

# Santa Cruz bicentennial aims high

## Parade goes after big stars

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SANTA CRUZ — If you're throwing a once-in-200-years birthday party, hey, why not shoot for the moon?

What would you think about Clint Eastwood ramrodding the Wells Fargo stagecoach down Cedar Street behind bicentennial parade Grand Marshal Tom Selleck?

It may be a pipe dream, but Dorothy Franks and other organizers of the bicentennial celebration on Oct. 5 figure it's worth a few telephone calls.

Among the more down-to-earth plans, 15 marching bands — the most ever for a Mission Fiesta parade — already have expressed an interest in the Santa Cruz event.

"It will be an extension of past Mission Fiesta parades, but grander ... to encompass the Santa Cruz bicentennial," said Franks, parade organizer, during a committee meeting Wednesday.

"It may be wall-to-wall marching bands," said Lisa McGinnis, a special events coordinator for the city.

In addition, a Chinese Lion Dance group (maybe with firecrackers) has committed to the parade, said Franks.

She said more equestrian entries might be enticed to join in because the parade review stand will include a member of the Independent



Equestrian Parade Judges Association.

In addition, the best entries in all categories will receive a cash prize for the first time. Ribbons will go to second- and third-place winners.

Franks said the parade also is trying to get cultural groups to take part to give the day the historical tilt a 200th birthday party should have.

Applications for the parade will be mailed out at the end of the month. For more information, call McGinnis at 429-3477.

In addition, applications to have  
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a booth in the bicentennial fair at San Lorenzo Park at the end of the parade route are available.

Arts and crafts booths must have a period theme in keeping with the celebration, and there also will be food and information booths.

There also will be a few exhibits up at the Adobe Mission, in addition to tours of the recently refurbished historic mission building.

These activities will be coordinated by the Adobe Coalition.

Live entertainment will be offered at both sites, and a shuttle bus will ferry people back and forth.

On Saturday night, Oct. 5, there will be a bicentennial dance and party at the Civic Auditorium featuring the a Bay area rhythm and blues group, Zasu Pitts.

The dance will be sponsored by the Friends of Parks and Recreation as a fund raiser. Tickets will be available in advance or at the

door.

The city library staff is hoping to join in the celebration if the new California Room is finished in time, said McGinnis.

The city's Natural History Museum and the Santa Cruz County Historical Trust are joining forces to sponsor a weekly historical lecture series starting in September.

The five-part series will touch on the state's missions, Santa Cruz's own mission roots and other historical highlights.

Plans still are in the works for a \$30,000 fireworks show the night of Oct. 5, if enough money can be raised in time.

As an early installment in the bicentennial celebration, the Tall Ship California will dock in Santa Cruz on July 4.

The next meeting of the bicentennial committee is Wednesday, June 19, at 11 a.m. in the ABC room of the Civic Auditorium. It is open to the public.