

## Begonia Festival underway

### Water parade Sunday

Sunny skies dawned over the first events of the Capitola National Begonia Festival Sunday as thousands of people turned out to view the sand sculpture contest on the city beach.

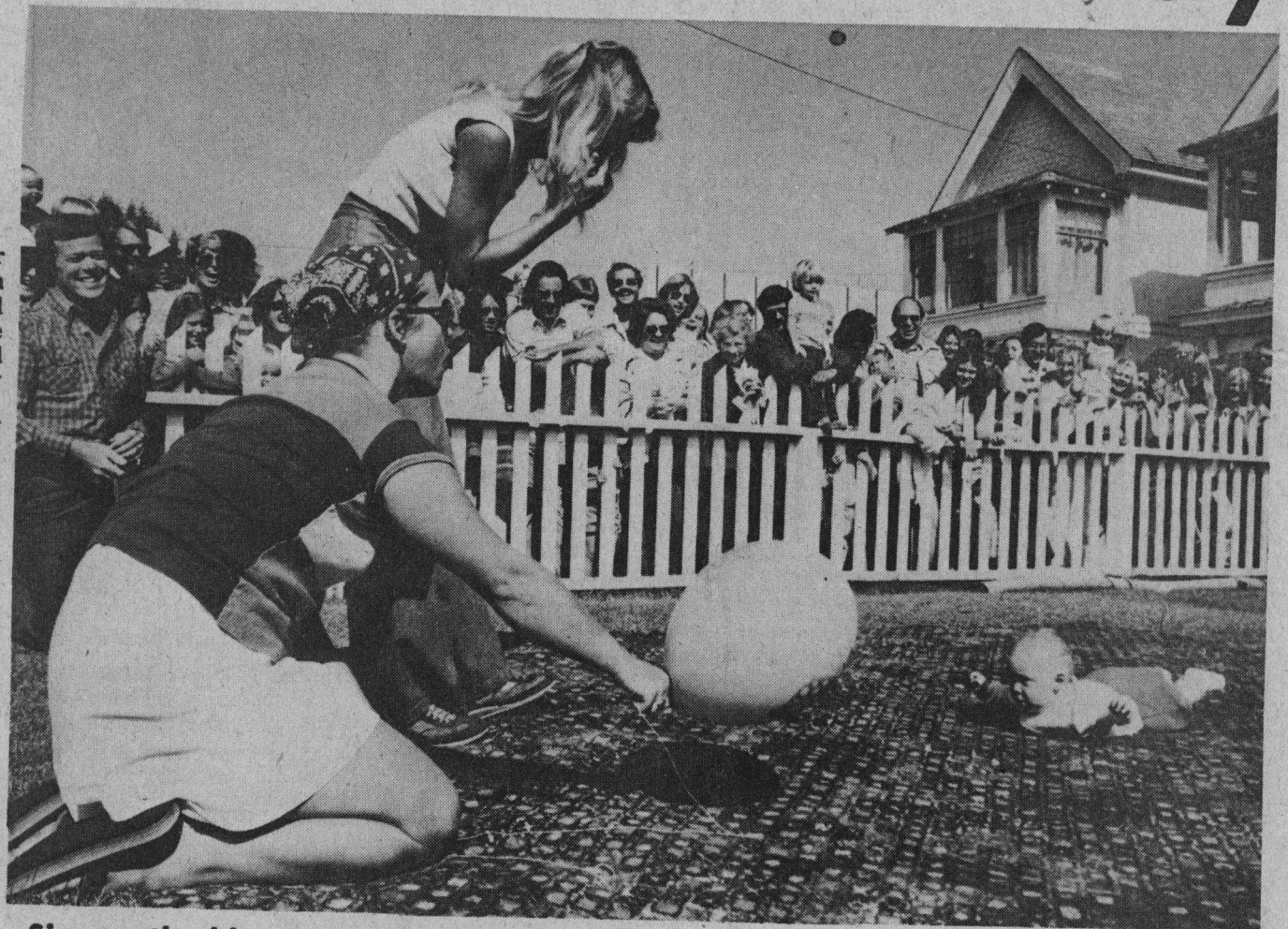
Louis Villareal, owner of Wooden Expressions in Capitola Village, captured the grand sweepstakes trophy for his recreation of the historic Suntan Special train.

Hundreds of early risers turned out Sunday morning to cheer on toddlers in the Diaper Derby contest, held on The Esplanade.

The Festival continues Saturday and Sunday with 22 floats under construction Saturday for the nautical parade on Sunday, a Jet Ski Race on Monterey Bay between Capitola Wharf and the Santa Cruz pier planned for Sunday morning, and judging for the Home and Commercial Begonia Decorating Contest scheduled for noon Sunday.

Judging in the sand sculpture contest was divided into four divisions. Results are:

Seniors: First place, a large



Six-month-old David Forbus surges toward the finish line in the Diaper Derby.

group from Capitola and Reno, Nev., who constructed a sarcophagus; second place, "Tony, Nancy, Hugh and Jay" of Capitola, A Volkswagen stuck in the sand; third place,

Ron Bender and Associates, Los Gatos, a sand castle.

Family: First place, the Gray family, Capitola, Tortoise and Hare; second place, the Cook Family, San Mateo, a

castle; third place, the Desmett family, Saratoga, "Winnie the Pooh."

Juniors: Class D — Jeff Brown of Scotts Valley and Gary Park of Aptos, a Temple; Class C — no names available, Seals; Class B — Xochitl Domingues of Capitola, a pyramid; Class A — Crystal Bush of Capitola, the Three Little Pigs' House.

Junior Group: Class D — Emily Cannon and Mark Sanoune of Cupertino, a pyramid; Class C — Barbie Bee and Nanette Leslyn of Capitola, a dragon; Class B — Kristin Morrison and Kevin Temple of San Jose, a dinosaur; Class A — no record of theme or sculptors.

Babies competed in the Diaper Derby for cash prizes given by World Savings and Loan Association.

Crawling across a carpet to the coaxing of their parents, the babies were timed by World Savings district manager Mike Dever.

The fastest time was posted by 11-month-old Susan Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Mason of Watsonville. She was clocked at 11.2 seconds for her sprint.

The fastest the boys could do was 17.4 seconds, the winning time for 8-month-old Paul Schreiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schreiner of Live Oak.

Each of the first place winners received \$20 checks from the savings and loan. Second place winners were

Jason Perry, 8 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry of Live Oak, 23.2 seconds, and Mary Reding, 11½ months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Reding of Capitola, 13.5 seconds. They each received \$10 prizes.

Third place prizes of \$5 each were captured by Andy Stumpf, 10 months, son of Mrs. Patty Stumpf of Davenport, 24.2 seconds; and Micole Atton, 9 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Atton of Capitola, 20.3 seconds.

This year's Nautical Parade will be held on Soquel Creek, with the starting time now set for 2 p.m. Sunday.

Twenty-one groups, families and organizations have entered floats in the 25th anniversary edition of the parade.

Fidelity Savings and Loan Association this year has commissioned a limited edition commemorative poster that will be on sale this year at the Fidelity office, 3820 Capitola Road, Capitola, and this weekend at the Craft Galley and Aries Arts in the Village.

All proceeds from the \$3 sale price will be turned over to the Begonia Festival Association to promote next year's parade.

The poster was designed by Santa Cruz high school student Nadine Reimers who received a \$250 scholarship for her winning design, said branch manager Gayle Taylor.

## New principal aided in setting standards

By BOB SMITH

When classes start next Monday at Soquel High School, there will be a new principal, but he's not a stranger to students, teachers and parents.

Jim Spano, assistant principal for the past 12 years, was appointed to the top job this summer, replacing Marlin Foxworth, who resigned.

Spano has been the school's vice-principal in charge of curriculum and counseling for the last 12 years, and was a teacher at the school for two years before that.

A comparatively quiet man, Spano will be leading a new administrative team at the high school.

Ron Walters, until a few years ago the school's physical education department chairman, will be replacing Emmett Thompson as the vice principal in charge of discipline and attendance.

Doug Thorne will be replacing Spano as the curriculum and counseling vice principal.

Thompson will be transferring to Santa Cruz High

apply from the inside. It shows confidence in the present staff," Spano said.

As principal, Spano has to

deal with two major problems this year — Prop. 13 and the new proficiency standards.

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