

# Events How to Stuff a Wild Burrito

THE 11TH ANNUAL Watsonville Burrito Bash is back once again and it's bigger than ever. Local restaurants will be selling and stuffing everything imaginable into a flour tortilla and proceeds will benefit the Watsonville Parks & Recreations Advocates which provides programs for youths from throughout the area. "This event really supports programs that our shrinking budget can't handle," says Burrito Bash chairman Debra Moonan-Churchill.

The two-day cultural event incorporates live music, carnival rides, children's contests and a jalapeño eating contest. "The Burrito Bash was developed 11 years ago when the parks and recreations department was looking for a creative fundraiser," says Moonan. "We looked at all these other communities who had their garlic festivals or their artichoke festivals and then we looked at our own commu-

nity and noticed that we had so many good Mexican restaurants."

In addition to a multitude of diverse food booths, the event will include jugglers and magicians for the kiddie set as well as an appearance by everybody's favorite purple dinosaur. A petting zoo and American Indian village will also be on hand to entertain young and old alike. Live music will include sets by The Suzi Q's, The Love Dogs and local boy made good Greg Kihn.

Rock icon Ritchie Valens will also be recognized in a tribute called *The Legend Continues*. Members of his family as well as Donna, the woman he wrote his most famous song about, will also be on hand to sign a commemorative stamp postcard that will be available at the U.S. Postal Service later this summer.

Some of the newer additions to this year's festivities include a carnival with rides and many arts and crafts booths. "Our goal is to make

sure that when you come out with the family, from grandma to the kids, everyone will have something to do," says Moonan.

A Burrito Bash Dance this Saturday at Cilantro's Restaurant on 1934 Main Street in Watsonville will include music by the Shine Band, and takes place from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Longtime Burrito Bash participant Rancho Grande Restaurant, located at 1205 Freedom Boulevard in Watsonville will also play host to a salsa competition this Sunday starting at 6 p.m.

Key sponsor Wells Fargo Bank presents the Burrito Bash June 19 and 20 at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults,



**The Burrito Bash in Watsonville provides entertainment for young and old alike.**

\$3 for seniors and children 6-12 years of age. A carnival featuring rides and booths begins on Friday, June 18 and will go on through the duration of the Bash. For more information, call 728-6081.

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