughout the day.

Admission is free and open to everyone. Proceeds from this event will benefit the local Rotary Club (www.lakeelsinorerotary.org) in its many community service activities.

Comedy and music on the high seas Candlelight Pavilion ends season with 'Anything Goes'

s the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater nears the end of its 21st Season, they are finishing with a bang. With the closing of "Gypsy" comes the rollicking, lighthearted, High Sea Adventure "Anything Goes."

"Anything Goes" is an amusing story wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores that will lift your spirits and take you back to a simpler, more carefree time. It's the age-old tale of Boy-Meets-Girl with classic Cole Porter songs that include It's De-Lovely, Friendship, I Get A Kick Out Of You, All Through The Night, You're The Top, Let's Misbehave, Blow Gabriel Blow and, of course, Anything Goes.

You'll find yourself on The S.S. American, sailing from New York to England with an unusual group of passengers. Included amongst them are a gangster on the run, Moon Face Martin (Public Enemy #13) posing as a Minister, a wealthy debutante and her mother (Hope and Evangeline Harcourt), and her equally wealthy fiancé, Englishman Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, a New York



Kids Rock!

Oak Ridge Boys to perform in Corona

hen you talk about Country music, the general consensus is that Country music comes from the heart. On September 28, at 7pm, Country music's world famous Oak Ridge Boys will bring their unmistakable four-part harmonies and upbeat songs to Stage 1 at Candlewalk (2331 Kellogg Avenue, Corona) for a cause that beats true to their heart.... music education.

The famous foursome (lead Duane Allen, bass Richard Sterban, tenor Joe Bonsall and baritone William Lee Golden) have spawned dozens of country hits and a number one pop smash. With three decades of charted singles, and 50 years of tradition, this accomplished group has spun gold, platinum and multi-platinum record sales exceeding 30 milliion from their first successful album, "Y'all Come Back Saloon" to their most awarded single, "Elvira."

Stage 1 has emerged as Corona's hottest

new stadium seating concert venue for worthy causes and will donate a large portion of its proceeds to benefit Kids Rock Free at The Fender Center for the Performing Arts in Corona.

The Kids Rock Free music education program for children ages 7-17 has benefited over 8,000 children from Corona and surrounding communities and still has thousands on the two-year waiting list. The 33,000square-foot museum and education facility features classrooms offering professional caliber performing arts education including piano, guitar, bass guitar, combo band, vocal performance and drums to more than 400 kids per week.

Representing the promise of what youth and music can deliver is special guest performer and newcomer, Crowley, Louisianaborn country artist Ashley Runner and West 10. Runner was the winner of the KFRG Radio Livings Spaces Singing Contest and

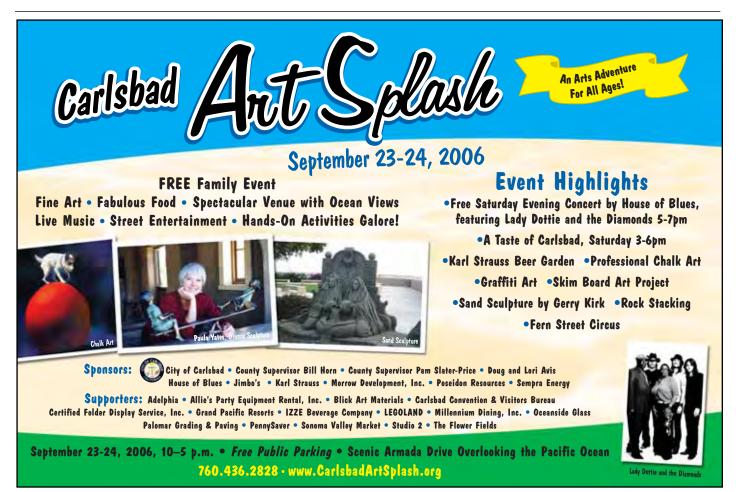


The Oak Ridge Boys will perform in Corona, Sept. 28.

continues to perform locally.

Stage 1 utilizes the most advanced production available in its state of the art facility which seats 3500. The facility was designed and built from the ground up with one purpose in mind – to present the ultimate audio and visual experience.

For tickets, call 877-8 STAGE1 or go to www.stage1atcandlewalk.com. More more information, contact Plan B Events at 951-674-8189.



Theater and Arts



Christmas may be a ways off, but it's not too early to begin planning for winter fun. The Sawdust Art Festival's Winter Fantasy features 175 artists who exhibit and sell their original art and unique, hand-crafted gift items in an enchanting outdoor setting in Laguna Canyon. Special holiday touches include the new Ice Castle, a real snowfield, the Children's Holiday Playhouse, thousands of lights and holiday decorations, and Santa, of course. At the Sawdust Art Festival, 935 Laguna Canyon Road in Laguna Beach. The festival will run November 18-19, 24-26, Dec. 2-3, and 9-10, from 10am to 6pm. For more information, call (949) 494-3030, or go online to www.SawdustArtFestival.org.

Photo courtesy of Sawdust Art Festival

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tro Jeff Nevin. See article on page 6. California Theatre of Performing Arts, 562 W. 4th St., San Bernardino. Tickets \$30, \$20, \$15. Sinfonia Mexicana office (909) 884-3228, toll free (800) 901-5002

5TH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL AT SNOW VALLEY: Sept. 2. Gates open 6:30pm, concerts at 8pm. Sept. 2, Little River Band. (909) 337-5338. www.snowvalleyfestival.com.

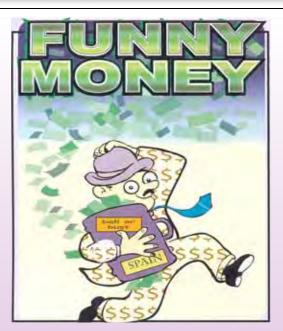
SMOOTH JAZZ & MUSIC FESTIVAL: At Ponte Family Estate Winery in Temecula, Oct. 27-29. Host Craig Chaquico, lead guitarist for Jefferson Starship and instrumental solo contemporary jazz artist. Latin percussion legend Pete Escovedo. Contemporary radio favorite David Pack. Jazz-funk legend Ronnie Laws. Benefits the Ronald McDonald House Loma Linda and the Imagination Workshop in Old Town Temecula. Tickets available now at www.temeculasmoothjazz.com or (951) 694-8733. Gourmet dinner packages are available in addition to the fine-dining food stations which will be in place at the festival.

TEMECULA VALLEY INTERNATIONAL FILM AND MUSIC FESTIVAL: Sept. 13-17, 7-11pm, showcasing filmmakers and musicians. \$15, includes dinner. www.tviff.com.

TEMECULA VALLEY PLAYERS: CRC Amphitheater, 30875 Rancho Vista Road, in Temecula. (951) 676-6055.

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. Here's Killing You, Kid, starting Sept. 23. Performances are Fridays (7:30pm) and Saturdays (7pm) and reservations are required. The price (\$32 - \$35) includes a three-course meal (with four main course choices) served by the actors in character. twitproductions.com. (951) 323-3292.

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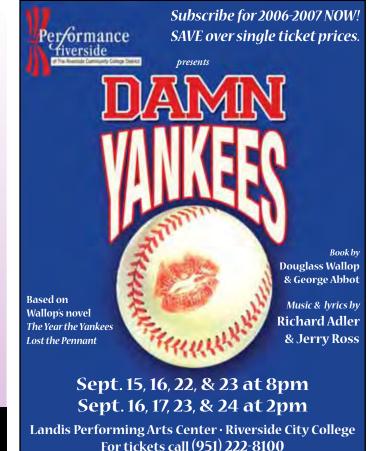


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Henry A. Perkins, a mild-mannered CPA, accidentally exchanges briefcases with a mob courier and arrives home with a case full of money instead of his leftover lunch. All Henry's dreams could come true, but if getting the money was easy, keeping it is a different matter. Hilarious innuendo and cruelly funny turns of fate ensue as Henry, his bemused and tipsy wife, and two of their friends are forced into a frantic game of cat and mouse.

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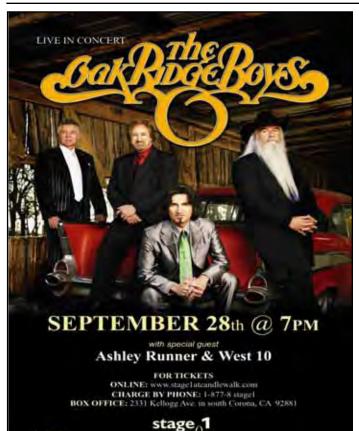
businessman and his stowaway assistant (Elisha Witney and Billy Crocker), and former evangelist turned nightclub singer Reno Sweeney traveling with her four tap-dancing "Angels."

It turns out that Hope is Billy's long-lost love. Unfortunately, she is now engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. After a series of whacky and comical mistaken identities, Billy manages to win back Hope. Meanwhile, Billy's friend, Reno, manages to seduce and win Lord Evelyn. All this happens while Moonface Martin attempts to escape the law and Hope's mother strives to maintain her social status as the passengers and crew sing and dance their way across the Atlantic.

At the helm of the production staff for "Anything Goes" is long time Candlelight Pavilion favorite Douglas Austin doing double duty as both director and musical director. John Vaughan, another Candlelight favorite, is choreographer.

"Anything Goes" runs September 29 through November 12 at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater, 455 West Foothill Blvd., in Claremont. "Anything Goes" performances are Thursday through Saturdays with evening dinner seating at 6pm and curtain at 8:15pm. Sunday evening dinner seating is at 5pm and curtain at 7:15pm. Saturday and Sunday matinees have luncheon seating at 11am and curtain at 12:45pm. Business casual dress is preferred.

Ticket prices range from \$38 to \$72 for adults and include dinner and show. For more information or for reservations call the Candlelight Pavilion Box Office at (909) 626-1254. Or visit them online at www.candlelightpavilion.com.



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'Bad Boy Beethoven' kicks off Philharmonics season

ad Boy Beethoven is Back!" will kick off the 2006-2007 Season for the Riverside County Philharmonic at 8pm Oct. 7 at Riverside Municipal Auditorium.

"Bad Boy Beethoven" returns with the Piano Concerto no. 3, performed by Beethoven specialist Anton Nel. Anton's unique approach to Beethoven enables one to hear this familiar music as if for the first time. The Philharmonic has set new standards of Tchaikovsky performaces over the years and the popular 4th Symphony,



Pianist Anton Nel.

inspired by Beehoven's 5th, is a sonic roller coaster not to be missed.

"Great music in any language' is more than a slogan. Our '06-'07 Season unites our many divergent cultures with the ultimate uniter, great music. It is about giving something larger than ourselves, creating a legacy of joy, touching those hidden parts of us that are real and reminding everybody about the truth of who Americans really are at a time when the great good of this country is so misunderstood," Philharmonic Music Director Patrick Flynn said.

The Beethoven concert will be repeated at the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arrowhead on Oct. 8, at 3pm.

The second concert of the season, Unexpectedly Wild, is on November 18 and features Robert Bonfiglio, the "Pavarotti of the harmonica." Acknowledged around the world for his beautiful tone and soulful musicianship, Bonfiglio will perform Brazilian composer Heitor Villa Lobos' exotic Harmonica Concerto and a few solos from his background in blues and rock music. The program will offer other sonic blockbusters including Mexican composer Silvestre Revueltas' thundering Sensemaya and selections from Stravinsky's ballet masterwork, The Firebird Suite.

On January 20, 2007 the season continues with A Joyful Noise. As part of its commitment to showcasing new and emerging talents, the concert features brilliant young prize winning cellist Young Mi Kim in a performance of Shostakovich's satiric and triumphant Cello Concerto No. 1. The concert includes selections from Aaron Copland's Billy the Kid, Enigma Variations by Elgar and the 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky. This performance will feature an electronic fireworks display, the rarely heard choral introduction (with a guest appearance by the Raincross Chorale), and the Bell Ringers of the Riverside First Presbyterian Church.

The Gala Season Finale is titled A Sendai Celebration. It is part of the city wide celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Riverside's sister city relationship with Sendai, Japan. The "Promenade" style concert begins at 7pm with optional wine and hors d'ouvres and continues with the concert at 8:30pm. Returning as a featured soloist after her performance of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto last season is Concert Master Ilana Setapen, who will perform the heroic Brahms Violin Concerto. The second half of the concert will feature opera favorites of Puccini, Lehar and Verdi performed by two young Los Angeles singers, Korean tenor Daniel Suk and soprano Devon Guthrie, a Claremont native.

For more information call (951) 787-0251, or go online to www.thephilharmonic.org.

▼ Theater and Arts

Bringing dreams to life

Ramona Bowl stages 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

n partnership with Mt. San Jacinto College, the 6th season of The San Jacinto Valley Shakespeare Festival opens on Friday, September 15, with one of the Bard's lighter and wonderful lyrical comedies. Fairyland woods sparkle in the natural setting of the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre as the complex and delightful storyline unfolds. Experience the

creative imagination of love, dreams, and magic. When Shakespeare wanted to

have some fun with his plays, he pulled out all the stops to make it happen. 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' showcases his biting sense of humor, which in many ways is a reflection of our own time. He cleverly weaves together not only fairies and lovers, but also the aristocratic and

working social classes, blending the lyrical poetry of nobles with the common tongue of the masses.

"We've assembled a terrific ensemble cast from the Murrieta Repertory Theatre, U.C. Riverside, and Mt. San Jacinto College," Dennis Anderson, Creative Director for the Ramona Bowl, said. "The play is directed by Paul Jacques, who is a veteran performer of the Shakespeare Festival. He also played Curley in 'Oklahoma,' and directed 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.' Paul's acting background is exactly what it takes to effectively bring out the sometimes subtle nuances of Shakespeare, to the delight of the audience."

One of the most interesting aspects of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is that when it's over, members of the audience are uncertain if what they've seen is real, or if they have simply awaken together from a shared dream. This seems to be the effect Shakespeare was after - using the theatre as a vehicle to share dreams with one another.

The Ramona Bowl is an ideal setting for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The rugged hilly backdrop of the Bowl is reminiscent of ancient Greece, where the show takes place. Outdoor seating on a cool, magical evening makes this performance a truly memorable evening not to be missed.

Tickets are on sale now for performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on September 15, 16, 22, and 23. General admission is \$17.50, or \$13.50 for students with ID. Shows start at 7pm. To order tickets or for more information, call 1-800-645-4465 or visit www.RamonaBowl.com.



Theater and Arts

Performance Riverside opens season with Damn Yankees

erformance Riverside celebrates the opening of its 2006-07 season with the classic baseball musical, *Damn Yankees*, at the Landis Performing Arts Center on September 15.

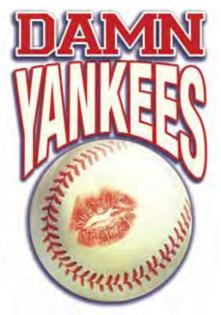
With music by Richard Adler, lyrics by Jerry Ross, and book by George Abbott and Douglass Wallop, *Damn Yankees* is based on Wallop's book *The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant*. Middleaged baseball fanatic Joe Boyd trades his soul to the Devil (the charming but devious Mr. Applegate) for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory in the pennant race against the New York Yankees.

As young baseball sensation Joe Hardy, he transforms the hapless Washington Senators into a winning team, only to realize the true worth of the life (and wife) he's left behind.

With the help of a handy escape clause and a guilt-ridden temptress named Lola, Joe outsmarts Applegate, returns to his former self and shepherds the Senators to the World Series.

Musical numbers include "Heart," "Whatever Lola Wants," "Shoeless Joe from Hannibal M.O." and "Two Lost Souls."

The original Broadway production of Damn



Yankees, which won seven Tony Awards, ran for 1,019 performances after it opened at the 46th Street Theatre on May 5, 1955, bucking the trend that had plagued other baseball related shows.

Damn Yankees is directed by Greg Hinrichsen, director of Performing Arts at Citrus College in

Glendora. Working with director Hinrichsen are musical director, Scott T. Smith and Inland Theatre League Award-winning choreographer, John Vaughan.

Appearing as the fiery "Lola" is Actor's Equity artist and former Rockette Juliet Fischer. Jason Webb, "Che" in Performance Riverside's production of *Evita*, plays "Joe Hardy," and Gary Reinschmidt plays the mysterious "Mr. Applegate." Also featured are Claire Reinschmidt, John LaLonde, Beth Mendoza, Ayesha Ayeni, Danny Blaylock, Ruben Bravo, Carlos Bonsal, Aaron Burr, Jeffrey Deards, Jr., Jeffrey Johns, Jordan Lamoureux, Allana Matheis, Jennifer Montoya, Sarah Moser, Antonio Ramirez, Chris Senesac, and Jamie Senesac.

The Landis Performing Arts Center is located on the Riverside City College campus at 4800 Magnolia Avenue. Performances for *Damn Yankees* are on Sept 15, 16, 22, and 23 at 8pm, and Sept. 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 2pm. Tickets are \$42, \$36, \$29, and \$24. A "Discovery Theatre" performance is also available for groups on September 21 at 10am.

For more information, contact the Landis Box Office at 951-222-8100.



Oktoberfest returns to Big Bear Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest Celebrates 36 Years of Authentic German Fun!

By Cathleen Calkins

he Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest, one of the largest and most authentic German festivals in Southern California, will celebrate 36 years of German-style good times this year. Revelers are treated to live entertainment, genuine German cuisine and the merry sounds of German polkas in an atmosphere of freedom and well-being, or as the Germans say "Gemutlickkeit." New this year is The Franken Power Express Band, an 8-piece band direct from Germany. Opening weekend is Saturday, September 16 and the Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest runs for seven consecutive weekends (through Saturday, October 29).

As he has for all the past Oktoberfest celebrations, Burgermeister Hans Bandows will be on hand to host the 36th annual Oktoberfest. "It's great to see second and third generations of families attending Oktoberfest – letting their hair down and escaping from the everyday," says Bandows. "Our goal this year was to bring our homeland to our guests and The Franken Power Express Band delivers!"

In addition to live entertainment, every week-

end offers professional dance groups, log sawing contests, O'Doul's non-alcoholic beer drinking contests, stein carrying challenges, children's events, a multitude of exhibitors, a petting zoo, game booths and German-style fare.

This year's opening weekend will highlight America's Heroes with free admission for military and law enforcement. Miss U.S.O. San Diego will make an appearance for a special All-American tribute.

The Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest began in 1970 when German immigrant Hans Bandows threw the first Oktoberfest celebration. The townsfolk had such a good time, they asked Bandows to head up a community-wide event that has become Big Bear's largest special event for last 36 years. The Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest offers a terrific opportunity to enjoy a weekend treat in the beautiful high-country complimented with cool autumn evenings. The Burgermeister and his entourage offer non-stop entertainment, contests and dancing as well as all the traditional Big Bear German antics.

Party like the Burgermeister with the Burgermeister Party Pack. The package includes admission to Oktoberfest, commemorative beer stein, German beer, a meal and a set of Oktoberfest party beads. Pricing for the Burgermeister Party Pack is \$27.50.

The Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest is held at the Big Bear Lake Convention Center located at 42900 Big Bear Boulevard in Big Bear Lake. Ticket prices for Adults are \$10 (\$5 on Sundays), seniors (65 and older) \$8 (\$4 on Sundays) and for children \$5 (free on Sundays). Group and tour package pricing is available. For more information or to make reservations, contact (909) 585-3000 or visit www.bigbearevents.com.

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36th Annual Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest Schedule of Events

Opening Weekend: Saturday, September 16 (noon – midnight)

- America's Heroes Weekend free admission for military and law enforcement
- 1:30pm. Opening Ceremonies and a special All-American tribute by Miss U.S.O. San Diego.

Entertainment by The Express Band

Sunday, September 17 (noon – 5:30pm.) Entertainment by The Express Band

Saturday, September 23 (noon – midnight)

6pm. First round Oktoberfest Queen Stein Carrying Contest Entertainment by The Franken Power Express

Band, direct from Germany

Sunday, September 24 (noon – 5:30pm.) Entertainment by The Franken Power Express Band, direct from Germany

Friday, September 29 (6pm. – midnight) Reveler's Night – complimentary admission Entertainment by The Franken Power Express Band, direct from Germany

Saturday, September 30 (noon – midnight) 2pm. & 5pm. Danube Swabain Dancers 6pm. Semi-Finals Oktoberfest Queen Stein Carrying Contest

Entertainment by The Franken Power Express Band, direct from Germany

Sunday, October 1 (noon – 5:30pm.) Entertainment by The Rhoenland Echo Band, direct from Germany

Saturday, October 7 (noon – midnight)

 2pm. & 5pm. Cripple Creek Cloggers perform
 6pm. Final for Oktoberfest Queen Stein Carrying Contest
 Entertainment by The Franken Power Express Band, direct from Germany

Sunday, October 8 (noon – 6pm.)

2pm. Cripple Creek Cloggers perform Entertainment by The Franken Power Express Band, direct from Germany

Saturday, October 14 (noon – midnight)

Entertainment by The Express Band, Southern California's premier German band Sunday, October 15 (noon – 5:30pm.) Entertainment by The Express Band, Southern California's premier German band

Saturday, October 21 (noon – midnight) 2pm. & 5pm.The Alpine Gemutlichkeit

Dancers

Entertainment by The Express Band, Southern California's premier German band

Sunday, October 22 (noon – 5:30pm.) Entertainment by The Express Band, Southern California's premier German band

Closing Festivities: Saturday, October 29 (noon – midnight)

3pm. Children's Halloween Costume Contest
9pm. Adult Halloween Costume Contest
10:30pm. Auf Wiedersehen Closing Ceremonies
Entertainment by The Express Band,

Southern California's premier German band

Fast, family fun

September promotions make Orange Show Speedway a great stop

or over 40 years racing has excited fans at Orange Show Speedway in San Bernardino. The ASA sanctioned speedway remains one of the last vestiges of stock car racing's humble beginnings and rich history. It opens up a little window to the past and shows us how stock car fans, who cheer for their favorite driver on Sundays, can see an example of how they all got started at local tracks, just like Orange Show Speedway.

The Speedway has played host to legendary drivers over the years such as Parnelli Jones, Bobby Allison and Ivan Baldwin. The facility has been seen on Sundays with recent commercials shot at the facility featuring NASCAR standouts Carl Edwards and David Stremme.

The lure of local stock car racing is not that it's state of the art, but to the contrary, it's transcendent and most importantly, personal. In 2006 alone, multiple families celebrate their love of racing with second generations racing this year at the historic track. Third generation drivers race here at Orange Show Speedway and two great families are enjoying three generations racing in the same season and have even raced on the same night.

Race day brings young men and women to Orange Show Speedway with dreams of glory and families passing down memories and spending time together on race weekend.

Moms, dads, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters all have been behind the wheel. Young and young at heart come out to share a love of racing no matter the division they run or their finish at night's end. Orange Show Speedway continues that commitment to racing family values with fun, excitement and surprises in every turn.

Whether it's a need for speed or you're watching for the first time, September is a great month to go to the Orange Show Speedway. They are offering great promotions throughout the month, including a salute to

America, Skirt Night and Hawaiian Night. Any male or female wearing a skirt to the track on the 16th and Hawaiian shirts/attire on the 23rd will get in for half price with prizes for best/worst dressed each night. Route 66 weekend race fans will enjoy the Route 66 burnout contest and a visit from Firestone's Monster trucks on Friday the 15th. The exciting ASA Speed truck touring series returns on the 16th. Relive mid-day traffic on the 30th as Demolition Derby returns to OSS.

For more information on all the exciting action at Orange Show Speedway, visit www.NOSevents.com or call the race office today at (909) 888-6788.



Satellite wagering brings the ponies to you



If you've never ventured into the 52,000square-foot Sports Center at The National Orange Show in San Bernardino, you've missed something special. The Sports Center hosts thousands of horse racing fans each year, and the excitement is contagious.

If you've never placed a wager on a horse race, it's much easier than you might think. Here are some tips for having a great day at the races – via live satellite wagering.

• When you arrive, pick up the complimentary handicapping sheets, like Jerry J's Power Page and Les Onaka's Handicapping Report for Los Alamitos. It's also advised that you purchase a program, which contains an encyclopedic amount of information: a history of the horse's previous racing success, the expert's picks, and a great deal of information about how to interpret the horses "past performances." All of this should give you better insight into the possible outcome of any given race. By doing some shrewd analysis, you probably won't be putting your money on a horse just because you like its name.

• To be a winner, you don't have to pick the horse that comes in first. The horse you bet can also earn you money if it finishes first, second or third. In racing language, this is called Win, Place and Show. Many track aficionados have a great time making relatively conservative Show bets.

• There is no rule that says you have to bet every race. Look over the program; decide how much money you plan to wager. Then play your favorites. Go with your hunches – they're as good as anyone's. However, betting all your money on early races can significantly

The Sports Center is located at 930 North Arrowhead Drive, between Mill Street & Orange Show Road, in San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 885-7223. Sports Center doors normally open at 10:15am, operating Wednesday through Monday throughout September. shorten what should be a much longer and more enjoyable experience.

• Don't forget that satellite wagering should be a full and stimulating occasion. The Sports Center has two bars, one specializing in adult beverages, and a snack bar with food ranging from burgers to homemade soups and specials.

• Now that you're feeling more confident, and a couple of your well researched long shots have come in, try betting on what's called an exotic. If you think you know which two horses are going to finish first and second, but you're not sure of the order, bet a Quinella. But if you're sure who's going to finish first and second, in that exact order, bet an Exacta. Both of these winning tickets really pay off. And, there's always a long shot who's being ignored by the betters, who upon closer examination should be rated much higher. Two dollars could turn into a lot more with a shrewd long shot bet.

• Even though some of the races that are being broadcast live are on tracks continents away, it is not considered eccentric to yell encouragement to them – nor is it untoward to cheer the winner. After all, that horse put folding money in your pocket!





A museum for the motor-minded

f you love the automobile, and all it represents, then there is a place built just for you. The Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum, presented by the Automobile Club of Southern California, long a dream of NHRA founder Wally Parks, opened to the public April 4, 1998, after years of planning and months of hard work cataloging and arranging the exhibit. Housed in a 28,500-square-foot building on the edge of the historic Los Angeles County Fairplex, the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum's mission is to celebrate the impact of motorsports on our culture.

The museum collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets the vehicles, stories, and artifacts that represent America's affection for, and the influence of, automotive speed and style in all its forms. View and learn about hot rods, customs, racecars and speed records, and the West Coast's role as the historic center for their past and present development.

The motorsports museum is found on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Fairplex, a popular, year-round entertainment center and site of the Auto Club Raceway, where NHRA Championship Drag Racing's season begins and ends.

Enthusiasts and novices alike can experience outstanding examples of American motorsports history. Included are famous winning cars from more than 50 years of drag racing alongside dry lakes and salt flats racers, oval track machines, and exhibits describing their colorful backgrounds.

At the Museum, the very roots of hot rodding come alive with the cars and memories that set the stage for today's 300-mph sport inside a Fairplex building that has been transformed into an elegant showcase.

From Ed Iskenderian's '25 T Roadster as it appeared on the cover of Hot Rod Magazine in 1948, to Mickey Thompson's 400-mph Challenger, to Kenny Bernstein's first-over-300mph fueler, you'll find them at the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum.

The first Wednesday of each month, April through December, the parking lot fills with hundreds of pre-70 Hot Rods and Customs. Raffle prizes and the occasional celebrity appearances are all part of these special nights.

The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 5pm, with extended hours dur-



Twilight Cruise Night is during the first Wednesday of the month and is free.

ing Auto Club Raceway's NHRA national events.

General admission is \$6, seniors \$4, and juniors (6-15) \$4. Ages 5 and under are free as are NHRA members. During the month of September, an L.A. County Fair Admission is required.

The Museum is also available for private parties, meetings, weddings, and special group tours. Ask for details when you visit, or call for more information.

Admission costs are tax deductible and support the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum, a California non-profit corporation.

The museum is located at the L.A. County Fairplex, Building 3A at Gate 1, 1101 West McKinley Ave. in Pomona. For more information, call (909) 622-2133 or go online to museum.nhra.com.



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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.

JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS: Sept. 17, \$50, 6pm. With Silver Needle and Third Grade Teacher.

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

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Brooks and Dunn kick it up at Soboba

ringing their distrinctive brand of country music to the Inland Empire, legends Brooks and Dunn will rock the Soboba Casino in San Jacinto on October 8, at 7:30pm.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$75 and are on sale now at ticketmaster.com.

With their latest release, Hillbilly Deluxe, Ronnie Dunn and Kix Brooks have stripped away much of their bulked-up honky tonk in the name of a more organic kind of country. Hillbilly Deluxe is a potent cocktail that merges the influences,



moments and reasons for kicking up a cloud of dust in a beer joint in the first place – and in these 13 songs, the pair offer up a collec-



www.tickets.com.

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.

JOHN FOGERTY: Sept. 1.

MARK WILLS: Sept. 13.

LITTLE FEAT: Sept. 20.

PEPE AGUILAR: Sept. 22.

GEORGE THOROGOOD & PAT BENATAR: Sept. 24.

BROOKS & DUNN: Oct. 8. MONTHLY HIGH POINT

CHALLENGE: The top 20 slot point earners will receive free slot

play (Sobucks) to use the following month. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, October 3rd. Players have a chance at winning \$50 to \$2,500.

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DAILY TREASURE CHEST MYSTERY PROGRESSIVE: 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 automatically added to their account.

DAILY IN SEPT. "LIVIN' ON EASY

STREET": Win free mortgage payments, utilities and maid service for a year. Through September 27, 2006 Soboba Players Club members earning points on their Players Club card, will receive tickets for weekly drawings and a Grand Prize that includes free mortgage payments, utilities and maid service for a year. Each week club members can participate in \$12,000 in cash drawings. Club members can receive one ticket for every 250 points earned. Tickets can be earned up to midnight September 27. Club members can redeem tickets up to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the final weekly drawing. Tickets do not expire; unredeemed tickets will roll over until 6pm September 28. Tickets can be redeemed any time up to 6pm September 28. Weekly cash drawings are held Thursdays between 3pm and 10pm every 30 minutes for a total of \$12,000. Final drawing will be held on September 28 at 10pm The final drawing will be proceeded by 14 cash drawings, one every halfhour beginning at 3pm for a total of \$24,000. Grand Prize Drawing: September 28, 2006 at 10pm. Must be present to win

POKER-DOUBLE JACKPOT:

Sundays through Wednesdays and Friday, 4-6pm.

FREE POKER LESSONS: Monday through Thursdays, 9-9:45am. MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL: 6pm. AC's Lounge-stadium food & drink specials. NFL & Logo'd merchandise giveaways. Poker tournaments. Free football pool every week. Bud & Miller girls.

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7:00pm start, \$40 Euy-in + \$3 Entry. \$10 Bounties.

SOBOBA BINGO IN AC'S LOUNGE: Tuesdays through firdays. 9am, regular session games paying up to \$250. Three specials paying \$500 each.

TRIPLE JACKPOT POKER: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9pm, 11pm, & 1am.

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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.

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Jean fits you!

Forget Vegas prices and enjoy Nevada entertainments

re you in need of a quick getaway? Are you looking for a friendly, comfortable atmosphere that won't break your bank? Then Jean, Nevada may be just the place for you. Located just 11 miles over the California/Nevada border, and just 20 minutes south of the Las Vegas Strip, Jean, Nevada is home to the Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall and the Nevada Landing Hotel & Casino.

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If you've driven to Vegas along I-15, you've probably noticed the giant flashing marquees on each side of the freeway. Next time on your way through, be sure to stop. These properties may not have exploding volcanoes, naval battles, celebrity-owned gourmet restaurants, or glistening high rise hotel towers, but they also lack the high prices normally associated with all of those somewhat distracting amenities. Lunch and dinners at their cafes and buffets are a great value, offering large portions for a fraction of what you'd pay on The Strip. The Gold Strike's Steak House offers delicious steaks and seafood in a charming and relaxed atmosphere for about half or what you'd pay just about anywhere else. The same holds true for the Nevada Landing's Jade Room, except they serve some of the best Chinese food outside of San Francisco's China Town. Be sure to try their Watermelon Pie, a sorbet pie which resembles a giant slice of watermelon, complete with chocolate "seeds."

The value on the gaming floor is pretty good as well. You'll find a vast array of slots, ranging from the standard reel games to the newest movie-themed video machines. Perhaps best of all, for those seeking a bit of nostalgia, all the slots are coin-in and coin-

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Hits include: "Gambler", "Lucille" "Ruby" & "Lady"

Saturday & Sunday September 23 & 24, 2006 at 8 p.m.



For more information call 1-800-435-8469 or go to www.flamingolaughlin.com. \$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.brendenthe-atres.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 or call (800) 435-8469. The Laughlin Flamingo is located at 1900 South Casino Drive.

COMEDY STOP: Through Sept. 3, \$11.95, \$12.95. Showtimes 7:30pm & 9:30pm.

WILLIE NELSON: Sept. 7, Outdoor Amphitheater. \$35, \$40.

KENNY ROGERS: Sept. 23-24, 8pm, Outdoor Amphitheater. \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40.

FREEDOM SLOT TOURNAMENTS: Freedom I, Sept. 11 & 12, Freedom II, Sept. 16 & 17. Buy-in \$39, includes two days of tournament play, welcome gift and one buffet of choice. \$21,500 in cash prizes per tournament.

DAILY TOURNAMENT: No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. Seven days a week. Sign-up at 8:30am. 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 5pm-7pm. Ace's cracked gets a rack \$100.

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

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GOLD STRIKE HOTEL AND GAMBLING HALL: (800) 634-1359. www.stopatjean.com.

LARRY TAYLOR'S BALLROOM DANCING: Learn to dance while having a good time. Sun. Noon-5pm, Mon. 5-11pm. Admission \$10.

FRIDAY NIGHT BLACKJACK: \$500 first place, \$25 entry fee. 6pm every Friday.

CORONA FRIDAYS: Through Labor Day, 3-6pm, 99¢ Coronas and free appetizers.

NEVADA LANDING HOTEL AND CASINO: (800) 628-6682. www.stopatjean.com.

BUDWEISER WEEKEND RACING PARTY: Watch the race and enjoy discount beer, food and prizes.

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out. It reminds you of visiting Vegas of the 70's.

Casinos

Both casinos offer a player's club. Jean's Cash & Comp Club enables members playing slots and table games at both the Gold Strike and Nevada Landing to earn points and comp dollars, which may be redeemed for cash and tons of comps at the restaurants, gift shops, hotels and gas stations. You can even redeem comp dollars for gas. That really helps take the sting out for the travel expenses.

The best players each quarter are promoted to a special membership status called Signature, which gives the player the right to comp their own stays. It's one of the best deals around. As a Signature member, there's no need to wait in a line

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tion of songs that run the gamut.

"It all started with 'Play Something Country'," Dunn confesses. "Writing that made me want to go back to what we do, where we come from.... you know, the root of this sound 'cause it's always at the source where it's most intense. And the way I grew up on country – whether it was Cash or Haggard or whomever – they didn't hide inside a lot of production and they hit hard."

Whether it's a vintage jukebox weeper like Dunn's tear-stained "She's About As Lonely As I'm Going To Let Her Get," Brooks' Tom Petty-esque gamble on love "One More Roll of the Dice" or Dunn's rap/rave/wailer about the transformative power of brown liquor "Whiskey Do My Talkin'," Brooks & Dunn reach back to their roots, even as they push the envelope to create a hybrid that merges what's happening in American music now with the sounds, songs and aesthetics that originally inspired them.

Ronnie Dunn grew up in 13 schools in 12 years, a vagabond son of a man looking for his place in the world and a mother who clung to her Bible as the only permanence in a transitional world. His father was all hard-hitting honky tonk music – and his oldest son found himself torn between the worlds of salvation and sin.

After almost finishing "church school"

at the club or hunt down a host, just show your special card and sign the comp at the restaurant or hotel.

Despite all of this, perhaps the best value in Jean is the rooms. Considering that they start at just \$49 on weekends, they are amazingly spacious and clean. Rates on weekdays are almost a steal, starting at just \$29. This makes Jean a great place for a quick getaway.

If you like a comfortable atmosphere with friendly, down-to-earth staff, and playing where you can stretch out a bit, all without breaking your vacation budget, then the Gold Strike and Nevada Landing in Jean, Nevada may very well fit you just like your favorite pair of blue jeans.

Take a 'gander' at their stopatjean.com website or call the Gold Strike at 800-634-1359 or the Nevada Landing at 800-628-6682 for more information.

a degree intercepted by the invitation to either pick school or playing in beer joints
Dunn set out to chase the music.
Landing in Tulsa during the height of the Shelter Records/Mad Dogs & Englishmen/Leon Russell/Eric Clapton era, the quiet bass player was set on fire – quickly becoming a local force to be reckoned with as a genuine country singer.

"I was the only one in that world doing what I was doing," he admits. "But they got it, and they respected it – and I saw a whole other way of approaching music, too."

Meanwhile Kix Brooks was growing up in swampy Louisiana country, where beer joints weren't reverential temples to high honky tonk and country, but more combustive places where the people onstage were just an extension – and even instigators – of the party everyone had come to have.

"People didn't come to dance so much as to raise hell and have a good time," Brooks remembers. "It was about having fun."

All the miles, all the chords, all the words – each man had trod a pretty wellworn road on their way to destiny. Once the two came together, fate kicked in. Brand New Man bowed with 5 straight #1s and the jet packs were installed. But even as Brooks & Dunn forged a brand new high-impact, full-tilt kind of country, they never quite forgot where they came from.

The Apples in Bloom

A family favorite, apple season opens in Oak Glen

hen Enoch Parrish planted his first apple tree in the foothills of San Bernardino in 1860 I'm sure he never envisioned that legions of families would someday flock to the Glen to enjoy sunshine and, of course, apples.

But the seed that Parrish planted wasn't just a crop, it became an Inland Empire institution. Word spread about the fertile land in the mountains, perfect for producing crisp, delicious apples. The farms are still there and still producing apples to everyone's delight.

Oak Glen has evolved over the years into an interesting blend of working farms and theme park. It's the perfect destination for families looking for an outing, with plenty of activities and interests for kids plus attractions for adults ... like great apple pie.

Oak Glen operates year-round, but the official apple season begins in September and runs through November. This is when you will find Oak Glen at its best, with plenty of apples, lots of variety, and bushels of country charm.



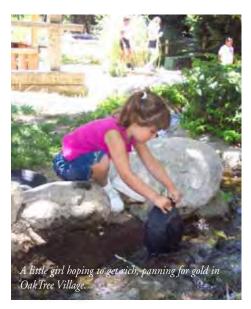
Oak Glen's attractions run from family-oriented activities to nature-inspired tranquility. Activities include: apple picking, trout fishing, numerous restaurants and bakeries, live music, shops and crafters, western shows, cider mills to tour, panning for gold, festivals, petting farms, animal shows, Civil War re-enactments, nature trails, and more.

OakTree Village

One of Oak Glen's family highlights is OakTree Village, a one-stop activity zone that has all that's alluring about Oak Glen. The Village is a 14-acre family entertainment park with a collection of restaurants and a wide range of entertainment options, including music, craft fairs, fishing contests, a petting farm, train rides, animal park and reptile cave, gold & mineral panning, pony rides, goat milking, animal shows, a jumper, face painting, and shops.

The Animal Park hosts more than 100 animals from llamas and sheep to New Guinean Singing Dogs. You can get a handful of food from a vending machine to feed the animals through the fence.

The Mountain Town Museum is another child-pleaser. Housed inside a 10,000 sq. ft. building, the museum is a re-creation of a mountain. A cave-like entrance opens up displays of animals from around the world, as well



as the Live Exotic Animal Exhibit.

The Village also features the Apple Annie restaurant, where family fare is served and, of course, lots of apple pie.

With free general admission and free parking, OakTree Village is a joy for adventure-seeking children and budget-conscious parents alike.

OakTree Village is open everyday throughout the year, except Thanksgiving and Christmas, from 10am to 5pm.

For more information about OakTree Village call (909) 797-4020.





From sea to sky

Seminar showcases naval aviators

aval Aviators will be the subject of the monthly special event hosted by The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" at the Chino Airport on Saturday, October 7. The event will begin at 10am with a seminar on naval aviators and conclude with a flight demonstration by the "Planes of Fame" Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless dive bomber of World War II fame.

Although naval aviation did not come into its own as an effective military weapon until World War II, its origins date back to World War I. In that conflict, naval aviators on both sides made their greatest impact on the war operating from land bases in support of naval operations.

However, some efforts were made to deploy aircraft from ships during that war, leading to the post-war development of more effective naval air operations.

After struggling to develop their mission and prove its value during the 1920s and 1930s, naval aviators clearly demonstrated their worth in World War II.

Today, carrier-based naval aviators are in the forefront of military operations, particularly those taking place far from home ports.

Established as the very first permanent air museum

in the American West, The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" is an independent, non-profit, educational institution. The museum was also a pioneer in the concept of restoring display aircraft to flying condition so that the public can have a better appreciation of the planes that made aviation history.

Staffed primarily by a core of dedicated volunteers, The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" supports its daily operations with admission fees, donations and proceeds from the use of its aircraft in various productions.

The museum also has a special membership program available to the public, with one of the benefits of membership being the ability to



actually experience the thrill of orientation flights in genuine warbirds.

At each monthly special event, members in attendance, including last-minute sign-ups, can have their names entered into a free drawing for a warbird orientation flight.

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

For more information about The Air Museum "Planes of Fame" and its program of events, call (909)597-3722 or visit the museum's website at www.planesoffame.org.



Adventures through history

Enjoy a fair of a different flavor with re-enactments. From renaissance to Civil War, there's a historical period waiting for you to visit somewhere in Southern California. Our friends at

DragonMarsh in Riverside have compiled the list below of re-anactments. For more events, see the DragonMarsh website at www.dragonmarsh.com, or call them at (951) 276-1116. DragonMarsh is located at 3744 Main St. in Riverside.

TOSHIBA TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL: Sept. 9-10, at Dana Point Harbor. www.tallshipsfestival.com. 949-496-2274.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY: Sept. 19. Worldwide! AAARRRRRR!!! www.talklikeapirate.com.

BUCCANEER DAYS: Oct. 7, Two Harbors Catalina Island, www.scico.com, 310-510-4249,

SEASIDE HIGHLAND GAMES: Oct. 6-7. Seaside park, Ventura. http://www.seaside-games.com.

Lake Arrowhead Oktoberfest features beer, bands and food

ut on your lederhosen and head to Lake Arrowhead for the annual Oktoberfest, running weekends Sept. 9 through Oct. 29 from Noon to 5pm.

This free Oktoberfest is great fun for the whole family. For years the Lake Arrowhead Village Oktoberfest has been a favorite for those who enjoy this special fall festival.

Admission is free and the Oktoberfest is held outdoors, under a huge tent, in an alpine setting.

Lake Arrowhead will play host to some of the best Oktoberfest bands in Southern California, performing on the picturesque Center Stage at Lake Arrowhead Village. In addition to traditional music, enjoy authentic food and drinks, fun entertainment and activities including free Stein Holding, Beer Chugging and Apple Bobbing (kids) contests.

Entertainment for Oktoberfest is provided by Stewart Undem Orchestras. Stewart



Undem Orchestras handles all entertainment at Lake Arrowhead Village and Undem and his many Oktoberfest bands are a Southern California favorite and appear at many Oktoberfests during the fall season.

For more information on the Lake Arrowhead Village Oktoberfest, visit www.lakearrowheadvillage.com or call the Village at (909) 337-2533. 💷



17th Annual Oktoberfest

at Noble Creek Regional Park 38900 Oak Valley Parkway in Beaumont Sept. 22-24

Join King Ludwig II of Bavaria as he hosts this traditional 19th century Oktoberfest



German-Style Bands Authentic Dancing & Performances Log Sawing Contest • Pretzel Eating Contest German Cuisine • Royal Bavarian Biergarten Arts & Crafts Show • Children's Play Zone **Children's Pretzel Whistling Contest**

Designated driver program with free unlimited lemonade for designated drivers!

Admission \$3, Parking \$2 Sept. 22 5-11pm • Sept. 23 Noon-11pm • Sept. 24 Noon-9pm

(951) 845-9555

Kid Stuff

EVENT GUIDE Text in RED denotes an event occurring this month.

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

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

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS AT OAKTREE VIL-

LAGE: 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.

Riverside Community Players presents magical family series

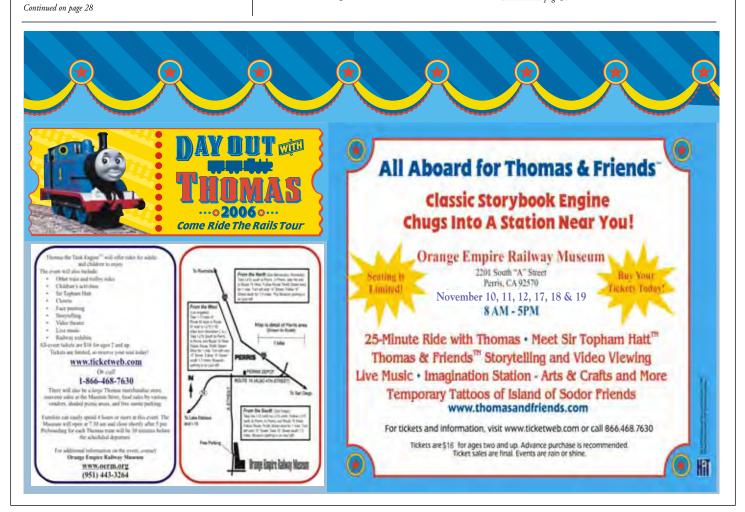
hree delightful plays make up Riverside Community Players' eighth annual Family Series for the young and the young-atheart. Theatre patrons age five to one hundred and five will enjoy works by three brilliant authors—Charles Dickens, Hans Christian Andersen and Rudyard Kipling.

"Not only are the stories appealing to children, but they also touch the hearts of adults," Andrea McGuire, box office manager for the theatre, said. "Ours is an ideal place for families to spend the afternoon or evening together." The unique intimate theatre seats just under two hundred people in a theatre-in-theround setting where every patron sits close to the action.

The season opens October 6-8 with

Rudyard Kipling's "The Just So Stories." Throughout the play Kipling, famous for many literary works including "The Jungle Book," answers burning questions about the animal kingdom, such as how the camel got his hump and how the rhinoceros got his skin. The play centers on the author's daughter, Elsie Kipling, and a group of her friends who eagerly act out a series of charming animal adventures.

December is the perfect time for establishing family traditions, and many people enjoy spending an evening each year with Charles Dickens' favorite miser Ebenezer Scrooge. "A Christmas Carol," playing December 8-10, is a heartwarming story about the transformation



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www.oaktree-village.com.

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

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.

KNOTTS SOAK CITY WATER PARK:

1500 S. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs. Includes 18 major tube and body slides, Kahuna's Beach House and Riptide Reef. Kids 3-11 \$12.95. (760) 327-0499.

MOONRIDGE ANIMAL PARK: Commonly called the Big Bear Zoo, located in Big Bear Lake across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort. Park admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, age 60 and over, and \$4 for children ages 3-10; kids under age 3 are free. The park is open daily and hours Sept. through May are 10 am – 4pm Monday through Friday, and until 5pm on weekends. For more information go to www.BigBearZoo.com or call (909)

878-4200. OAKTREE VILLAGE: 38480 Oak

Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Apple season is open, with events throughout the season. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fish-



September brings more fun events to Big Bear's Animal Park

Summer may be winding down, but the fun goes on at Moonridge Animal park in Big Bear Lake during the month of September. Ice cream, grizzlies, safaris – just part of what's in store for visitors in the next few weeks. On Saturday, Sept. 2, the popular "Ice Cream Safari" is a chance to tour the Zoo and enjoy ice cream at special stations throughout the Park. Then, on Saturday, Sept. 9, the I I th Annual Harley Bike Run fundraiser, "Run for the Grizzlies," will be held from 7:30 a.m. to I p.m., featuring the Poker Run around the Lake with five stops including the Animal Park. This event is open to the public and all bikes are welcome. A little of the background of the Grizzlies' Run: In 1995 a family of three Grizzly bears was rescued and brought to the Moonridge Animal Park – mom and her two children. The Inland Empire Chapter of Harley Davidson Owners helped in fundraising to bring the Grizzlies to the Park. In appreciation of their help the Chapter was given the honor of naming the male cub, whom they named "Harley," what else?

Starting on Saturday evenings at 6:15 p.m., Sept. 23 through Oct. 28, visitors can experience the animals in the dark (nocturnal night life) through the Flashlight Safari, a one-of-a-kind guided tour. For more information, call (909) 878-4200.

ing, shops, restaurants and more. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktree-village.com.

ORANGE EMPIRE RAILWAY MUSE-

UM: 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

PHARAOH'S LOST KINGDOM ADVENTURE PARK: 1101 N.

California, Redlands, CA, 92374. (909) 335-7275. pharaohslostkingdom.com.

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.

RILEY'S FARM: In Oak Glen, offering Revolutionary War Adventures

October 6-8, 2006

While visiting her aunt, Elsie Kipling receives in the mail from her father a recently published copy of his new book. Elsie and a group of newfound friends eagerly act out the stories, a series of animal adventures, with great flair. That is, until they come to the final tale, which, to the surprise of her friends, Elsie is reluctant to enact. The ending, with a surprise or two, is moving and uplifting as Elsie learns something about herself and her friends as well.

By Rudyard Kipling, adaptation by Joseph Robinette Tickets \$8 Discounted Season Tickets Available

Riverside Community Players (951) 686-4030 • 4026 14th St. • Riverside Mon.-Fri., 10am-2pm. (909) 797-7534, www.rileysfarm.com. **RIVERSIDE YOUTH**

THEATRE: (951) 756-4240. The Wallace Theater at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Ave., Riverside.

For more fun kids' events, see the What To Do section on page 27.



Moonridge Animal Park

Big Bear Zoo Open Daily (Weather Permitting)



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September 2 Tee 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

> For more information (909) 878-4200 www.BigBearZoo.com



Charming mountain homes ready to tour

Explore the beauty of the mountain community with a tour of five exquisite homes. The Crestline Communities Development Alliance presents the 5th Annual "Treasures in the Trees" Crestline Home Tour, Oct. 1, 10am-4pm.

The tour begins and ends at San Moritz Lodge in Crestline. From there, explore five unique and charming homes located in the Valley of Enchantment, Historic Olde Towne, Arrowhead Highlands, Valley View Park and San Moritz.

A Reception at The Historic San Moritz Lodge will include catered refreshments from local restaurant, Chateau Gourmet. The homes will be dressed in their finest for the visitors, decorated by local florist My Favorite Things. Guests can expect to see the Lodge decorated in the glory of yesteryear with natural materials from the mountains.

Entertainment will be provided by pianist Jay Munns, who has delighted guests at previous Home Tour Receptions.

Proceeds will be used for the beautification of the Historic Olde Towne and Lake Drive Business Districts.

Shuttle service to all of the homes will be provided. The tour also includes a catered reception at The Historic San Moritz Lodge.

Tickets are \$25. Children under 12 are not permitted. Tickets can be purchased locally at LaDeDa Boutique in Historic Olde Towne, Crestline and McCabe Book Store on Lake Drive, Crestline.

For more information call 909-338-6884.

King Ludwig returns to host Beaumont Oktoberfest

ing Ludwig II of Bavaria will return to the 17th Annual Oktoberfest at Noble Creek Regional Park in Beaumont. From Sept. 22 through Sept. 24, enjoy traditional 19th century food, drink and fun.

Located at 38900 Oak Valley Parkway in Beaumont, Noble Creek will host a range of traditional Oktoberfest attractions, including bands, dancing, log sawing contest, pretzel eating contest, German cuisine and, of course, the Royal Bavarian Biergarten.



Burgermeister Rich Baker leads an Oktoberfest parade.

Considering the amount of beer that will likely be consumed, event organizers have

arranged a designated driver program, which includes free unlimited lemonade. An arts and crafts show will also be hosted, featuring hand-crafted items.

The Oktoberfest offers something for the kids, as well, with a children's play zone, strudel eating and pretzel whistling contests.

Admission is \$3, parking \$2. The Oktoberfest is 5-11pm on Friday, noon to 11pm on Saturday and noon to 9pm on Sunday.

For more information, call (951) 845-9555.



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Looking toward the future

Corona convention seeks to inspire and educate

repare to be inspired. This September, Crossroads Christian Church in Corona hosts Resonate'06, a national convention that will address issues and concerns of adults 50 and over. The convention is being held on the sprawling Crossroads campus, September 21-24.

The theme of this ground-breaking convention is Power Into the Future and a dynamic program has been developed to spotlight this rapidly emerging population. Keynote speakers include: Jeff Taylor - Founder and former C.E.O. of Monster.com, who will speak about his new web-based venture for adults 50+ called Eons. Patrick Gelsinger, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Intel Corporation's Digital Enterprise Group, will also speak.

These speakers, along with workshop and seminar presenters, will motivate adults over 50 to strive for new heights in their business, community, and personal lives. Entertainment, food, and fun are also part of the Resonate'06 experience. The conference, the largest of its kind held in the Inland Empire, is not only for those fifty and above. Anyone interested in what the coming decades may hold would get something out of Resonate'06. Some of the areas to be discussed include healthcare, legal issues, financial planning, and care-giving options.

Resonate'06 will include informative workshops and seminars, as well as entertainment and opportunities for fun and networking. Four participants will receive Extreme Makeovers to update their look.

Christian recording artist David Phelps, formerly with the Gaithers vocal band, will perform on Friday, September 22, at 7:30pm in the Stage 1 auditorium on campus. The concert is free to convention attendees. Open to the public, concert tickets as well as convention registrations, can be purchased at the Crossroads office at Ontario & Kellogg in Corona.

For additional information, visit www.resonate2006.com, or call 800-719-2494.



A grape escape

67th Grape Harvest Festival comes to Victoria Gardens

he Chamber of Commerce, City of Rancho Cucamonga and Victoria Gardens presents California's Oldest Grape Harvest Festival, as it celebrates 67 years of tradition, October 6 and 7 at Victoria Gardens.

It is estimated that more than 20,000 people will be in the shopping complex Friday and Saturday for the event.

Attendees can enjoy a day shopping for crafts or unique one-of-a-kind items, visiting commercial vendors, as well as shopping at the well-known stores. There will be a Wine Appreciation Area with Entertainment until Midnight on Friday and Saturday. Urban Fyre will play Friday night 5:30 -7:30pm, and the Answer will perform from 8pm to Midnight. On Saturday Shane will kick off the musical activities from 2 to 4:30pm followed by Dsanti 5 to 7:30pm. Backstreet will play from 8pm to Midnight.

There will be a Fun Zone for the kids, Pie-eating Contests and the traditional Grape Stomps for the young and seasoned as well. On Saturday afternoon try your taste buds at Amateur Wine Making Judging.

Friday evening is the Multi-Chamber Mixer and infamous Chairman/President Grape Stomp to see which Chamber earns the Purple Foot Award. Montclair Chamber won last year.

The Spirit of the Grape Harvest Festival dates back over 200 years to the planting of the first Mission grapes at the Mission San Gabriel Archangel. As Rancho Cucamonga grew throughout the late 19th and 20th centuries, each of the individual wineries and the various Catholic churches in the area held their own version of a Grape Harvest Festival, celebrating the end of

the harvest season and comparing the fruits of their labors.

But in 1939, citizens of the Alta Loma, Etiwanda and Cucamonga areas decided to officially recognize the 100th anniversary of the planting of the "Mother Vineyard" with the first "Wine and Grape Festival," a celebration that soon became a local tradition.

Throughout the years, local wineries and service clubs continued to celebrate the tradition of the Grape Harvest Festival (a.k.a. Wine Festival) until 1981 when the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce took over the production of the festival, creating one of the largest regional events of its kind. In 1987, the California State Legislature designated the Festival as officially being "California's Oldest Grape Harvest Festival."

Hours for the public at the Grape Harvest Festival are Friday, October 6, from 1pm to Midnight; Saturday, October 7 from 10am to Midnight.

For more information about the event, visit www.gharvestfestival.org.



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Pluto: Hot controversy for a cold planet!

Most of us have learned that there are nine planets in our Solar System: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Yep. That's nine. Well, don't be so sure. There is a lot of controversy brewing about this seemingly obvious fact.

Pluto has been a particularly hot topic lately. Its status as a planet has been the subject of controversy for a long time, originally fueled by observations of its eccentric, eggshaped orbit around the Sun.

But if Pluto is not a planet, what is it? Theories abound, but most scientists suspect that it may be a giant object from the Kuiper Belt...a region deep in space that contains millions of small bodies composed of rock and ice.

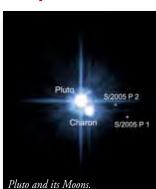


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In the meantime, the IAU (International Astronomical Union) has considered the question of Pluto's planethood. You can find out what they decided and much more by attending a SkyQuest Public Program at the MSAS Astronomy Village in Lake Arrowhead. Fall programs are "The Moon, Our Nearest Neighbor," September 2, "Fall Constellations," September 9, and Astronomy ABC's, September 23. Each program includes an informative slide/lecture, question and answer period, tour of the night sky, and a visit to the Robert Brownlee Observatory, weather permitting. For information and tickets, call (909) 336-1699.

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11th Annual "A Taste of the Towns" Gala Friday Evening, October 6, 2006 6:30pm - 10pm

Downtown Riverside Main Street Pedestrian Mall

"A TASTE OF THE TOWNS" . THE TALK OF THE TOWN

Join us for the Arthritia Foundation's 11th Annual "A Taste of the Towns" Gala on Friday October 6, 2006, 6:30-10:00 p.m. in downtown Riverside at the Main also hosts Camp Esperanza (which Street Pedestrum Mail adjacent to the Historic Mission Inn

Arthritia is the number ONE cause of staability in the United States affecting one in three adults and over 300,000 children ationwide. More children suffer from arthritis than juvenile diabetes, muscular dystrophy. cystic fibrosis and cerebral paley combined. Through the good work of the Foundation and because of funding from generous donors we are able to offer over 160

programs each week that allows us to reach over 2,500 arthritis sufferers each week in the Inland Empire. The Arthritis Foundation means Hopel in the San Bernardino Mountains Camp Experianta is an overhight camp for Aids and teens atticted with arthritia

Guesta of "A Faste of the Towns" will sholl along the quaint Main Street Mail feasting on *ample sample" portions of cullnary delights prepared and served by the inland Empire's finest chefs, accompanied by the region's most decorated wines, brews, coffees and dessorts from over 40 patrons in and around the Inland Empire.



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Please contact the Arthritis Foundation at (951) 320-1540 for more information or to purchase event tickets. Sponsorship apportunities \$25,000-\$1,000 are available. Vendor opportunities are also available

AMPLE SAMPLE

Guests at "A Taste of the Towns" are treated to "ample samples" of food, wine and brews. Previous participanta include: Aroo Nut & Candy, Anhauser Busch, Boorman Vinevards, Bossa Nova Grill, Café Sevilla, Callaway Coastal Winery, Gameo Vineyarda, Cask 'n Cleaver, Cilurzo Vineyard & Winery Chili's Gritt & Bar, Citrus City Grille, Creatrice's Secret Garden, Clao Bella, Coffee Court & Coffee Roasters, Dairy Farmers of America, Dragon House, Downtown Supper Club, J. Filippi Winery, Fileinger Winery, Flowerloft -Godiva Chocolatier, Galleano Winery, Gerard's French Restaurant, Graber Olive House, Gram's Mission BBQ; Hart. Winery, Honolulu Harry's Island Getaway Impressions Catering, Jag's, Inn at Churon Winery, Jammin' Bread, Le Baail Southeast Asian Cuisine, Long,

Shadow Ranch Winery, Maddelana Vineyard Brands, Marie Callender's Mario's Place, Market Broiler, Maurice Carrie/Von Roekel Wineries, Mi Tortilla, Michelle's, Mission Inn. Mt. Palomar Winery. New York Grill, Doka Japanese Restaurant, Old Speghetti Factory, Pacific Cafe, PH Woods, Ponte Winery, Provider Catering, Rosa's. San Antionio Winery, Simple Simon's Bakery & Bistro, Simply Cakes Bakery, South Coast Winery, Stuart Celliars Winery, Table for Two, Takte Food & Design/The City Guisine, Temecula Hills Winery, The Baker's Oven & Fine Catering, The Tamais Factory, Thomton Winery, Trader Jon's, The National Orange Show Event Ott. Wilson Creak Winery & Vineyards, Windy Ridge Cellars



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Disc golf now at Riverside Golf Club

Something new has been added to the popular Riverside Golf club – Disc Golf. In fact, the Riverside Golf Club is the first disc golf course in the Inland Empire.

Disc Golf, sometimes called "Frisbee Golf," is a game based on the rules of golf. It uses flying discs, similar to Frisbees, which are thrown towards a target or "hole." The targets are metal baskets with hanging chains to catch the discs.

The popular sport was formalized in the '70s and can be played by just about anyone, from young children to seniors. It's a fun fitness sport. As of early this year, there are about 2000 disc golf courses worldwide, with the majority of these in the United States.

Not only is Disc Golf a fun outdoor sport, great exercise, played in a beautiful setting, but it is also very affordable. One can play the Riverside course at rates as low as \$6 walking or \$15 with a cart.

Riverside Golf Course is located at 1011 N. Orange St.

Bear Lake

36th Annual

Oktoberfest

Weekends:

Sept 16th - Oct 28th

Church car show benefits scholarships

o to church ... and see some classic cars! The 3rd Annual First Baptist Church Car Show will be held from 12pm to 4pm on Saturday, September 30 at First Baptist Church in Hemet. For the past two years this event has been open to a wide variety of vehicles, and this year they are increasing the trophy classes from 12 to 20.

The show averages about 150 cars in past years, and organizers expect as many this year as well.

Pre-registration is \$10, and includes one free t-shirt, and day of the event registrations are \$10 without a t-shirt.

A portion of the proceeds each year is used for student ministry scholarships. Raffle tickets are included with each vehicle registration, and additional tickets will be given for the purchase of food, drinks and tshirts. Raffle tickets will be drawn regularly throughout the afternoon and prizes awarded to those present with the winning ticket.

The FBC Car Show is a family event, and is free and open to the public. An area is set up specifically for small children with jump tents and other fun events. The show will also host a judging for model cars, so kids of all ages can bring their entries for a chance to win a prize.

Information and registration forms are available on online at www.fbchemet.org or call the Church office at 951-658-7133 for further details.

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Take a bite out of arthritis

'A Taste of the Towns' offers delectables for a worthy cause

njoy some tasty bites while helping a worthy cause. The 11th Annual "A Taste of the Towns" Gala, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation, takes place Friday evening, October 6, presenting samples of some of the areas best restaurants.

Feast on "ample sample" portions of culinary delights and paired wines, brews and coffees. Food is prepared and served by the Inland Empire's finest chefs, accompanied by the region's most decorated wines and beers.

Held in the Main Street Pedestrian Mall Downtown Riverside, adjacent to the historic Mission Inn, this fundraising event celebrates the favorite foods and wines from in and around the Inland Empire.

Beginning at 6:30pm guests of "A Taste of the Towns" experience the various tastes from approximately 40 restaurants, wineries and breweries, while listening to live music.

Guests can also bid on many silent auction prizes with all proceeds going to support the work of the Arthritis Foundation.

Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in the United States affecting one in three adults and over 300,000 children nationwide. More children suffer from arthritis than juvenile diabetes, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis and cerebral palsy combined. As a result of funding from donors the foundation is able to offer more than 169 programs each week, reaching over 2,500 arthritis sufferers weekly in the Inland Empire. The Arthritis Foundation also hosts Camp Esperanza (which means Hope) in the San Bernardino Mountains. Camp Esperanza is an overnight camp for kids and teens afflicted with arthritis.

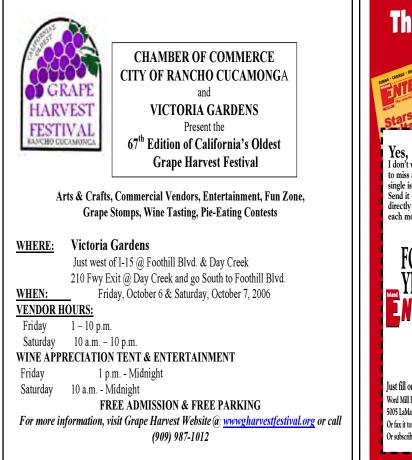
Event tickets are \$75 per person prepaid and \$85 at the door. Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$1,000 to \$25,000. For more information, contact the Arthritis Foundation at (951) 320-1540.

For more information about programs and



Employees of Valencia Catering at the NOS Event Center serve up a fountain of chocolate at the 2004 "A Taste of the Towns" event.

services, which include land and water based exercise classes, self-help courses, professional and public education programs and physician referrals, call (951) 320-1540.



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BEACH ACTIVITIES

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

COFFEE HOUSES

ALL ABOUT COFFEE: Open mic 6 pm Fri., 2276 Griffin Way, Suite 108, Corona. (951) 549-6710.

BACK TO THE GRIND: Poetry Night Mon. 9-11 pm; Chess Night Thur. 7 pm; Live music Wed. 8-10 pm. 3575 University Ave., Riverside. (951) 784-0800.

COFFEE COURT: 3649 10th St., Riverside. (951) 328-0866.

COFFEE DEPOT: 3204 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. Live music, 8 pm Sat., no cover. (951) 222-2263.

COFFEE ROASTERS 1: Live entertainment Thur.-Sat. 7-9 pm. Hours: Daily 6:30 am - 10 pm, Sunday to 8 pm. 5225 Canyon Crest Dr., Riverside. (951) 276-7176.

FRIENDS COFFEE HOUSE: live music, 8 pm Fri-Sat. 17059 Valley Blvd., Suite F, Fontana. No cover. (909) 822-3743.

MUGSYS COFFEE SHOP: 5222 Arlington Ave., Ste. D, Riverside. Sundays chess night 6 pm, live music Fri. 7-10 pm. Information on more clubs please call (951) 352-1543.

SONRISE COFFEE HOUSE: 14548 Baseline, Fontana. (909) 350-0910. Mommy and Me teatime, Noon to 2pm, Mondays. Fri. & Sat. nights, live entertainment. No cover.

CHRISTIAN EVENTS

CONFIDENTIAL CHRISTIAN SINGLES: Call for details at (714) 210-3337 or go online to www.christiansinglesfunevents.com.

RESONATE 2006 CONVENTION: See article on page 30.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, EVENTS

4TH ANNUAL ALL-AMERICAN CAR &

CORVETTE SHOW: Sept. 9, 9am-1pm, in Historic Downtown Upland. See article on page 11. Parks & Gardens 37 Theater & the Arts 6 Theme Parks 37 Wineries 38

ART A FAIR FESTIVAL: Through Sept. 3, 777 Laguna Canyon Rd. in Laguna Beach. Laguna Beach's only internationally juried art festival. For more information, call (949) 494-4514, or go online to www.artafair.com.

BEAR VALLEY HERITAGE DAYS: Aug. 30-Sept. 4 at the Convention Center at Big Bear Lake. Celebrate the early western days of mountain living. (909) 585-3000, www.bigbearevents.com.

BEAUMONT OKTOBERFEST: See article on page 29.

BIG BEAR LAKE OKTOBERFEST: See article on page 16.

CELEBRATING A HEALTHIER LIFE: Health fair, Oct. 6, 1-5pm. Mary Phillips Senior Center, 41845 Sixth St., Temecula. (951) 694-6464.

3RD ANNUAL FBC CAR SHOW: See article on page 33.

THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS: Voted one of the Top 3 Art Festivals in America. Through Sept. 1, 10am-11:30pm. Admission \$7. 650 Laguna Canyon Rd., in Laguna Beach. (949) 494-1145. www.lagunafestivalofarts.org.

GEM FAIRE: Sept. 8, noon-7pm, Sept. 9, 10am-7pm, and Sept. 10, 10am-5pm. Admission \$5 for weekend pass. Children 11 and under free. Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Conventioin Center Way, Ontario. www.gemfaire.com.

THE GIANT ORANGE ARTVENTURE: Through Sept. 15, exhibit featuring 32 inspired artoranges, in downtown Riverside. (951) 684-7111, www.thegiantorange.com.

GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL: Oct. 6-7. See article on page 31.

HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR: Sept. 14, 4-7pm, Fairmount Park. (951) 689-9622.

INAUGURAL SMALL BUSINESS EXPO: Sept. 13, 8:30-1:30pm, Ontario Convention Center, 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario. Free workshops and networking opportunities. See article on page 13. Admission \$15. (909) 984-2458, www.ieypn.org.

KILLARNEY'S IRISH PUB & GRILL: Bash on Sept. 16, with face painting, Guiness and Jager ladies, bag pipers, and music all day. Authentic Irish pub in Temecula. 32475 Hwy. 79 S., Temecula. (951) 302-8338. www.killarneys.com.

LAKE ARROWHEAD VILLAGE OKTOBERFEST:

Sept. 9-Oct. 29, noon-5pm. See article on page 26. No admission fee. 28200 Highway 189, Lake Arrowhead. www.lakearrowheadvillage.com. (909) 337-2533.

LAKE PERRIS SPORTS PAVILION: Satellite



If you have an upcoming event that you would like to see listed in these pages, please send the following information:

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

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wagering from the Lake Perris Fairgrounds, 18700 Lake Perris Dr. (951) 679-7223. www.socalfair.com.

LAUGH JAM 2006: A comedy and music event at Longshadow Ranch Winery, 39847 Calle Contento, in Temecula, every Friday night, 7pm, through Sept. 29. Presented by Lilli Entertainment Inc. www.laughjam.com.

6TH ANNUAL MORENO CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CAR SHOW: Oct. 21, 7am-10am, showtime 11am. Trophies for 1st and 2nd place. Moreno Christian Assembly, (951) 247-7115, 13830









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Nason St., Moreno Valley. **59TH ANNUAL NORCO VALLEY FAIR:** Ingalls Park in Norco, at 5th and Crestview. Aug. 31-Sept. 4. Familly fun with a western flavor.

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, Wednesday through Sunday, Doors open at 10:15am. Free parking. 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.

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

17TH ANNUAL ROUTE 66

RENDEZVOUS: Sept. 14-17, presented by Stater Bros. Car show takes place in downtown San Bernardino. www.route-66.org.

SAWDUST ART FESTIVAL: Annual Laguna Beach art fest features local artists displaying their work. Runs through Sept. 3. (949) 494-3030, www.sawdustartfestival.org.

A TASTE OF THE TOWNS: See article on page 34.

49TH ANNUAL TWENTY MULE TEAM DAYS: Boron, Oct. 6-7. (760) 762-5810.

14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S ONLY MOUNTAIN BIKE WEEKEND: Sept.

23-24 in Big Bear. See article on page 5.

MINIATURE GOLF

CASTLE PARK: 3500 Polk Ave., Riverside. (951) 785-3000.

FIESTA VILLAGE: 1405 E. Washington Ave., Colton. Call (909) 824-1111.

UPLAND BOOMERS: 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) 946-9555.

MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

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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 guarter-mile track with banked turns and long straightaways. Getting to the top is a snap with Magic Carpet uphill lifts. 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 specialty stores. 800 Wild Rose Lane. Call (909) 866-4626.

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.

CRESTLINE: Fishing, boating and more. (909) 338-2706, www.crest-linechamber.net.

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER: • Labor Day Family Picnics and Fun Summer Days, Sept. 2-4. Childrens' programs and events. • Interpretive facility, museum, environmental education, 1 mile northwest of Idyllwild on 25225 Hwy 243. Children's Discovery area, local history, wildlife, gift shop. (909) 659-3850

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.

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MUSEUMS

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: \$8.95 general, children 11 to 5 are \$1.95 and children under 5 are free. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Chino Airport. (909) 597-3722.

PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM: The museum is

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

PARKS & GARDENS

CALIFORNIA CITRUS STATE HISTORIC PARK:

Museum open Wed., Sat., and Sun., from 10 am to 4 pm. Trails, picnic facilities and activity building rentals. Park hours are 8 am - 5 pm winter and 7 pm summer. At the corner of Van Buren Blvd. and Dufferin Ave. in Riverside. (951) 780-6222.

GLEN IVY HOT SPRINGS: 25000 Glen Ivy Rd., Corona, (951) 277-3529.

IDYLLWILD NATURE CENTER: Interpretive facility,

museum, environmental education, 1 mile northwest of Idyllwild on 25225 Hwy 243. Children's Discovery area, local history, wildlife, gift shop. (909) 659-3850

OAK GLEN APPLE RANCHES: Along Oak Glen Rd., Oak Glen, (909) 797-6833

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS:

Campgrounds and more. Sept. 23, Stagecoach Kickoff, Gilman Ranch, Banning. (800) 234-PARK, www.riversidecountyparks.org.

SANTA ROSA PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: About 6,925 acres, with hiking trails, interpretive programs, day use only, Clinton-Keith Rd. west of Murrieta off I-15.

UCR BOTANIC GARDENS: UC Riverside, 900 University Ave., Riverside, (951) 787-4650



THEME PARKS

ALPINE SLIDE: Family fun at Big Bear Lake. \$20 for an all-day pass. 800 Wild Rose Lane, Big Bear Lake, (909) 866-4626.

KNOTTS SOAK CITY WATER PARK: 1500 S.



Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs. Includes 18 major tube and body slides, Kahuna's Beach House and Riptide Reef. Kids 3-11 \$12.95. (760) 327-0499. **OAKTREE VILLAGE:** 38480 Oak Glen Rd., in Oak Glen. Open every day, with entertainment every weekend. Artisans, pony rides, animal park, trout fishing, and more. (909) 797-4020. www.oaktreevillage.com.

What To Do

WINERIES

ALEX'S REDBARN WINERY: 39820 Calle Contento, Temecula.

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of one man's mean and stingy heart.

Rounding out the season is "Pixies, Kings and Magical Things," playing February 16-18, 2007. In this charming and witty adaptation, Hans Christian Andersen himself frames four classic tales where vanity, beauty and magic, both real and imagined, spring to life. A princess learns a lesson from a prince turned swineherd, a pixie is faced with a choice between art and appetite, an emperor is tricked into revealing his true colors, and, in the sweet conclusion, a duckling learns that true beauty is BAILY VINEYARD & WINERY: 33440 LaSerena, Temecula, (951) 676-9463.

BELLA VISTA CILURZO VINEYARD & WINERY: 41220 Calle Contento Road, Temecula, (951) 676-5250.

CHURON WINERY: 33233 Rancho California Road, Temecula, 694-9070.

JOSEPH FILIPPI WINERY: Daily tastings, sales, gifts, picnic, museum and tours. 2 locations: 12467 Base Line Rd., Rancho Cucamonga, (909) 899-5755 & 2803 E. Guasti Rd., Ontario-Guasti (909) 390-6998. www.josephfilippiwinery.com.

in self-knowledge and acceptance.

Tickets for the shows may be purchased individually for \$8 each, and discounted season tickets for all three shows are available for \$21. Group discounts for the weekend performances are available for groups of 25 or more. The theatre is located at 4026 Fourteenth Street in Riverside, and the phone number for the box office is (951) 686-4030. There is no late seating, and children under the age of five are not permitted. Weekday matinee performances are available to school groups of ten or more. For more information on school group matinees, call (951) 369-1200.



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