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6½-GAME LEAD



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plate in the first inning after stroking the first of his two over Philadelphia Tuesday night at Pac Bell Park. First of six S.F. homers — the first time the Giants had Grounds in New York. The Giants moved 6½ games into first place. Who says the race in the NL West is all over. [C-1]

t teen clubs battle on on campuses



Burns says drivers' weekend boycott showed system can handle fewer runs

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First, Muni drivers boycotted overtime.

Now, their boss says he doesn't want them putting in the extra hours for extra pay anyway.

Muni General Manager Michael Burns announced Tuesday that he would drastically curb the number of employees who work overtime, an expensive problem that has whipped up the ire of a civil grand jury, taxpayers and some tired drivers.

San Francisco's short-staffed transit system has long depended on overtime, an unchecked addiction that cost Muni \$31.6 million in 1999 — up from \$20.4 million in 1995 — and allowed several employees to make more than \$100,000 a year.

Burns' announcement Tuesday followed an overtime boycott over the Labor Day weekend by frustrated bus, train, street car and cable car operators.

The drivers, who have twice rejected new a contract, hoped their boycott would prove how valuable they are and how hard they work. Only about 14 of Muni's 2,000 drivers volunteered to work overtime while Muni thought it needed about 160.

But Burns said Tuesday the boycott had had little impact, just some late buses (about 30 minutes)

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Cheney defends 1% giving to charity

'It's a matter of private choice,' he says

Ingleside library to get big, new home

Planning Commission expected to OK move to old bank

By Ryan Kim
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For 50 years, the Ingleside library branch has remained hidden in a small storefront off of bustling Ocean Avenue, a little gem waiting to be discovered.

"We have people come in and say, 'I never knew you were here,'" said branch librarian Jan Nunes.

But the days of obscurity may be coming to an end. The Planning Commission is expected to approve a proposal Thursday that will move the 1,200-square foot library a few blocks away to the corner of Ocean and Faxon avenues. The branch will occupy a vacant 4,800-square foot Bank of America building, a classical beige structure that hasn't been used for several years.

It has people like Nunes excited about the prospect of moving to a bigger and better location.

"If we can serve more people and it's better arranged, it will be much better for the community," she said.

The existing Ingleside branch is the second smallest of The City's 26 locations, after the Glen Park library. The library's cramped quarters have barely enough room for three computer terminals and a narrow work area that is inconveniently separated from the front counter.

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Ingleside branch library to move

gains more work and storage space and room to increase its collection and its computer terminals.

Perhaps more importantly, the move puts the library on Ocean Avenue, the main thoroughfare through the Ingleside, which is also on the Muni metro line.

Library patrons said they are looking forward to the move.

Jean Lam, 30, has been taking her two children to the library once a week for the past seven years.

"It'd be nice to have more books and more choices," said Lam, who lives nearby. "It's OK for the kids right now, but when they grow older, there aren't enough choices."

Librarians hope the Ingleside branch will undergo a transformation much like the Oceanview branch, which moved from a tiny storefront to Randolph Street in June. Patronage at the branch has increased dramatically since then.

The Ingleside library handles about 6,000 check-outs a month, about average for a branch its size. Moving to Ocean Avenue should greatly increase foot traffic at the library, said library spokeswoman Marcia Schneider.

"I think the property that we're moving into for Ingleside will make a significant difference in visibility and usership," Schneider said.

A former Bank of America branch, above, will house the Ingleside library. At right, the library's present tiny interior.



The move pleases more than library supporters. Merchants on Ocean Avenue are also excited to see the library move into the vacant bank.

"It's a good thing," said Hossam Kaddoura, part owner of the Java on Ocean Cafe, which sits across the street from the building. "It's good for the kids and it's good for the students at City College."

Kaddoura said the new branch would continue an encouraging trend for Ocean Avenue, which only 10 years ago had its share of drug and crime problems.

But in recent years, more families have moved into the area and, with them, more stable businesses, he said.

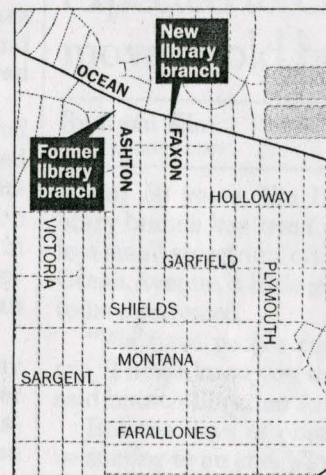
The relocation of the Ingleside branch comes as the libraries seek to undergo a system-wide overhaul.

The library is trying to expand and retrofit most of its branches, bringing many of them up to seismic safety standards and providing disabled access.

The plan also calls for moving the system's four leased libraries, including the Ingleside branch. The new Ingleside library, which will be on a 10-year lease, may eventually be moved again, or could stay put if The City decides to buy the property.

The overhaul depends on the passage of Proposition A on the November ballot, which would raise \$106 million in bonds. The money would also pay for a new branch in Mission Bay. The measure must receive 66 percent to pass.

"It's important to continue the investment we've made in our branch buildings," said acting city



librarian Susan Hildreth. "Hopefully, the public will agree and vote on the bond measure."

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