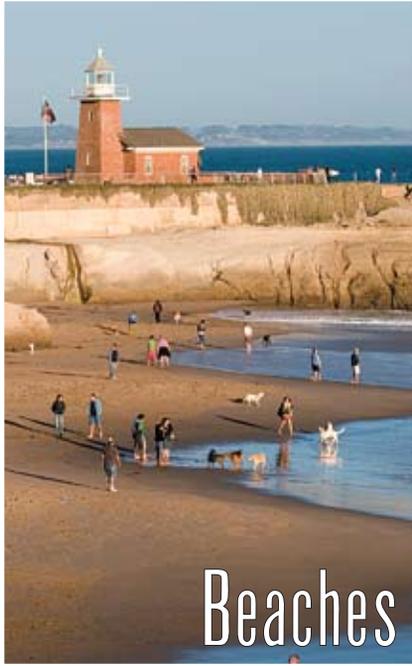


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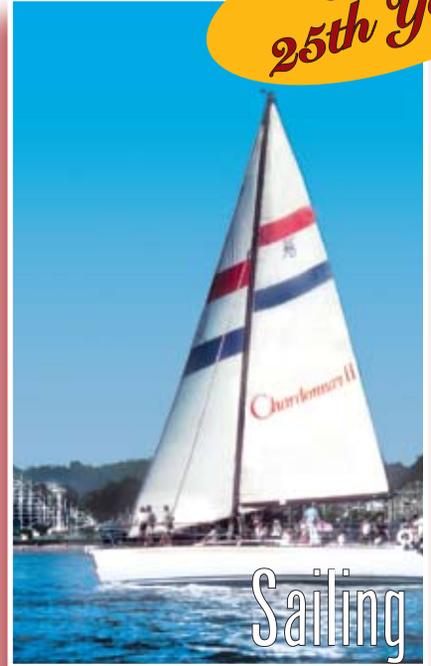
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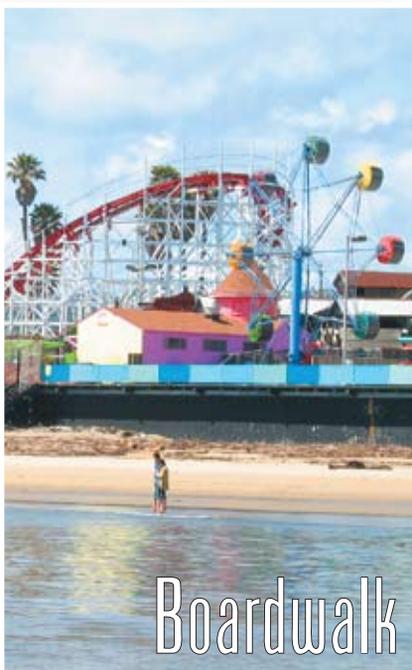
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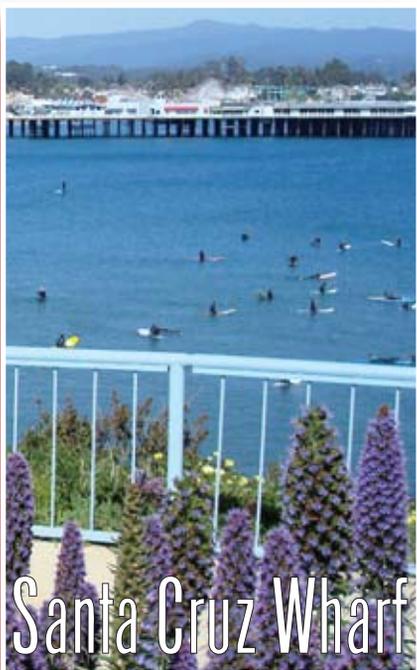
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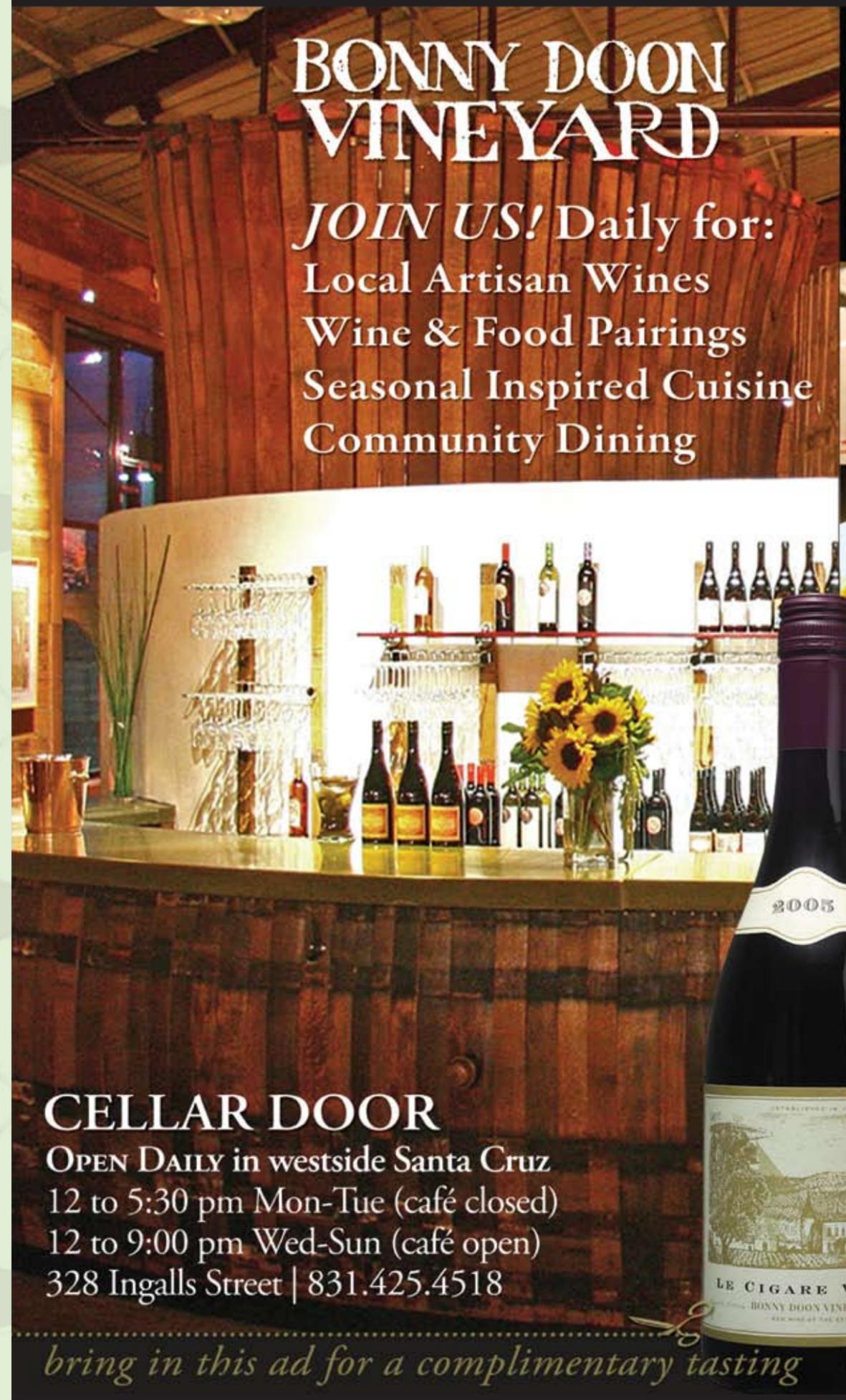
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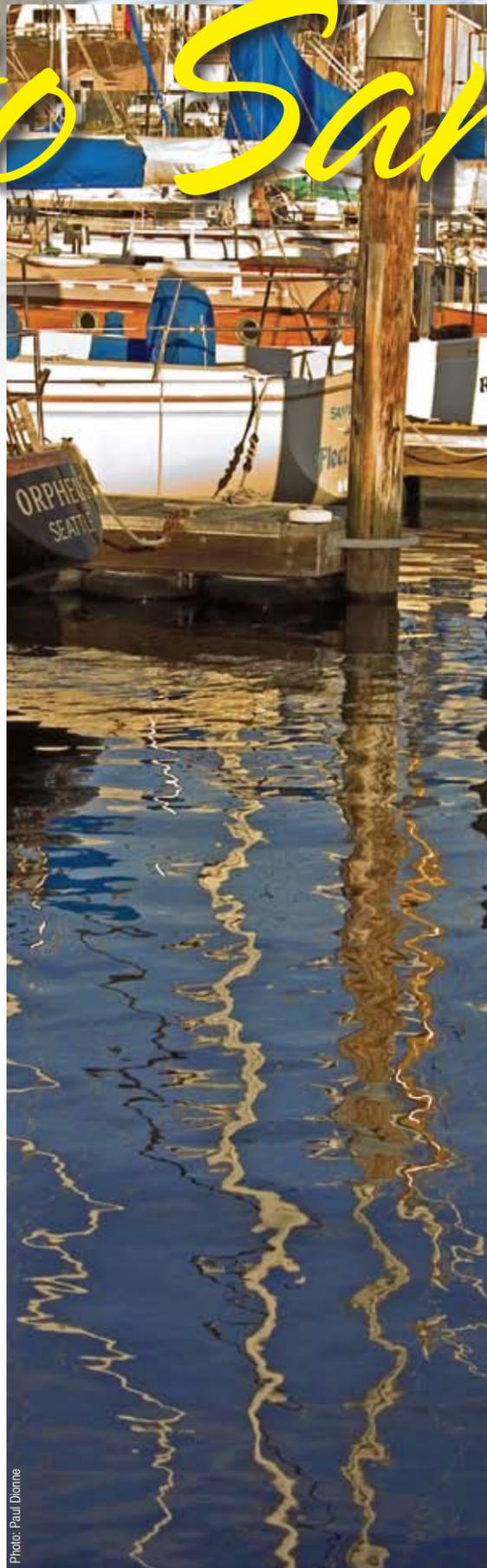


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This small seaside community has become one of the top tourist destinations in California – making all the marketing hype, quite simply, true. Buffered by a protective ring of redwood forests on one side and a glorious coastline on the other, the area's identity and reputation varies depending on who you ask; Although it is many things to many people, those who live here are justifiably proud of the place they call home.

And yes, the redwoods are tall and awe-inspiring, densely carpeted below and majestically reaching high into the heavens. People explore the trails and natural wonders, accompanied all the while by an ever-changing symphony of bird calls and squirrel chatter. Hikers discover clear streams and waterfalls, centuries-old trees, winding deer trails and the welcome embrace that only a forest this old, and this pristine, can offer. In fact, in 1906, the first "Save the Redwoods" campaign resulted in Big Basin Redwoods State Park – 18,000 acres of old growth, now gently dissected by almost 100 miles of trails.

The wild Pacific stretches the length of the county, its coastline highlighted by the fabled Highway One. Slightly tamed by the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary, and home to a 10,000 foot-deep chasm that's twice the depth of the Grand Canyon, the water, though chilly, is home to all kinds of wildlife, from otters and sea lions to salmon and migrating whales. Surfers, kayakers and sailboats of all sizes can be found as well as many beaches – some rocky inlets, others sandy havens.

On a clear day, the mountains across the bay in Monterey are visible, adding an Avalon-like mysticism to an area already steeped in alternative ways of thought and life. Adventurous fashion, food and nightlife abound, and the town remains an eclectic mix of '60s hippie idealism, surf culture and Silicon-Valley-is-our-neighbor chic. Don't be surprised when you find contemporary boutiques with the newest New York fashions next door to a bead shop, and gourmet vegetarian options on most menus. Serious surf, skateboard and cycling gear is not just sold but designed and made here, in stores next to the signature shop of, say, an internationally known glass artist or cookie company. The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, celebrating its 100th year in 2007, offers giddy family fun at an old-fashioned amusement park, complete with roller coasters, kiddie rides and an outdoor summer concert series.

Santa Cruz County plays host to the biggest names in the music and theater world, but also finds time to showcase its own local talent, and a burgeoning art scene that includes monthly "art walks," and Open Studios events. Santa Cruz is also home to the University of California at Santa Cruz, which guarantees the vibrant addition of

new and contemporary ideas into almost every facet of life.

A stone's throw down the coast is Capitola Village, a tony enclave of restaurants, shops and boutique hotels built around a postcard-perfect beach with its own esplanade. It's the home of the world-famous Begonia Festival each summer, where flower-bedecked floats make their way down a small creek and a Sand Castle Contest is held on the beach. Capitola Village is the quintessential California beach town, where surfers ride the waves, kids play in the sand and couples stroll happily hand in hand.

Nearby is Aptos Village, anchored by an historic bed and breakfast and the 10,000-acre Nisene Marks State Park, and home to a Blues Festival in May.

If you continue south you'll find the fertile Pajaro Valley and the city of Watsonville. Long known as an agricultural haven, apples, berries, artichokes and a variety of other crops grow here. The first "organic baby salad greens" were produced and marketed from this area.

Nestled in the mountains around Santa Cruz, you'll find Ben Lomond, Felton and Boulder Creek, three towns of the San Lorenzo Valley. Notable for their long history that's tied in so many ways to the redwood forests, you'll find real working steam trains at Big Trees & Roaring Camp Railroad, miles of trails through redwood glens at Henry Cowell or Big Basin State Parks, and Loch Lomond, an 87-acre fishing lake.

Whatever your reasons for visiting Santa Cruz, do take an hour or so and drive North on Highway One out of town, past the fields, till it's just you, the glittering Pacific and the occasional other car. On the way, you'll find any number of places to stop: some, like Davenport Landing, are marked, but others are little more than a pullover with a trail leading to the water or simply a vista for that perfect photo.

An insider's tip: when in doubt, head toward the water. You'll find places to sit, shop and stroll, interesting people to talk to (and watch), all sorts of good food to eat and, more than likely, something going on such as art and music festivals, outrigger canoe and sailboat races, antique and street fairs, winery tasting rooms, beach barbecues, street theater – you name it, Santa Cruz County's got it. □



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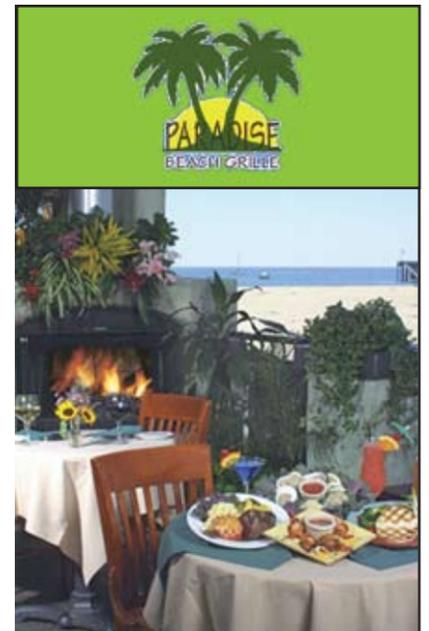
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**Pasatiempo Golf Club** is rated as one of the Top 100 Golf Courses in America. Designed by Alistair MacKenzie, it was constructed in 1929 and has withstood the test of time. A full pro-shop and restaurant are on the premises. The golf course boasts a magnificent view of the Monterey Bay. Open daily 7am to dusk. 18 Clubhouse Rd., Santa Cruz (831)459-9155. [pasatiempo.com](http://pasatiempo.com).

**DeLaveaga Golf Course.** This newly renovated municipal golf course is well known for its tree lined fairways, deep canyons, and infamous 10th hole. This beautiful facility offers a full service pro shop, a two-story, lighted driving range and an award-winning restaurant. Open daily from sunrise to sunset. Located at 401 Upper Park Road, top of DeLaveaga Drive, Santa Cruz. (831) 423-7212. [delaveagagolf.com](http://delaveagagolf.com).

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**Spring Hills Golf Course.** The stunning views of the sweeping Pajaro Valley are yours when playing this public course. 501 Spring Hills Drive, Watsonville. (831) 724-1404.

**Valley Garden Golf Course.** Challenging to both the experienced and beginning golfer, Valley Gardens is a beautiful place to play. 263 Mount Hermon Road in Scotts Valley. (831) 438-3058. [valleygarden-golf.com](http://valleygarden-golf.com).

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### **Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music**

The Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music is pleased to announce its 47th season led by Music Director and Conductor Marin Alsop from August 2 to 16. Most recently named Musical America's 2009 Conductor of the Year, Alsop's vision for her 18th season at the Cabrillo Festival spans across the globe—and features works by the hottest composers from Argentina, Australia, Finland, Israel, Mexico, Scotland, the UK and the US. This season includes one World premiere, five US premieres

and three West Coast premieres in what the Wall Street Journal has hailed as "two of the most thoughtful and original summer musical weekends anywhere in America."

Some festival highlights include: Opening Night on Friday, August 7 at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, a Free Family Concert with a petting zoo-style Tour of the Orchestra, where kids get to meet the orchestra players—up close and personal to be held on Sunday, August 9 at 1pm at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, followed by "Sugar Magnolia," A Benefit Concert and Tribute to the Grateful Dead that evening at 8pm. The finale concerts are "Music at the Mission in San Juan Bautista" on Sunday August 16 at 4:30pm and 8pm. For festival tickets and the full schedule go to [cabrillomusic.org](http://cabrillomusic.org) or [santacruztickets.com](http://santacruztickets.com).

### **Surf City Classic**

The Surf City Classic, the 16th Annual Woodies On The Wharf, will take place Saturday, June 27 from 10am to 4pm at the scenic Santa Cruz Wharf with more than 200 pre-1950s "woodies" on display. This FREE celebration of the surf spirit and classic surf wagons is fun for the entire family. Music, T-shirts, memorabilia and prize drawings add to the excitement. Free bike valet. (831)420-5273 or visit [ci.santa-cruz.ca.us](http://ci.santa-cruz.ca.us).

### **Japanese Cultural Fair**

The Japanese Cultural Fair will be held Saturday, June 20 from 11am-6pm at Mission Plaza Park, a short walk from downtown Santa Cruz.

It hosts traditional and contemporary dance and musical performances, a martial arts presentation, craft workshops, Taiko drumming, Okinawan Dance and Tea Ceremony, and Japanese food. Open and free to the public. [jcfsc.org](http://jcfsc.org).

### **Aloha Races & Polynesian Festival**

Aloha Celebrity Races & Polynesian Festival will be held on Sunday, August 16, 9am-5pm at the Santa Cruz Wharf with the races starting at 9am and the festival at 11am. Designed especially for new and novice paddlers, the Ce-

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### **Cabrillo Stage**

The Cabrillo Stage Theater will perform two plays this summer at Cabrillo College in Aptos: "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" (June 26 to July 26) and "The Wizard of Oz" (July 17 to August 16.) "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" is Seinfeld set to music and makes for a great "date" show. "The Wizard of Oz"—a girl, a twister, and a pair of ruby slippers—the kids will love it! Before there was "Wicked" there was this timeless tale of a girl trying to find her way home. For tickets and schedule call 831-479-6154 or visit [cabrillostage.com](http://cabrillostage.com).



Begonia Festival boat parade.

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### **Capitola Begonia Festival**

The 57th Annual Capitola Begonia Festival takes place on Sept 4 through Sept 7 over Labor Day Weekend. Highlights include: Capitola Fall Film Festival on the beach, bring your picnic dinner, chairs and blankets. Sat. Sept 5, Sand Sculpture Contest 8:30am to 12noon. Sun., Sept 6, Horseshoes on the Sand at 8am, Nautical Parade on Soquel Creek from 1pm to 3pm, Concert in the Park 4 to 6pm. Mon., Sept. 7 is the Fishing Derby 6am to 12noon, Rowboat Races at 1pm. Parking is very limited. Take a shuttle bus service from the Lot on McGregor Drive. Exit on Park Avenue from Hwy 1. Call (831)476-3566. [begoniafestival.com](http://begoniafestival.com).

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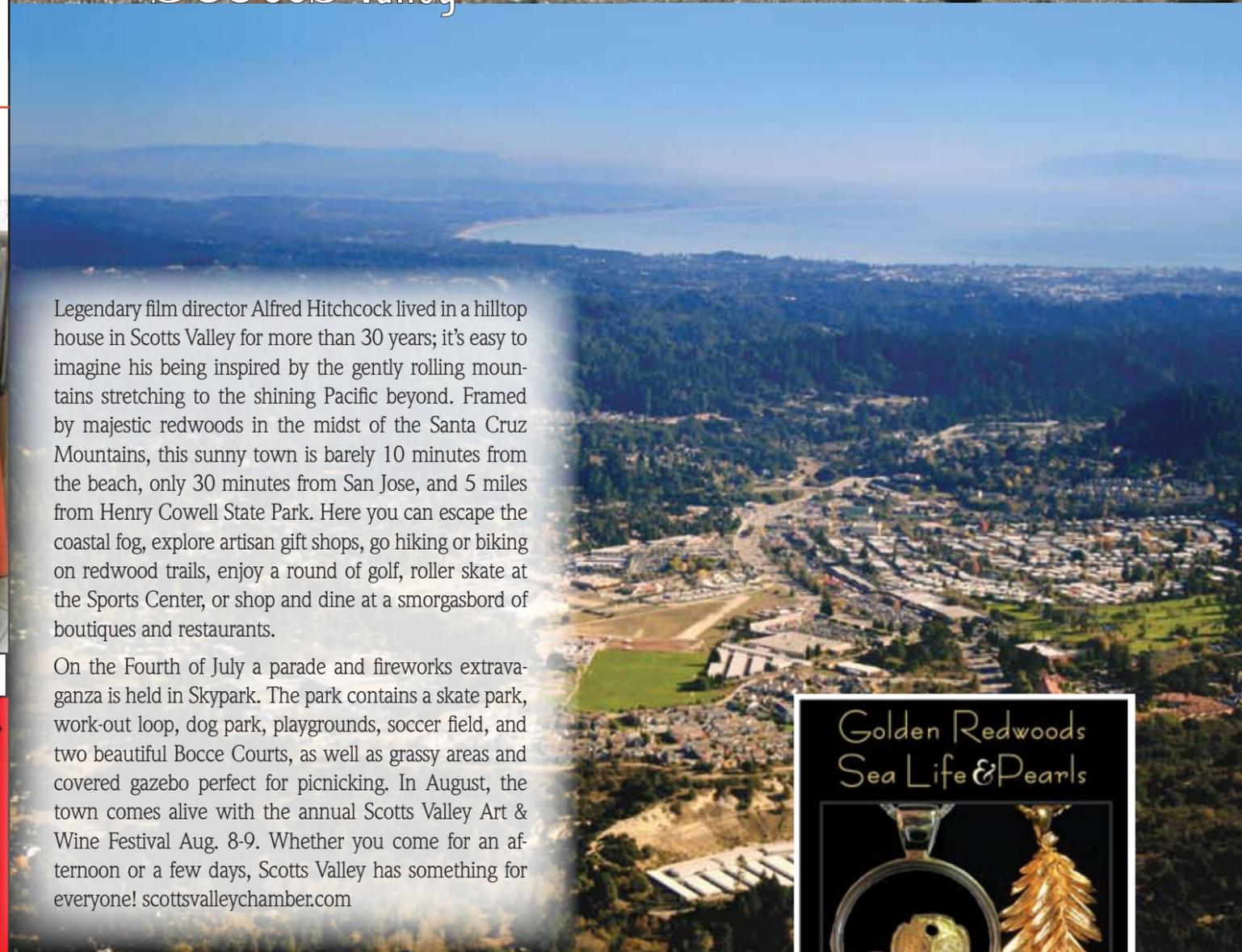


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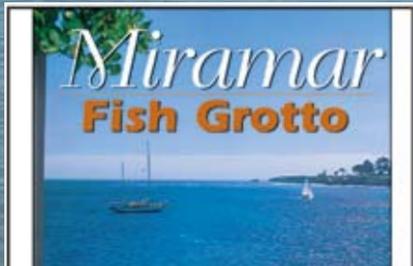
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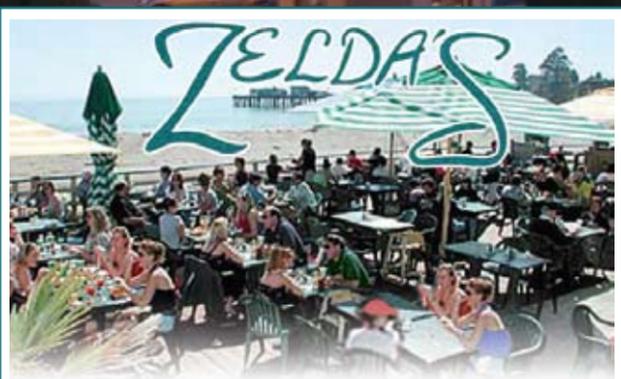


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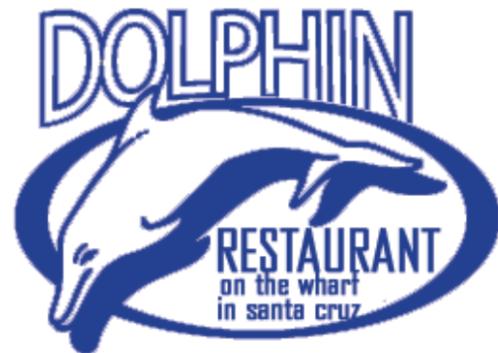
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