

# Crowd descends on beach

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Like groundhogs crawling from rain-soaked burrows, people in Santa Cruz and the Bay Area emerged squinting and blinking into the sunlight Saturday.

But instead of jumping back under cover when they saw shadows, they jumped into their cars and headed to the beach to spend three sunny, spring-like vacation days.

The Seaside Co. reports between 20,000 and 30,000 people visited the Boardwalk over the weekend. An accurate count of state beach visitors was unavailable, but rangers said all beaches were full to overflowing.

There were no major traffic accidents or crime, despite traffic that clogged streets and highways and the crowds packing the beaches.

There were, however, at least five rescue efforts, and one was unsuccessful.

A woman who apparently drowned Saturday in the churning surf off Davenport was identified by the coroner's office Monday as Teresa Brown, 35, of Santa Cruz.

Witnesses reported Brown was hit by a large wave as she played in the surf, and was carried out to sea calling for help. Despite efforts by swimmers and a Coast Guard helicopter, the body was not recovered.

Investigators made the identification through property left in her car, the keys for which were found in her clothes on the beach.

Three surfers lost their boards at Natural Bridges State Beach Saturday and were rescued in a joint effort by the Coast Guard and the Santa Cruz Fire Department, and a 13-year-old Morgan Hill boy was pulled from the surf at Sunset State Beach by a lifeguard Monday.

A UCSC student was buried at Natural Bridges when a tunnel he and his roommate were digging in a sand cliff fell in on him.

Rangers say John D. Fredericks, 20, was in the back of a nine-foot-deep tunnel when it fell. Bystanders immediately began digging from above, and Ranger Darrell Geroy arrived about five minutes later with a shovel. He Fredericks within minutes.

"He had apparently been on his knees, and the sand pushed his face down be-

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## 'Me and My Shadow'

Glenn Viguers

**CAPITOLA** — Songs have been written about shadows. Fighters box with their shadows and spies 'shadow' one another. But this worker seems oblivious to all the hoopla about shadows as he climbs a ladder in the Esplanade area during a

recent spate of sunny weather. Don't look for more pictures like this, however. Weather forecasters are predicting rain tonight.

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tween his legs and gave him an air pocket to breathe in," Geroy said.

"We were real lucky to find him. I really didn't know where to start digging."

When he uncovered Fredericks' head, the student was unconscious. He was taken to Dominican Hospital, where he was treated and released apparently unharmed.

Gerry Bartlett, 31, who was pulled from rough country Saturday by a MAST helicopter after her horse fell on her, was released this morning from Community Hospital.