

# ALL THE WORLD LOVES A Parade



Events -

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Everyone loves a good parade. Maybe that's why so many of our holidays include them. Thanksgiving weekend just wouldn't be complete without watching the Macy's parade while having a plate of turkey and stuffing. And who can imagine St. Patrick's Day without a rowdy parade, no matter how much corned beef and cabbage you eat?

So, considering our country's obsession with parades, it's only fitting that Independence Day, the most important holiday for parades, is filled with them. Consider these local options before you decide where you and your family will be parading your patriotism this weekend.

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## Aptos

The city of Aptos prides itself on having the shortest, rather than the longest, parade in the area. The World's Shortest Parade is preceded by a hearty pancake breakfast and followed by relaxing at Picnic in the Park, at Aptos Village Park.

Participants in the parade will include the Watsonville Marching Band (who will also march in the Watsonville parade), dancers, classic cars, informal bands, the Democratic Central Committee, the United Nations Association Peace Mobile, the Cabrillo Republican Women, the funky accordionist the Great Morgani, people in costumes and even dog walkers. Families, car lovers and activists will all appreciate this parade, which benefits Aptos schools music programs.

Organizers warn that parking is scarce in the area of the parade and recommend you get to this parade early in order to get a spot at the Coastlines Church parking lot, Aptos Station or the Safeway parking lot.

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Flags wave at Watsonville's 2003 parade.

**TOP:** A parade-goer shows her patriotism at the 2003 Boulder Creek parade.

**LEFT:** Raising the flag at Soquel cemetery in honor of the Fourth of July in 2003.

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## Events for the Fourth of July

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Trying to figure out how to spend the Fourth of July weekend? Leave the cooking behind and take the family to one of the many pancake breakfasts and barbecues in the area. Pass the day watching a parade, attend a picnic or get some exercise with a 10K run. Wrap up the day snuggled on a blanket with the family, listening to live music or watching a spectacular fireworks show. Check out the list of events below to customize your family's holiday. All take place Sunday.

### Scotts Valley

#### Fourth of July fireworks

Enjoy live music, food booths and bounce houses for the kids as you watch a fireworks show.

**WHEN:** Gates open 3 p.m., events begin 4 p.m., fireworks begin 9:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Scotts Park, 361 Kings Village Road.

**COST:** \$5 advance, \$7 at the door, children 4 and younger admitted free.

**DETAILS:** 438-3251 or [www.svchamber.org](http://www.svchamber.org).

#### Nostalgia Day

Go back in time with a car show, barbecue lunch, raffle, T-shirt sale and live music from the '40s, '50s and '60s.

**WHEN:** Car registration 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., barbecue lunch 11 a.m., raffle and T-shirt sale 12 to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Scotts Valley Community Center, Blue Bonnet Lane and King's Village Road.

**COST:** \$5 entry fee for cars.  
**DETAILS:** Ida Smith at 476-3028.

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Early birds will also be able to find a good spot to sit and watch next to Aptos Pizza, located at 7945 Soquel Drive, Aptos, or around the Aptos Bridge.

If you're interested in driving in the Aptos parade, you must be at least 25 years old and have proof of insurance on the day of the parade.

## Watsonville

The Spirit of Watsonville is a well-known annual event, and this year's theme is American Idols. But organizers are not just referring to Lisa Leuschner, the La Selva Beach-based crooner who competed on the Fox Network's TV show. The event will also be honoring everyday American idols, such as police and military personnel, the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Girls Scouts of Monterey Bay. The parade will also include KDON radio station, the Road Angels Car Club, the Watsonville Marching Band, the Monterey Bay PT Cruisers, the Filipino Community and the folklore dance group Corazon en Flor.

The Spirit of Watsonville parade will have a community feel fit for families and veterans. Park your car on a side street or in one of the city's parking lots or garages, then grab a spot anywhere along Main Street and watch the festivities.

## Boulder Creek

If you're in the mood for a more conventional parade, head over to Boulder Creek for the town's Classic Family Small Town Patriotic Parade, which will end with a picnic at Junction Park. The parade

offers fun family entertainment and will include classic cars, fire engines, a lumberjack brigade, Chicks with Chainsaws and the Red Hat Society.

The event's organizers recommend you park somewhere along Highway 9, then establish your viewing location outside Sincerely Yours, located at 13130 Highway 9, or outside Boulder Creek Hardware, located at 13110 Central Ave.

## Santa Cruz

History lovers and traditionalists will enjoy the Old Fashioned 1904-Style Independence Day Celebration at Wilder Ranch State Park. The family oriented event will include the Santa Cruz City Band, horses and wagons, political signs from 1904, people carrying flags and playing music and the families who join in.

The parade will kick off an afternoon-long event, focusing on history and tradition, which will also include a flag-raising of a 45-star flag (a la 1904), a reading of the Declaration of Independence, speeches, music, cake walks, old-fashioned picnic games, living history demonstrations, wagon rides and hand-cranked ice cream.

Parking will be available at the Wilder Ranch parking lot, and a good view can be obtained from almost anywhere. The parade's organizers emphasize that this parade is more about participating than about watching.

No matter which parade you and your family end up at, remember to get there early and be prepared for some holiday traffic. These events will most likely be crowded since everyone loves a good parade.

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## If You Go

**WHAT:** World's Shortest Parade in Aptos.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to noon, lineup 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Corner of State Park and Soquel Drive, Aptos.

**COST:** \$1 walkers, \$10 vehicle.

**DETAILS:** 688-1467 or [www.aptoschamber.com](http://www.aptoschamber.com). Deadline for participation is today.

**WHAT:** Spirit of Watsonville Parade.

**WHEN:** 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Main St., Watsonville.

**COST:** Free.

**DETAILS:** Doug Mattos at 728-6183 or [www.spiritofwatsonville.org](http://www.spiritofwatsonville.org).

**WHAT:** Boulder Creek Fourth of July Parade.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Corner of Flat Street and Highway 9, Boulder Creek.

**COST:** Free. Applications available at Country Home, 13124 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, or Sincerely Yours, 13130 Highway 9, Boulder Creek.

**DETAILS:** Ann Marie Conrad, Boulder Creek Hardware, 338-6833.

Parade entries accepted until Friday.

**WHAT:** Old-Fashioned 1904-Style Independence Day Parade and Celebration

**WHEN:** Noon.

**WHERE:** Wilder Ranch State Park, 1401 Coast Road, Santa Cruz.

**COST:** Free admission, parking \$6-\$10.

**DETAILS:** 426-0505 or [www.santacruzstateparks.org](http://www.santacruzstateparks.org).

# What to do if you don't like parades

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If holiday traffic and huge crowd of people are enough to drive you away from the weekend's Fourth of July events, or if fireworks and parades just aren't your thing, here's a list of some alternative activities for the weekend:

**1. RENT SOME VIDEOS:** In the spirit of Independence Day, how about stocking up on some patriotic rentals? Try "Born on the 4th of July," "In America," "The Patriot" or a "West Wing" marathon.

**2. ATTEND A CELEBRATION THAT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT:** Check out the annual two-day Holy Ghost Celebration sponsored by the Colonia Portuguesa Divino Espirito Santo and the Portuguese-American community of Santa Cruz. The celebration takes place Saturday and Sunday and includes a variety of activities, including a bazaar, auction and Mass followed by a hearty meal of "sopa e carne" and a traditional crown exchange.

**WHEN:** Bazaar, Saturday and Sunday afternoons; crown exchange, 9 p.m. Saturday; Mass and 'sopa e carne' meal, 11 a.m. Sunday; auction, Sunday afternoon.

**WHERE:** CPDES Hall, 216 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz.

**TICKETS:** Free.

**DETAILS:** 423-7753.

**3. VISIT AN EXHIBIT AT THE SANTA CRUZ MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY:** The museum has a variety of exhibi-

er Side of Ansel Adams: Santa Cruz and Beyond," the Mary and Harry Blanchard Sculpture Garden, Watercolors by Ron Milhoan and "Where the Redwoods Meet the Sea: A History of Santa Cruz County and its People."

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, 705 Front St.

**TICKETS:** \$4 general, \$2 students over 18 and seniors, free for museum members, students under 18 and children.

**DETAILS:** 429-1964 or [www.santacruzmah.org](http://www.santacruzmah.org).

**4. GO OUT ON A WINE TASTING ADVENTURE:** Explore one of the area's wineries, including Bargetto Winery, Bonny Doon Vineyard and Storrs Winery. Call ahead to make reservations at the Bargetto Winery, and at the Storrs Winery if your group consists of 8 or more people.

**WHEN:** Bargetto Winery, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Bonny Doon Vineyard, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Storrs Winery, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bargetto's, 3535 N. Main St., Soquel; Bonny Doon Vineyard, 2 Pine Flat Road, Santa Cruz; Storrs, Old Sash Mill, 303 Potrero St., No. 35, Santa Cruz.

**TICKETS:** Free.

**DETAILS:** Bargetto Winery 475-2258 or [www.bargetto.com](http://www.bargetto.com); Bonny Doon Vineyard 425-3625 or [www.bonnydoonvineyard.com](http://www.bonnydoonvineyard.com); Storrs Winery 458-5030 or [www.storrsvine.com](http://www.storrsvine.com).

**5. VISIT ELKHORN SLOUGH:** Celebrate the natural side of Amer-

ican history by canoeing in the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. You can explore on your own or join a docent-led tour at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Kayak or canoe rentals are available at the Kayak Connection from \$30 to \$85.

**WHEN:** Self-led tours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; docent-led tours, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Elkhorn Slough, 1700 Elkhorn Road, Watsonville; Kayak Connection, 2370 Highway 1, Moss Landing.

**TICKETS:** Trail access \$2.50 adults 16 and over.

**DETAILS:** Elkhorn Slough, 728-2822 or [www.elkhornslough.org](http://www.elkhornslough.org); Kayak Connection 724-5692 or [www.kayakconnection.com](http://www.kayakconnection.com).

**6. GO ANTIQUING:** Drive to Soquel and visit some wonderful antique stores, most of which are on the 4000 block of Soquel Drive. Spend a relaxing day rummaging through collectibles — you're bound to find something that will get you reminiscing.

**7. TAKE PART IN THE GREAT RACE:** Go to Watsonville and watch the the country's longest-running vintage automobile rally roll through town. More than 100 automobiles participate each year. The race began in Jacksonville, Fla., on June 19, and will end in Monterey on July 3 after cruising Watsonville.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

**WHERE:** Main Street, Watsonville.

**COSTS:** Free.

**DETAILS:** [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com).

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## San Lorenzo Valley

### 1880s Family Fourth of July

Spend Fourth of July celebrating in 1880s style. The whole family can participate in gold panning, candlemaking, frog races and other games while enjoying a country/western band and barbecue lunch at Roaring Camp Railroads.

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., barbecue lunch noon to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Roaring Camp Railroads, 5355 Graham Hill Road, Felton.

**COST:** Frog races, \$3; barbecue, \$2-\$18; steam train rides, \$18 adults, \$12 children; beach train rides, \$20 adults, \$15 children.

**DETAILS:** 335-4484 or [www.roaring-camp.com](http://www.roaring-camp.com).

### Ben Lomond 48th Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Join the hard-working firefighters of Ben Lomond for a hearty breakfast of pancakes, French toast, sausages, eggs, coffee, orange juice and milk, followed by a raffle for various prizes.

**WHEN:** 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Ben Lomond firehouse, 9430 Highway 9, Ben Lomond.

**COST:** \$6 adults, \$3 children 12 and under.

**DETAILS:** 336-5495.

### Ben Lomond 109th Fourth of July

Watch a flag-raising by the Boy Scouts, sing patriotic songs, enjoy a barbecue, homemade ice cream and desserts, plant sale, silent auction of donated items, book sale, fiddler, big

## Friday

### Fireworks at Watsonville Speedway

To get a jump on the holiday weekend, check out the racing program at the Watsonville Speedway, which will feature Nascar Superstocks, IMCA Modifieds, Nascar American Stocks and a figure 8 race. The event is sponsored by Gleason Salinas RV Sales.

**WHEN:** Gates open 5 p.m., racing program 7 p.m., fireworks begin at dark, shortly after 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** 2601 E. Lake Ave.

**COST:** \$10 adults, \$6 children 12 and under.

**DETAILS:** 728-5063 or 728-4747 (hotline).

## July 10

### Independence Day Beach Cleanup

Join nearly 1,000 volunteers to clean up 35 miles of coastline after the celebrations. The cleanup targets trash, recyclables and cigarette butts. The day will end with a barbecue, live music and a raffle of donated items such as surfboards, wet suits, gift certificates, clothing, sandals, sunglasses and much more. Portraits, photography, prints, local wine, gift certificates and coupons will be sold by silent auction. The cleanup, sponsored by the nonprofit Pack Your Trash, is open to the entire family. Beach captains are still needed.

**WHEN:** July 10, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Begins at East Cliff Drive and 32nd Avenue, Live Oak, next to Elizabeth's Market.

**COST:** Free. Raffle tickets \$1.

**DETAILS:** Ray Conti 465-8645 or Jeni Brill 462-1394.

bubbles and face painting. The event benefits the Little Red School House, which includes a community meeting place, small library and a developing nature center.

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Little Red School House, Alba Road, Ben Lomond.

**COST:** Free entrance. Barbecue, \$5; homemade ice cream and desserts, 50 cents to \$1.50.

**DETAILS:** 336-2828.

### Boulder Creek Fireman's Pancake Breakfast

The all-you-can-eat breakfast raises funds to buy replacement and new medical and rescue supplies. T-shirts,

coffee mugs, sweatshirts, custom-made blankets and throws, and Hawaiian firefighter shirts all will be on sale.

**WHEN:** 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**WHERE:** 13230 Central Ave., Station 1, Boulder Creek.

**COST:** \$7 general; \$3, children 12 and under.

**DETAILS:** 338-7222.

### Boulder Creek Fourth of July parade

A 'Classic Family Small Town Patriotic Parade' will end with a picnic at Junction Park. Parade

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# MOVIE GUIDE

Below are mini-reviews of movies playing in the county, including information for parents on potentially objectionable material. For movie information, please check out the Sentinel Web site's Movie Zone at [www.santacruzsentinel.com](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com).

## SELECTED FILMS PLAYING

### 'CARANDIRU'

**The Nickelodeon, (4:10), 7 p.m. 426-7500** ... (R: Strong violence, carnage, language, drug use and sexuality.) The story of Carandiru, a cellblock in the notorious House of Detention, the largest prison in Latin America was adapted to film by Hector Babenco. The book, 'Carandiru Station,' was a best-seller in Brazil and tells the story of a village behind walls, invisible to the outside world. At the top of the prison's hierarchy is Ebony, a prisoner himself and the mayor, prosecutor and judge of the cellblock. The Doctor acts as the observer, portraying the code of ethics and the draconian system of justice within the prison. As the men begin to confide in him, viewers learn where they've come from and what they've done to end up at Carandiru. The film is humane, lavish and certainly worth viewers' time. 2 hours, 45 minutes. **Verdict: A-** (Dennis Morton, Sentinel correspondent).

### 'CONTROL ROOM'

**The Nickelodeon, (2:20), 9:45 p.m. 426-7500** ... (Not rated.) Jehane Noujaim's must-see documentary offers us a fierce — yet often surprisingly friendly — debate about the clashing ways in which the American invasion and takeover of Iraq has been portrayed by both American and Arab journalists. The movie is not necessarily stacked in favor of Al-Jazeera, the major media provider in the Arab world, but it exists principally to cor-

rect the average American's misconception of it. The movie slithers among Al-Jazeera reporters and editors, reporters from Fox News, CNN and NBC, Iraqi citizens, American and Arab soldiers and those flickering TV images of President Bush and Rumsfeld. Who is speaking the truth, you'll have to decide for yourself when you see this astonishing film. 1 hour, 31 minutes. **Verdict: B** (Joe Baltake, Sacramento Bee).

### 'THE CORPORATION'

**The Nickelodeon, (3:10), 6, 8:50 p.m. 426-7500** ... (Not rated: Could be R for graphic images and adult themes.) This stylish and enlivening documentary serves as a kind of primer for the anti-corporate left. Mixing left thinkers such as Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn and Michael Moore with famous business celebrities such as Milton Friedman and Peter Drucker, Canadian filmmakers Jennifer Abbott and Mark Achbar work from a clever conceit. Since the law considers a corporation possessed of the same rights given to a person, the film asks: What kind of person would be the modern-day corporation be? The answer is not pretty and with savvy and insight, this film paints a disturbing picture of tyranny in our midst. 2 hours, 32 minutes. **Verdict: A-** (Wallace Baine, Sentinel staff writer).

### 'DODGEBALL: A TRUE UNDERDOG STORY'

**Santa Cruz Cinema 9, (10:25 a.m.), (12:35), (3:00), (5:30), 8, 10:20 p.m. 460-2599; Scotts Valley Cinemas, (12:30), (3), 5:10, 7:30, 9:40 p.m. 438-3260; Green Valley Cinemas, (12:15), (2:30), 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 p.m. 761-8200** ... (PG-13: Rude and sexual humor, profanity.) An agreeably stupid comedy about the sport of 'violence, exclusion and degradation,' featuring lots

of scenes of rubber balls hitting heads and groins, but will please fans of underdog comedies like 'Stripes' and 'Animal House.' A struggling gym owner (Vince Vaughn) has to compete against the mega-gym next door in a dodgeball tournament to win the money he needs to stay open. The movie succeeds in large part because of the affection director Rawson Marshall Thurber has for his characters. This is pretty low-brow stuff, but funny. 1 hour, 37 minutes. **Verdict: B-** (Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News).

### 'FAHRENHEIT 9/11'

**Del Mar, (1:30), (2), (4), (4:30), 6:30, 7, 9, 9:30, 426-7500** ... (R: Some violent and disturbing images and language.) This much-anticipated documentary is a blistering indictment of the George W. Bush administration and its actions both before and after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Moore leaves nothing unscrutinized, including Bush's record as a businessman, his relationship with the Saudi royal family and his reaction — caught on tape — to the Sept. 11 attacks. While it is clear that this film depicts Moore's own opinions, he cites known facts, statistics, public record, newsreel and video footage to boost his assertions. Moore's intention is, clearly, to impugn the integrity of the Bush administration and prove to Americans that they had been manipulated with fear into accepting the erosion of civil rights via the Patriot Act and sending their brethren to die in the Middle East. 1 hour, 56 minutes. **Verdict: A** (Helen Meservey, Sentinel correspondent).

### 'NAPOLEON DYNAMITE'

**The Nickelodeon, (3:20), (5:20), 7:20, 9:20 p.m. 426-7500** ... (PG: Thematic elements, language.) This offbeat,

teen comedy, co-written by first-time director Jared Hess and his wife, Jerusha Hess, features Jon Heder as Napoleon, a student at Preston High School in the Gem State of Idaho. Despite getting his head slammed into lockers by the jock bullies of his school on a regular basis and having to live with his unemployed, 31-year-old brother Kip (Aaron Ruell), Napoleon is eternally optimistic. The odd-ball hero befriends Pedro (Efren Ramirez), the school's first Latino student, and Deb (Tina Majorino), a girl trying to raise money for college by selling homemade keychains door to door, and helps them make their high school dreams come true. Though 'Napoleon Dynamite' has its flaws, it is definitely the work of an exciting new filmmaker who is worth keeping an eye on. 1 hour, 30 minutes. **Verdict: A+** (Catherine Graham, Sentinel correspondent).

### 'THE NOTEBOOK'

**Riverfront Twin, (1), (4), 7, 9:45 p.m. 460-2599; Scotts Valley Cinemas, (1:30), 4:20, 7:20, 10 p.m. 438-3260** ... (PG-13: Some sexuality.) This all-too-familiar love story based on Nicholas Sparks' novel is told in extended flashbacks and overextended sentimentality. 'The Notebook' is a version of the poor-boy-woorich-girl formula with somewhat of a modern twist. In the years preceding World War II, Noah (Ryan Gosling) and Allie (Rachel McAdams) fall deeply in love, to the horror of Allie's family. They are separated due to Noah's military service and other, unavoidable circumstances, and Allie eventually meets another handsome soldier, one from an acceptable social caste. The tension rotates around this love triangle, which culminates years later when Allie is found suffering from Alzheimer's disease. A devoted companion reads her true sto-

ries from his notebook, and viewers are left to wonder which man she chose in her youth. 2 hours, 1 minute. **Verdict: D** (Helen Meservey, Sentinel correspondent).

### 'SHREK 2'

**Santa Cruz Cinema 9, (11:45 a.m.), (2:10), (4:35), 7:10, 9:20 p.m. 460-2599; Skyview Drive-In, 11:20 p.m. 475-3405; Aptos Cinemas, (noon), (2:10), 7:20 p.m. 688-6541; Green Valley Cinemas, (noon), (2:15), 4:30, 7, 9:15 p.m. 761-8200** ... (PG: Some crude humor and mildly suggestive references.) Don't give the computer-animated crown to the Pixar people quite yet. DreamWorks follows up its huge 2001 hit with more of the same in a delightfully fractured fairy tale that has the whole package: zippy dialogue, sly pop-culture references, terrifically hip contemporary music and eye-popping animation. This time, ol' Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) travels with his new bride Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and trusty sidekick Donkey (Eddie Murphy) to visit Fiona's royal parents with predictably outrageous results. Kids will love it, and parents won't be able to stand up to the film's seductions either. 1 hour, 33 minutes. **Verdict: A-** (Wallace Baine, Sentinel film writer).

### 'SPIDER-MAN 2'

**Santa Cruz Cinema 9, (10:15 a.m.), (10:55 a.m.), (12:15 p.m.), (1:05 p.m.), (1:50 p.m.), (3:15 p.m.), (4:00 p.m.), (4:45 p.m.), 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:45, 460-2599; Scotts Valley Cinemas, 12:25 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 438-3260; Aptos Cinemas, 12:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 688-6541; Green Valley Cinemas, (12:30 p.m.), (1:30 p.m.), (3:15 p.m.), (4:15 p.m.), 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.,**

8:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 761-8200; Watsonville Fox, call for showtimes, 724-1220. (PG-13: Action violence.) 'From the opening Marvel-esque drawings that summarize the first "Spider-Man" to the final, poignant shot that leaves the door wide open for "Spider-Man 3," it's hard to imagine a more enjoyable way to spend a couple of summer hours than seeing 'Spider-Man 2.' Director Sam Raimi clearly thought through every detail this film, shot by shot. The story, written in part by Michael Chabon (his 'Adventures of Kavalier and Clay' about comic-book writers in the 1940s won the Pulitzer), is as warm and funny as the original, displaying a clear affection for and understanding of the characters. 2 hours, 2 minutes. **Verdict: A+** (Catherine Graham, Sentinel)

### 'THE STORY OF THE WEEPING CAMEL'

**Del Mar, (1:15), (3:15), (5:15), 7:15, 9:20 p.m. 425-0616** ... (PG: Brief nudity, animal birthing.) According to a legend told by Mongolian nomads a ritual that binds mother camel to her calf has the side effect of causing the mother to weep real tears. Director Byambasuren Davaa, the granddaughter of a Mongolian nomad, headed to the Gobi Desert with a film crew and found a rare, snow-white new-born camel whose mother refused to nurse it. An authentic nomad family is then recruited to make the journey to a village to find someone to perform the ritual which will set things right with mother and baby. The majestic power of the movie has as much to do with the humans as the animals. Davaa bravely ducks the trend of fast action in today's popular movies by presenting the harsh, uninvented desert environment for what it is, silent and slow moving. 1 hour, 30 minutes. **Verdict: A-** (Catherine Graham, Sentinel correspondent).

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includes entertainment, classic cars, fire engines, a lumberjack brigade, Chicks with Chainsaws and the Red Hat Society. To participate in the parade, fill out an application available at Country Home, 13124 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, or Sincerely Yours, 13130 Highway 9, Boulder Creek. Deadline for participation is July 2.

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Highway 9 between Scarborough Lumber and Railroad Avenue.

**COST:** Free.

**DETAILS:** Ann Marie Conrad of Boulder Creek Hardware, 338-6833.

## Fourth of July 10K run

Take a run through the Santa Cruz Mountains and end up at the Picnic in the Park.

**WHEN:** Meet at 9:30 a.m., starting the run at the parade.

**WHERE:** Junction Park, corner of Middleton Avenue and Junction Avenue, Boulder Creek.

**COST:** Free.

**DETAILS:** Wendy 338-4144 or [www.bcrpd.org](http://www.bcrpd.org).

## Picnic in the Park

Sponsored by the Boulder Creek Recreation & Park District, the Picnic follows the Boulder Creek Fourth of July Parade and will include live music, an open mic, dunk booth, barbecue, kids' games and crafts, face painting, a mural-contest winners announcement and the parade's awards ceremony.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Junction Park, corner of Middleton Avenue and Junction Avenue, Boulder Creek.

**COST:** To be announced.

**DETAILS:** Wendy, 338-4144.

## Santa Cruz

### Firecracker 10K Run and Kids' 1K Run

The whole family can fuel up with a pancake breakfast before starting the 10K or 1K run. In past years, a barbecue was held at the park. It has been cancelled this year due to budget cuts.

**WHEN:** Pancake breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., race begins at 8 a.m.

**WHERE:** Harvey West Park, 326 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz.

**COST:** 10K run \$25; 1K run \$15. Race-day registration, \$30 for 10K; \$20 1K.

**DETAILS:** 421-0334 or [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1141320](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1141320). Register online by 5 p.m. on July 3 or on race day 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

### MAH's Fourth of July celebration

Celebrate Independence Day in the spirit of Santa Cruz settlers. Hear stories about early-day Santa Cruz movers and shakers and Fourth of July traditions of Santa Cruz. A tour of historic Evergreen cemetery will feature the Gourley Family, Judge Blackburn and newspaper editor A.A. Taylor. Apple pie and lemonade will be served.

**WHEN:** Noon.

**WHERE:** Evergreen Cemetery, Coral and Evergreen Streets, Santa Cruz.

**COST:** Suggested donation, \$2.

**DETAILS:** 429-1964 or [www.santacruzmah.org](http://www.santacruzmah.org).

### 1904 Independence Day Celebration

Go back to 1904 and celebrate Independence Day with a parade, raising a 45-star flag, a Declaration of Independence reading, music, speeches, cake-walks, old-fashioned picnic games, liv-

ing history demonstrations, food and drink booths, wagon rides and hand-cranked ice cream.

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parade at noon, cake walks 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wilder Ranch State Park, 1401 Coast Road, Santa Cruz.

**COST:** Free admission, parking \$6-\$10.

**DETAILS:** 426-0505 or [www.santacruzstateparks.org](http://www.santacruzstateparks.org).

## Aptos

### World's Shortest Parade

This celebration includes a pancake breakfast, an antique show and the Party in the Park with five live bands, food, arts and crafts, children's games, volleyball and much more.

**WHEN:** Pancake breakfast, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.; parade, 10 a.m. to noon; Party in the Park, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Aptos Village Park.

**WHERE:** Lions pancake breakfast at Britannia Arms, 8017 Soquel Drive, Aptos; Antique show at the parking lot of Trout's Gulch Crossing, 8047 Soquel Drive, Aptos; parade begins at State Park and Soquel drives, Aptos, and ends at Bay View Hotel in Aptos Village.

**COST:** Pancake breakfast, \$6 adults, \$3 children; parade participation, \$1 walkers, \$10 vehicle; Party in the Park asks \$3 donation from adults.

**DETAILS:** 688-1467 or [www.aptoschamber.com](http://www.aptoschamber.com). Deadline for parade participation is today.

## Pajaro Valley

### Spirit of Watsonville

Join the city of Watsonville in celebrating July Fourth and the city's 152nd birthday. Kick off the day with a pancake breakfast, then head to a festival to enjoy children's activities,

food booths and nonprofit organizations booths. Grand Parade wraps things up at 2 p.m.

**WHEN:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., parade 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Downtown Plaza, parade on Main Street, pancake breakfast on Peck Street, Watsonville.

**COST:** Breakfast, \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, children 12 and under.

**DETAILS:** Doug Mattos, 728-6183, [www.spiritofwatsonville.org](http://www.spiritofwatsonville.org).

## Pajaro Valley

### Historical Association Fourth of July Barbecue

The Pajaro Valley Historical Association sponsors a barbecue lunch of tri-tip, beans, salad and more for the whole family.

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Garden at the Bockius-Orr House, 332 East Beach St., Watsonville.

**COST:** \$20. Mail checks to PVHA, P.O. Box 623, Watsonville, CA 95077.

**DETAILS:** 722-0305; street parking only.

## Granite Rock

### Independence Day

Celebrate with a hearty barbecue and an evening of live music with Little Anthony and the Imperials, the Dixie Land Band, combined Monterey Bay and Santa Cruz symphonies and

the Joe Sharino Band. Evening wraps up with a fireworks show.

**WHEN:** Barbecue 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., live music 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., fireworks start at 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wilson Quarry, Aromas.

**COST:** \$30 adults, \$10 children, dinner \$15. Tickets for the event and barbecue dinner must be bought in advance; none will be sold at the door.

**DETAILS:** 768-2007 or [www.graniterock.com/pr040504.html](http://www.graniterock.com/pr040504.html).

## Monterey

### Fourth of July 2004 in Monterey

If you don't mind a bit of traffic, head over to Monterey for an all-day event. The holiday kicks off with a flag-raising ceremony followed by a parade and a lawn party with a free backyard barbecue and live music. Find a good spot at the Monterey Beach, perhaps along Del Monte Avenue, or at the Wharf and stick around for the fireworks.

**WHEN:** Flag-raising, 10 a.m.;

parade, 10:15 a.m.; lawn party, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; fireworks, 9:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Flag-raising ceremony at Alvarado Street. Parade begins at Alvarado and Polk streets. Lawn party at Colton Hall Lawn.

**COST:** None.

**DETAILS:** 646-3427 or [www.monterey.org/four/index.html](http://www.monterey.org/four/index.html).

## Fireworks Cruise

Get an unobstructed view of the Monterey fireworks show from the Sea Wolf II or the Point Sur Clipper, owned by Monterey Bay Whale Watch.

**WHEN:** Boarding, 7:30 p.m.; cruise 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sam's Fishing Fleet, 84 Fisherman's Wharf.

**COST:** \$20.

**DETAILS:** 375-4658 or [www.montereybaywhalewatch.com](http://www.montereybaywhalewatch.com).