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Good times coming for sports fans



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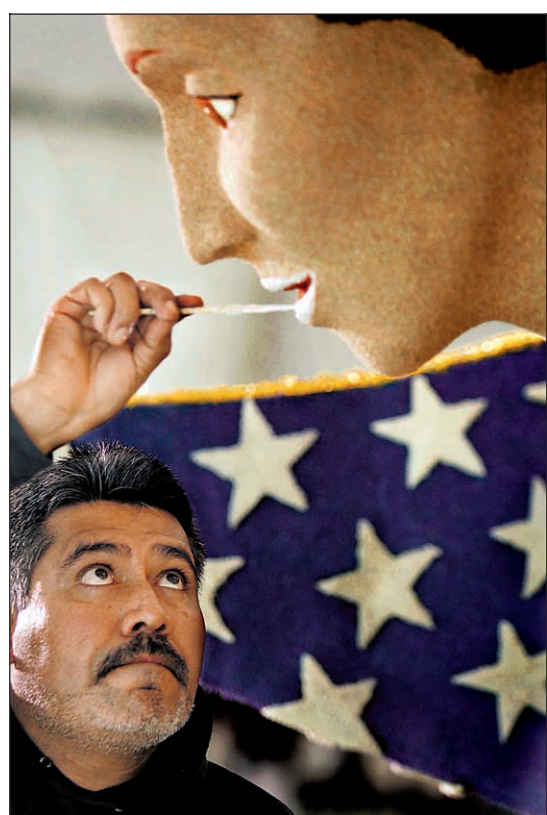
IN A&E

SUNDAY MORNING READ

2006 TOURNAMENT of ROSES PARADE

## READY TO FLOAT

Rain or shine, the 117th Tournament of Roses Parade is set to kick off at 8 a.m. Monday. Newport Beach joins the parade with a float honoring the city's 100th anniversary. It's in the 29th spot of 99 entries – 48 floats, 25 bands, 23 equestrian groups and three officials – that will follow the 5 1/2-mile parade route.



MINDY SCHAUER, THE REGISTER

**FINISHING TOUCHES:** Vicente Avila of Fiesta Parade Floats applies white and yellow cornmeal to the city of Newport Beach float.

**FLOAT FLOOR:** Around the pearl are cascading tropicals, including orchids, red ginger, anthuriums and banksias that are meant to symbolize Newport Beach's bounty and physical attractiveness.

**CLAM SHELL:** Made from lotus flowers and corn husks, it opens and closes to reveal a shiny pearl, made with lunaria petals. The pearl represents Newport Beach.

**SWINGING GULLS:** Varying lengths of orange and red seaweed made from safflower and marigolds holds sea gulls that rise 15 feet into the air. The birds are covered in shredded coconut.

**FLOAT CONTROL:** The driver sits below the float and is given directions by a navigator hidden in the front. An animator in the bow controls the music and uses a 3,000-pound hydraulic pump to control the moving elements on the float. He also folds the float down to 17.5 feet to fit under a freeway overpass.

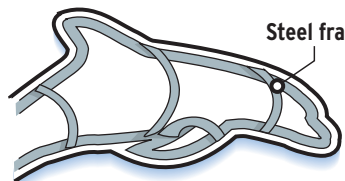
**DOLPHINS:** Moving seven feet up and down, they are decorated with silver-leaf protea.

**SHIP:** The sides and deck are created with a vast array of bronze chrysanthemums.

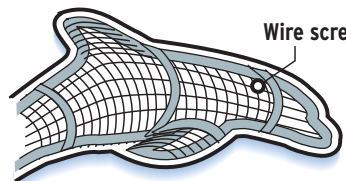
**WATER:** Some of the water surrounding the float is colored with blue iris, delphinium and hydrangea. White roses are used to simulate white sea spray.

**CHASSIS:** They have a life span of about three years and are built so their dimensions can be altered. This chassis has eight wheels. Float size: **HEIGHT:** 28 feet **WIDTH:** 18 feet **LENGTH:** 55 feet

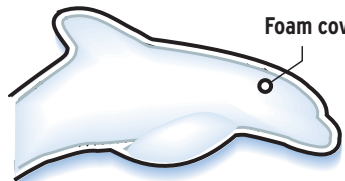
HOW A PARADE FLOAT IS BUILT



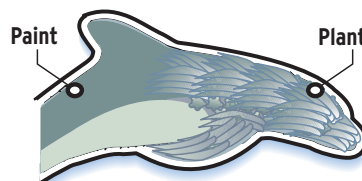
Steel frame



Wire screen



Foam cover



Plants

1 The float starts on a basic vehicle chassis. The design elements start with welding together pencil steel to create the basic shapes.

2 Covering this steel framework is a wire and screen material that fills in the shape of the animals and other elements.

3 During "cocooning," the wire frames are sprayed with a polyvinyl material, which creates a Styrofoam-like layer.

4 The polyvinyl is painted as a guide. The float is then covered with organic material. Three days before the parade, fresh flowers are attached.

Sources: Fiesta Parade Floats, Tournament of Roses, Newport Beach Centennial Steering Committee, Phoenix Decorating Co.

Reporting by Chantal Lamers; graphic by Scott Brown / The Register

## Rains to intensify tonight, Monday

Wind advisories issued; famed parade's dry streak threatened.

REGISTER NEWS SERVICES

Stronger storms are on the way today and Monday, after steady rain soaked Orange County and Southern California Saturday and heavier weather battered Northern and Central California.

The rains prompted record flooding and mudslides that closed Interstate 80 in Northern California for at least the next two days.

The National Weather Service issued a high surf and coastal flood warning for tonight through Monday in Orange County, especially during high tides, which come at about 11:20 p.m.

Forecasters also issued storm and wind advisories for today and Monday in Central California, warning of very heavy rain, strong winds and flash floods in areas that burned this year.

The Pasadena forecast is for the first rain on the Rose Parade since 1955, with thunderstorms tonight and Monday, and winds gusting to 33 mph and a high of 58 degrees.

MORE ON WEATHER

**STORMS:** Northern California sustains damage. **News 18**

**NEW YEAR'S:** Rains dampen O.C. events. **Local 1**

## State rings in 2006 with new laws

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and California legislators busied themselves in 2005 with an off-year special election in which Schwarzenegger tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade voters to approve his legislative priorities.

However, the 2005 session of the California Legislature resulted in 729 new laws, down from the 942 passed in 2004.

There are a host of new rules to follow in California, from restrictions on homeowners' ability to foreclose on residents to new powers for cities to mandate spaying and limit some dog breeds.

NEW-LAW HIGHLIGHTS

**PERSPECTIVE:** Details on a few changes of interest in O.C. **News 4**

**WRAP-UP:** A survey of more changes by topic. **News 5**

Five former Rose Queens living in Newport Beach

From left:  
Norma Winton 1947  
Nancy Skinner 1952  
Ann Hall 1957  
Robin Sanders 1975  
Anne Wortmann 1976



## LASTING CIVIC BONDS

When Newport Beach's Rose Parade float rolls down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena on Monday, it will mark the latest link in a 100-year history between the cities, starting with red car trolleys in 1906 and continuing today with five former Rose Queens who call Newport home.

STORY BY JEFF OVERLEY ON NEWS 20

The parade

**When:** Monday 8 a.m.  
**TV:** Nine stations will broadcast live, including KTLA/5, which repeats all day.  
**Full details, graphic on News 21**

## Russia to cut Ukraine's gas as deadline expires

Russia is set to cut off its supply of natural gas to the Ukraine after the countries failed early today to agree on new terms for delivering the commodity between the two nations. **News 29**

## Rising waves of graying baby boomers

More than 26,000 Orange County baby boomers – 3 million-plus in the U.S. – reach 60 in the year starting today. In the next 20 years, so will 78 million other Americans. **Story by Jane Glenn Haas on News 3**



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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight 52° 47°



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