

# NEWS



## CALIFORNIA LOTTERY

**DAILY DERBY** 1st: 09 WINNING SPIRIT Race Time: 1.41.70  
2nd: 05 CALIFORNIA CLASSIC  
3rd: 11 MONEY BAGS

♦ Jackpot: \$122 million ♦

**MEGA MILLIONS** 10 20 32 33 54 M 39

♦ Jackpot: \$65 million ♦

**SUPER LOTTO** 2 8 16 23 42 M 7

**FANTASY FIVE** 3 8 26 28 39

**DAILY THREE MIDDAY** 9 6 3 **DAILY THREE EVENING** 8 6 4

**Today**  
Warm & Breezy  
83°

Summer is here across the southwest as a strong ridge of high pressure will continue to bring warmer than average temperatures to our area. In addition, some gusty winds are expected this evening, especially near the Santa Ynez Mountains.

**Tomorrow**  
Mo. Sunny, Breezy  
64/79°

**Thursday**  
Mo. Sunny, Warm  
63/79°

**Friday**  
AM Fog, Cooler  
62/76°

**Saturday**  
Patchy AM Fog  
63/77°

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Garden Wise Guys are back

Another episode of City TV's Garden Wise Guys will premiere this Sunday, with a focus on Santa Barbara's Firescape Garden, low-tech watering tools and efficient watering methods.

Wise Guys Billy Goodnick and Owen Dell will also show viewers how items that might normally be tossed into a landfill can be reused creatively in the garden. The first 10 viewers that submit their comments about the show through an online survey at [www.citytv18.com](http://www.citytv18.com) will receive a \$20 gift certificate to the Home Improvement Center. Garden Wise Guys airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on Channel 18, and Monday to Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. on County GATV 20.

#### Officials want input on funds

Forest officials are asking local residents to weigh in on how state funds, if awarded, will be used to maintain and enhance off-highway vehicle routes and trails in the Los Padres National Forest. A grant application has been submitted to the state's Off-Highway Vehicle Commission, and if approved, funds will be used for trail and facility maintenance, informational signs, cultural and wildlife protection, habitat restoration and law enforcement, as well as safety and education outreach. For more detailed information on how the funding will be used, visit [www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres) or call 805-961-5748. Public comments can be sent before September 13 to Los Padres National Forest, Attn: Rich Tobin, 6755 Hollister Ave., Suite 150, Goleta, CA 93117.

# Chili town opens on Milpas

**R**EADER AUBREY tipped me off to the arrival of Chili Town at 730 N. Milpas, the former location of the DogHouse. Chili Town specializes in chili char burgers and is run by Mark Abrishami, who also owns Luigi's Pizza & Pasta in Goleta.



**JOHN DICKSON**

Everything is made fresh, including the burgers, the chili and even the bun. Luigi's in Goleta started offering chili burgers and they soon became very popular. Expanding the burger selection at an Italian restaurant would go against the theme so Mark decided to instead start a new restaurant that specialized in fresh char burgers. You can also order hot dogs, chili dogs, corn dogs, fries, chili fries, onion rings, a shake or a sundae.

**SPEAKING OF MILPAS:** Reader Foodie Dan tells me that a new restaurant is coming to 415 N. Milpas St, the former location of Hibachi and, more recently, Las Brisas. It will be called Pavilion Gardens. I stopped by to take a peek and the place is completely gutted. No need to start forming a line outside just yet.

**GIMME S'MORE:** I was dining at Holdren's in Thousand Oaks recently and discovered that they have an unusual dessert offering – real s'mores that you roast right at your dinner table. I overheard the people next to me ordering this so I asked my kind waiter Chad if he could give me a demonstration. Before I knew it, he brought out a small flaming

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goblet on a plate of colored stones (see photo in my online blog). What follows the fire is familiar to everyone: marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate bars and, of course, cooking sticks! After a lengthy discussion about iPhones with Chad, he told me that this classic campfire dessert is also available at Holdren's Steaks & Seafood in Santa Barbara.

**NEW IN THE GUIDE:** Reader Huyen wrote me an enthusiastic email recently about Laguna Store & Deli at 512 Laguna Street so I added them to the deli section of the guide. Here is her message: "I had a giant Carne Asada Chimichanga there for only \$5.00! They serve mainly Mexican food and hamburgers too. Beer & Wine, basic convenient market items too. Very reasonable prices and they also have patio seating and a parking lot."

**BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS:** Reader John tells me that Beachbreak Cafe in downtown Santa Barbara has taken over the space occupied by an adjacent business, doubling the restaurant's size. As SantaBarbara.com's very first "Restaurant of the Month" in October 2004, not long after they opened, I am happy to see Beachbreak continue to do well. Their food and service were excellent and it inspired me to create the monthly honor.

**BROWN PELICAN UPDATE:** Apparently Brown Pelican's 25-year

lease ends this December, which is the reason the County is taking action now to look for new management. The current management has begun a letter-writing campaign (2981 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara CA 93109) to drum up support.

**LA ARCADE UPDATE:** Two restaurants will be opening soon in La Arcada (1114 State St). Stateside Restaurant & Lounge, which is replacing Acapulco Restaurant, will offer a lunch to late night menu with a California-Asian focus. Petite Valentien, occupying the former location of Bogart's Cafe, which will offer small plates and tapas.

**SUMMERLAND SPECIAL:** Cafe Luna at 2354 Lillie Ave in Summerland has three specials available right now. Mondays: free medium cup of coffee 7-10am. Wednesdays: buy one pastry get one free. Fridays: free iced tea with your lunch order.

**BREAKFAST BARN:** The Burger Barn at 3621 Sagunto in Santa Ynez has started serving breakfast on weekends. They are now serving omelets, waffles, pancakes, french toast and South of the Border specials. Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-3pm, Sat-Sun 8am-4pm.

**TASTE OF THE NATION:** A nationwide culinary benefit, Taste of the Nation, supports the fight to end childhood hunger in America and is in the planning stages to bring their event to Santa Barbara. The event attracts over 50,000 guests each year nationwide. Sponsored by American Express, the benefits are held in different cities, which include food and wine tastings, seated dinners and outdoor barbecues. For details, see [TasteOfTheNation.org](http://TasteOfTheNation.org)

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## EVERY MONDAY

**RELIGION:** The Vairotsana Foundation is hosting a Medicine Buddha Healing Circle at 7 p.m., at 1524 Anacapa St in Santa Barbara. For more info call 899-8177 or visit [www.vairotsana.org](http://www.vairotsana.org).

## EVERY TUESDAY

**ITALIAN:** A free Italian conversation group, Parliamo!, meets from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Savory Café, 24 E Figueroa St. in Santa Barbara. Call 963-5340 for more info.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY

**MUSIC:** Rocks presents The Jazz Project, a 5 piece jazz ensemble performing every Wednesday at 9 p.m. No cover. 801 State St, Santa Barbara.

**FRENCH:** A free French conversation group, Le Cercle Francais meets from 5:30-7 p.m. at Pacific Crepes, 705 Anacapa St. in Santa Barbara. Call 963-5340 for more info.

**THEATRE:** The Granada is holding behind the scenes tours at 11:45 a.m. Tours last 1 hour and are limited to 12 participants. Takes place in an active construction site, proper shoes are required and hard hats are provided. For reservations call the Granada at 899-3000.

## EVERY THURSDAY

**DANCE:** The Santa Barbara Ring Shout Project is holding classes in the Ring Shout Dance, a spiritual dance that originated among slaves who were new to America. Every Thursday at 7 p.m. in St Paul's Church, 502 Olive Street. For more info call 560-3909.

## EVERY SATURDAY

**ART:** The Putnee Theatre is holding a free open house at 11 a.m. at the Arts Alive center, 1 N. Calle Caesar Chavez, Suite 100. For children 1-5. For more info call 896-7733 or see [www.putnee.com](http://www.putnee.com).

## EVERY SUNDAY

**RELIGION:** The Vairotsana Foundation is hosting Ngondro practice at 9 a.m. and Chenrezig practice at 10 a.m. Events located at 1524 Anacapa St in Santa Barbara. For more info call 899-8177 or visit [www.vairotsana.org](http://www.vairotsana.org).

## TODAY

**CULTURE:** HopeDance presents Matthew Rothschild, editor of "The Progressive" in the SLO Library at 7 p.m. Talk, reading and signing for his book "You Have No Rights: Stories of America in an Age of Repression." Visit [www.hopedance.org](http://www.hopedance.org) or call 544-9663.

## TOMORROW

**FILM:** UCSB Arts and Lectures Summer Cinema presents "Days of Glory," a French film set during World War II. Screening begins at 7:30 p.m. in UCSB's Campbell Hall. Tickets are \$6, \$5 for UCSB students. For tickets and info call 893-3535 or see [www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu](http://www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu).

**CULTURE:** Matthew Rothschild, editor of "The Progressive" at Borders in Santa Barbara at 7 p.m. Talk, reading and signing for his book "You Have No Rights: Stories of America in an Age of Repression." Please call 899-3669 for more information.

**BUSINESS:** Women's Economic Ventures is holding a free orientation on self-employment from 6-7 p.m. at the WEV office, 333 S Salinas St. in Santa Barbara. For reservations call 965-6073 ext. 100 or visit [www.wevonline.org](http://www.wevonline.org).

**SOCIAL:** The Santa Barbara Young Professional Club is hosting an "August Mixer for Young Professionals" at Zatoon's, 209 E. Canon Perdido, Santa Barbara. Event lasts from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free for members, \$10 for guests and non-members. For more info call 898-2407.

## THURSDAY

**BUSINESS:** Women's Economic Ventures is holding a free orientation on self-employment from 12-1 p.m. at the WEV office, 333 S Salinas St. in Santa

Barbara. For reservations call 965-6073 ext. 100 or visit [www.wevonline.org](http://www.wevonline.org).

**BUSINESS:** The Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce presents a Business Services Trade Show at Earl Warren Showgrounds from 5-8 p.m. Networking, marketing, and advertising opportunities as well as live music, food, and games. Reserve exhibit space at [sbchamber.org](http://sbchamber.org) or by calling 965-3023.

**BUSINESS:** The Nonprofit Support Center presents "To Be or Not to Be," Part I of the workshop "Starting a Nonprofit" 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Event is located at NSC Santa Barbara, 5638 Hollister Ave. and costs \$35. For more info call 681-1040 ext. 11.

**CYCLING:** Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition's CycleSmart program is holding day 1 of a two-day course, "Street Skills for Cyclists," from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first day is a PowerPoint presentation on traffic scenarios so no bike is needed. Workshop costs \$30, with some scholarships available. Held at Bikestation Santa Barbara, 1219 Anacapa St. To register call Erika Lindermann at 252-1469 or email [CycleSmart@sbbike.org](mailto:CycleSmart@sbbike.org).

## FRIDAY

**THEATRE:** "Bodies Unbound," a solo theatre piece by Cynthia Waring Matthews, is playing at Santa Barbara's Center Stage Theater at 8 p.m. Located at 751 Paseo Nuevo, admission is \$20. For tickets call 963-0408 or see [www.centerstagetheater.org](http://www.centerstagetheater.org). For more info visit [www.bodiesunbound.com](http://www.bodiesunbound.com).

**CULTURE:** The Vairotsana Foundation presents "What makes you NOT a Buddhist," a public talk by author Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche. Begins at 8 p.m. in Unity Church, 227 E Arrellaga St. in Santa Barbara. Admission is \$20. For more info call 899-8177 or visit [www.vairotsana.org](http://www.vairotsana.org).

**SPORTS:** Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation is hosting The Russ Morrison Memorial Golf Tournament at the Santa Barbara Golf Club, 3500 McCaw Ave, Santa Barbara. Tee times begin at 10 a.m. Pre-registration required. Sign up as a team or as an individual. Admission is \$135 per player. For more info call Matt Easterbrook at 687-7807 or visit

## PETS

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is making stops in the 48 contiguous states and delivering smiles and hope at children's hospitals, schools, summer camps, fairs, horse shows and charitable fundraisers. They will wrap up the tour in November at the Macy's Day Parade in New York City.

On Sunday, Thumbelina trotted into town to visit the HEARTS Adaptive Riding Program ([www.heartsadaptiveriding.org](http://www.heartsadaptiveriding.org)). This non-profit organization is dedicated to providing empowering, educational and enjoyable therapeutic horseback riding to physically and mentally disabled children and adults throughout Santa Barbara.

Thumbelina posed for the paparazzi and munched on hay as hundreds of

outstretched hands gently stroked her stout body (yes, she's a tad chubby; no she's not pregnant, Goessling tells the curious crowd). She seemed unfazed by all the hoopla; that is, until a young girl with leg braces and crutches slowly approached the pony's pen. Thumbelina whinnied, trotted over and nuzzled close. For a brief moment, the girl and horse gazed at each other and seemed to share a deep understanding—two different species with two different handicaps—but kindred spirits nonetheless.

Thumbelina is the perfect children's advocate. After all, her name comes from the Hans Christian Andersen fairytale of a woman the size of a thumb.

"The children we visit often have never known a day without illness or pain," Goessling says. "Then they meet Thumbelina and for a few minutes, they

can forget their worries and just be a kid. I can't tell you how many times a child's parent will come up to me and say, 'This is the happiest day of my child's life.'"

Thumbelina may be small in stature, but she is big on personality. Goessling admits that she's fiery, "definitely an alpha mare!" But he's quick to add, "She the most pampered and loved horse on the planet."

And at the end of the day, that's the "mane" thing.

When Karen's not horsing around at HEARTS, she's busy answering email. Send her a message at: [karen-leestevens@cox.net](mailto:karen-leestevens@cox.net). To learn more about Thumbelina and the Thumbelina Children's Foundation, visit [www.worldssmallesthorse.com](http://www.worldssmallesthorse.com).

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