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Street fair a raging success

■ Encinitas event draws 65,000; festivities to continue today

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ENCINITAS — Fifteen-year-old Stephanie Glassen got just what she wanted for her birthday — a day at the downtown street fair.

Well, she wanted that and a day at Knott's Berry Farm, Stephanie said Saturday, as she shared a cherry shaved ice with her mom standing in the middle of Coast Highway and D Street.

The Glassen family was among an estimated 65,000 people who attended the 17th annual Encinitas Street Fair, where artists and merchants displayed their charcoal drawings, paintings, watercolors, pottery, jewelry and clothing.

The event is scheduled to continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

While bands such as Semi-si and FulaBula rocked the Karl Strauss Bier Garden across the street, Stephanie's 9-year-old sister, Michelle, climbed a 20-foot exhibition "rock wall" — twice.

"At first it's scary, but after you get used to it, it's fun," Michelle Glassen said.

Meanwhile, the girls' parents — Tom and Marianne Glassen — ate lunch and sought out directions to the Bier Garden.

"I'm really thirsty," Marianne Glassen said, laughing. "I've been waiting to find it."

So, apparently, were hundreds of others.

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Above, fairgoers crowd Highway 101 through downtown Encinitas on Saturday during the Encinitas Street Fair as Cirikli, a pair of puppeteers on stilts with fantasy bird puppets, and Lilli, their walking protector, wander through the crowd. The act is from France and will be in the crowd at the fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. Left, Encinitas School of Music instructor Todd Pike coaches his student Ryan Davis, 10, of Encinitas on chord changes as a student ensemble performs Mustang Sally on the Poinsettia Stage.

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