

Anchovies

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## Clean-Up Crews Gain On Fish

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Cautious optimism was the word at the Santa Cruz harbor this morning. Port district employees said the massive inflow of dead anchovies — more than 50 million so far — appears to have stopped, and disposal squads apparently are gaining rapidly on the heaps of fish in the harbor.

But the word from state officials is that the massive die-off of anchovies will continue until

either wind or weather changes, to change water conditions producing the fish-killing red tides. No one is ready just yet to say the change has come.

Despite today's gains, the dead fish smell is increasing in the vicinity of the harbor. Many of the remaining fish are badly decomposed, coating the harbor with a layer of brownish scales and adding to the pervasive smell.

Port district, city, county and public health officials met at the port office this morning to discuss means of handling the remaining fish. Meanwhile, crews and equipment from city and county are pumping out the fish, along with harbor crews and employees from septic tank companies hired by the port district.

Two boats are netting dead fish and carrying them 10 to 15 miles out into the bay, where they should disintegrate before reaching shore again.

The near-death of a killer whale off Sandy Cove at 16th avenue yesterday sent shudders down the spines of local officials — as well as scaring swimmers — but the whale worked its way out of the shallow water and swam back out to sea. The whale paused long enough to circle in waters off the main Santa Cruz beach, setting off a spate of sea-monster rumors among bathers.

A flock of pelicans was spotted off West Cliff drive this morning, producing momentary hope that birds may be attracted here to help dispose of the anchovy tide. Pelicans are usual winter visitors here.

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## Strange Mishap On Train

Kingman, Ariz. (AP). — A chunk of steel tubing fell from a passing freight train and crashed through a window of the Santa Fe Super Chief passenger train today, killing two persons.

Ten persons were taken to the Kingman hospital. Five were hospitalized. The others were treated and released.

The dead were Marsha Diane McGaw, 16, of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Terry C. Kittleson, 35, of Barron, Wis.

Hospitalized were Lois McGaw, mother of the dead girl; Mrs. Kittleson's daughters, 3-year-old and 7-year-old Joan; Mrs. of San Bernardino