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Riverside Recollections

1918 ARMISTICE CELEBRATION

World War I ended in November 1918 by an armistice, which meant an end to fighting but not a final peace settlement. Still, it was a time of joy and celebration across the land and, closer to home, in Arlington. Many years later, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, the holiday we just celebrated.

When news of the armistice was announced near midnight Pacific time in long ago 1918, bells rang, shots were fired into the air and every type of noise filled the air. A bonfire was lit in the center of the intersection at Magnolia Avenue and Van Buren Avenue. Manager J.H. Jennings of the Lewis Grocery store grabbed a box of cigars from his stock and began passing them out to men on the street.

The noise and bonfire went all night. Before dawn someone strung up a dummy from a lamppost labeled "Kaiser Bill," in reference to Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany.

There was a well-respected cannery in Arlington at that time. It canned tomatoes, sweet potatoes and fruit such as apricots, depending on the season. Employed at the Arlington Cannery were a few men who had emigrated from Italy. Italy was one of the victorious Allied nations in 1918, and a group of these Italian-born cannery workers grabbed a company truck and covered it with an Italian flag. This truck, with its joyful, singing Italians, made its way through the crowded streets of Arlington.

Many of the people celebrating the victory decided they would drive to Riverside where the larger city promised to have a larger celebration. Trucks and cars were piled with people, and the vehicles drove toward Riverside with horns sounding and occupants singing.

Celebrations continued in Riverside as people celebrated the "war to end all wars," as Allied propaganda had promised.

The people of Southern California were convinced that all of their sacrifices had been worthwhile and that only peace, prosperity and a bright future awaited them.

The Arlington Times carried a front-page article stating that the Arlington Cannery would increase the size of its plant. There was talk of the California Legislature establishing a facility near Arlington that would provide dozens of jobs.

Locally, nationally and internationally, November 1918, was a time of great hope for the future.

The period of readjustment was a painful one, and news of the Versailles Treaty seemed to carry with it a harsh peace that would embitter Germany. The U.S. Senate rejected that Versailles Treaty, and there were indications that both Europe and Asia would soon spew forth new aggression and warfare.

Little more than 20 years after that ecstatic celebration of the 1918 Armistice, Europe was at war again.

The Allies had won the war that ended in 1918, but somehow had managed to lose the peace that followed, and a second World War more terrible than the first came to bedevil mankind.

Christian band hits Hemet

Seventh Day Slumber has been touring small towns in America. The rockers will perform at the First Baptist Church on Nov. 20

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Seventh Day Slumber is taking its biggest show to the smallest towns it has ever played, and Hemet will be the stop on Nov. 20 at the First Baptist Church of Hemet.

The Christian band, best known for songs such as "Oceans from the Rain" and "Surrender," was formed in 1997 and got the idea a couple of years ago to do a Small Town America Tour.

"We were trying to figure out

how we could make it work financially and still put on the biggest show we could put on," lead singer Joseph Rojas said. "We let God work out the finances and it's become a huge success. We've stirred up such a buzz that places are already rebooking."

He said even though the venues are in small towns, people drive from miles away to attend the concerts. A recent concert in Huxley, Iowa, which has a population of less than 4,000, attracted fans from Des Moines.

"We aren't cutting back on anything just because we are playing smaller places," said Rojas. "We have the most special effects, gadgets, lights and speakers we've ever-

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Seventh Day Slumber will be in Hemet on Nov. 20. From left: lead singer Joseph Rojas, drummer Jamie Davis and guitarist Jeremy Holderfield.

USO DEDICATES FLAGPOLE IN ONTARIO

BY TROY CLARKE
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER, CORONA DIVISION

The Inland Empire Naval command's top officer rendered the first salute Veterans Day at USO Ontario's unveiling ceremony for the official flag pole now standing watch over some 20,000 service members who will use the center annually, just in time for the 1,200 Marines expected this weekend.

For the naval commander, it was a special way to show his appreciation for the USO's support of the nation's service members.

"Giving their time is appreciated by those who are defending our nation," said acting commanding officer Cmdr. Bill Harrell of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, the closest active duty installation to the USO.

"I'm always amazed with the dedication of the volunteers and the amount of time they devote," he said, noting he has often dropped by USO centers during his travels, as recently as last August.

For the five years since the United Service Organizations opened the spacious, 6,500 square-foot center - which the USO says is the largest west of the Mississippi River - volunteers have sought funds and airport permission to erect the 25-foot pole, now flying an American flag donated by an Army helicopter assault unit who flew the flag at its fire base in Iraq.

The manager of USO Ontario, located in the original Ontario International Airport terminal, was pleased to finally unveil the new flag pole to better salute troops who stop by for food and refreshments



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Acting commanding officer Cmdr. Bill Harrell of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, left, attends the flagpole dedication program at USO Ontario by American Legion Post 262 of Fontana.

or a comfortable resting spot as they travel to and from their military assignments.

"This has been a long time coming," said Gail Oyler, USO Center manager who presided over the dedication attended by nearly 100 veterans and family.

The flag pole's \$3,000 cost was donated by two nostalgic veterans and USO volunteers, James Speer of Glendora and Gordon and Betty

Browning of Covina. Their Covina Rotary Club actively supports USO Ontario.

"I came out here two or three years ago, and brought them an ice machine because they didn't have one," said Browning, a B-17 and B-29 pilot who was headed into combat when World War II suddenly ended. "And I asked them, 'Where's the flag?'" He didn't like the answer, so enlisted his buddy, Speer, to contribute sufficient funds to purchase the flagpole. "The USO has got to have a flag," he insisted.

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USO started in 1941 in response to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call for community service organizations to come under one umbrella group to support U.S. forces. Seventy years later, the non-profit still relies on donations of food, services and volunteers to support the 135 centers operated by volunteers.

Rancho Verde High School to perform classic 'Noises Off'

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Rancho Verde High School Theater will present "Noises Off" on Nov. 16-19.

Rancho Verde High School Theater will present Michael Frayn's three-act comedy, "Noises Off," on Nov. 16-19. "Noises Off" is a play-within-a-play about the silly quirks of actors as they attempt to pull off a complicated bedroom farce.

Students have been rehearsing for Frayn's comedy since September, and Rancho Verde's set-building class has constructed an elaborate two-story rolling set with eight functional doors. The entire set turns around completely for Act II, revealing the backstage area where the audience will get a glimpse of the conflicts between actors and actresses when they're not playing their character.

Noises Off is a complicated pro-

duction usually performed by college, community, and professional theaters. Rancho Verde's production is unique in that it has been co-directed by two students, junior Leanna Holguin and senior Mary-Ashley Cherney. Holguin and Cherney are veterans of the Rancho Verde stage, having headlined in previous productions of "Much Ado About Nothing," "Little Shop of Horrors," and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Admission is \$8 per person, and advance is \$6. Presale/will-call tickets may be purchased through the Rancho Verde High School bookkeeper at (951)490-4680. Rancho Verde High School is located at 17750 Lasselle St. in Moreno Valley. Showtime is 7 p.m.

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