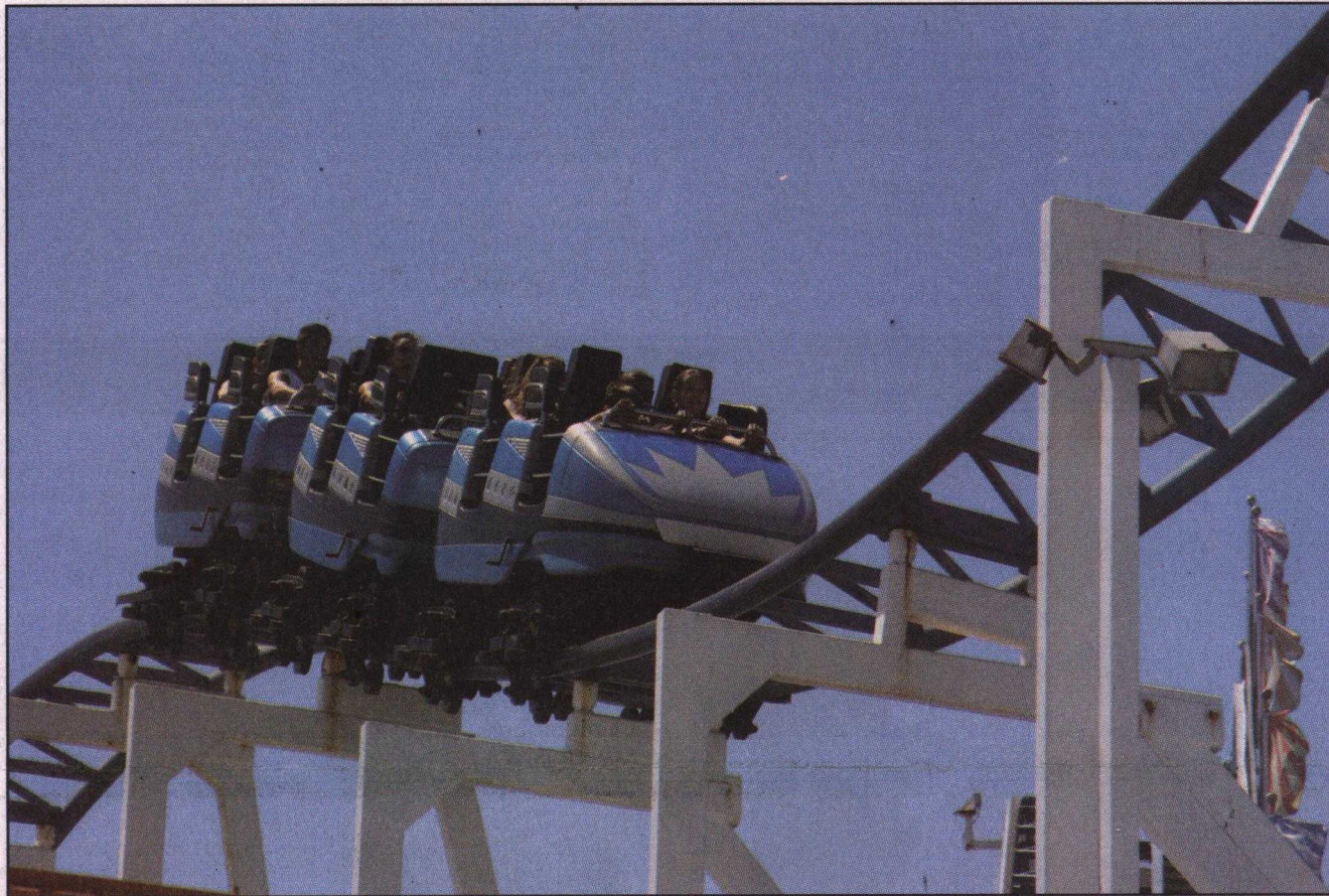


Hurricane's farewell



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ABOVE: The Hurricane roller coaster thrills riders recently at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. The ride's replacement will be announced Aug. 27. **BELOW:** The Hurricane's sign will soon no longer light up the night sky.

Boardwalk's Hurricane to close Sept. 3; new ride announced Aug. 27

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SANTA CRUZ — Time is ticking for the Hurricane roller coaster at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk: The park announced Wednesday that the final day of operation for the ride will be Sept. 3, and the new ride to replace it will be revealed Aug. 27.

The Hurricane will be dismantled starting after Labor Day and shipped to its new owner, Western Playland Amusement Park in New Mexico, this fall. In March, the ride was listed for sale online through Ital International, a website that



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lists amusement park rides for sale worldwide, for \$500,000. However, the final sale price was not revealed.

The new ride will open in 2013, and the Boardwalk hinted on its Facebook page last month that it will be a roller coaster.

"The Hurricane has been a great ride for the Boardwalk," said vice president of operations Tom Canfield. "It served us well, but we're extremely excited to get a brand new ride that we know our guests are going to love."

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On Aug. 26, Northern California members of American Coaster Enthusiasts will meet at the Boardwalk to take a fi-

nal ride on the Hurricane. The group of about 40 roller coaster aficionados will also receive a special briefing from Boardwalk staff about the new ride.

The blue-and-white roller coaster, manufactured by former Italian company SDC, made its debut at the Board-

walk in 1992, when it replaced the Jet Star roller coaster. The Jet Star had operated in the Hurricane's location from 1972 to 1991.

The Boardwalk announced in late March that 2012 would be the Hurricane's final season.