

Begonia Nautical Parade float winners

The Begonia festival also featured a Nautical Parade. Entries were decorated with begonias and judged by festival organizers. "Oscars" were given to each float entry. Winners are listed below:

"Best Float" First Place winner:

• Cherry Street Gang "Cinderella" (right)
The Begonia Festival Committee will donate \$1000 to the Women's Crisis Support/Defensa de Mujeres on their behalf.

"Best Supporting Float" Second Place winner:

• Running Thunder Alumni Assoc. (a Cal Poly alumni group)
"Pirates of Capitola" (below)
Capitola Mercantile/Dware's Landing & the Capitola Begonia Festival Committee will donate \$500 to the local charity of their choice.

"Best Supporting Float" Third Place winner:

• Riverview Rascals "Lightening McQueen" (bottom right)
Craft Gallery will donate \$250.00 to the Doran Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

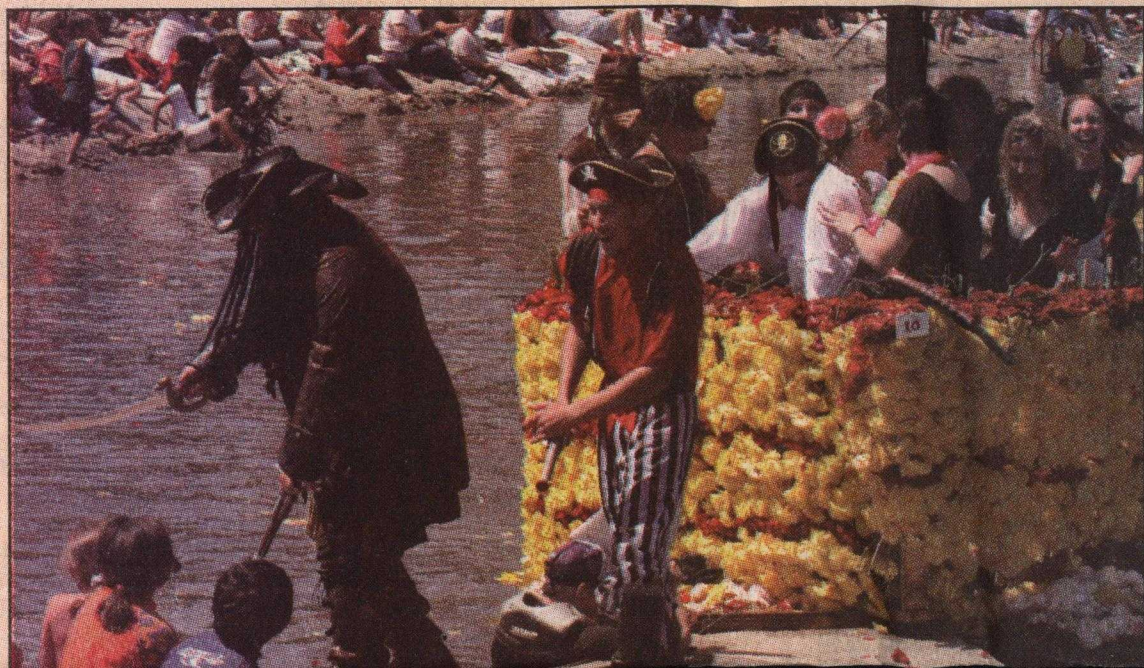
"Honorable Mention" Oscars went to all other float entries:

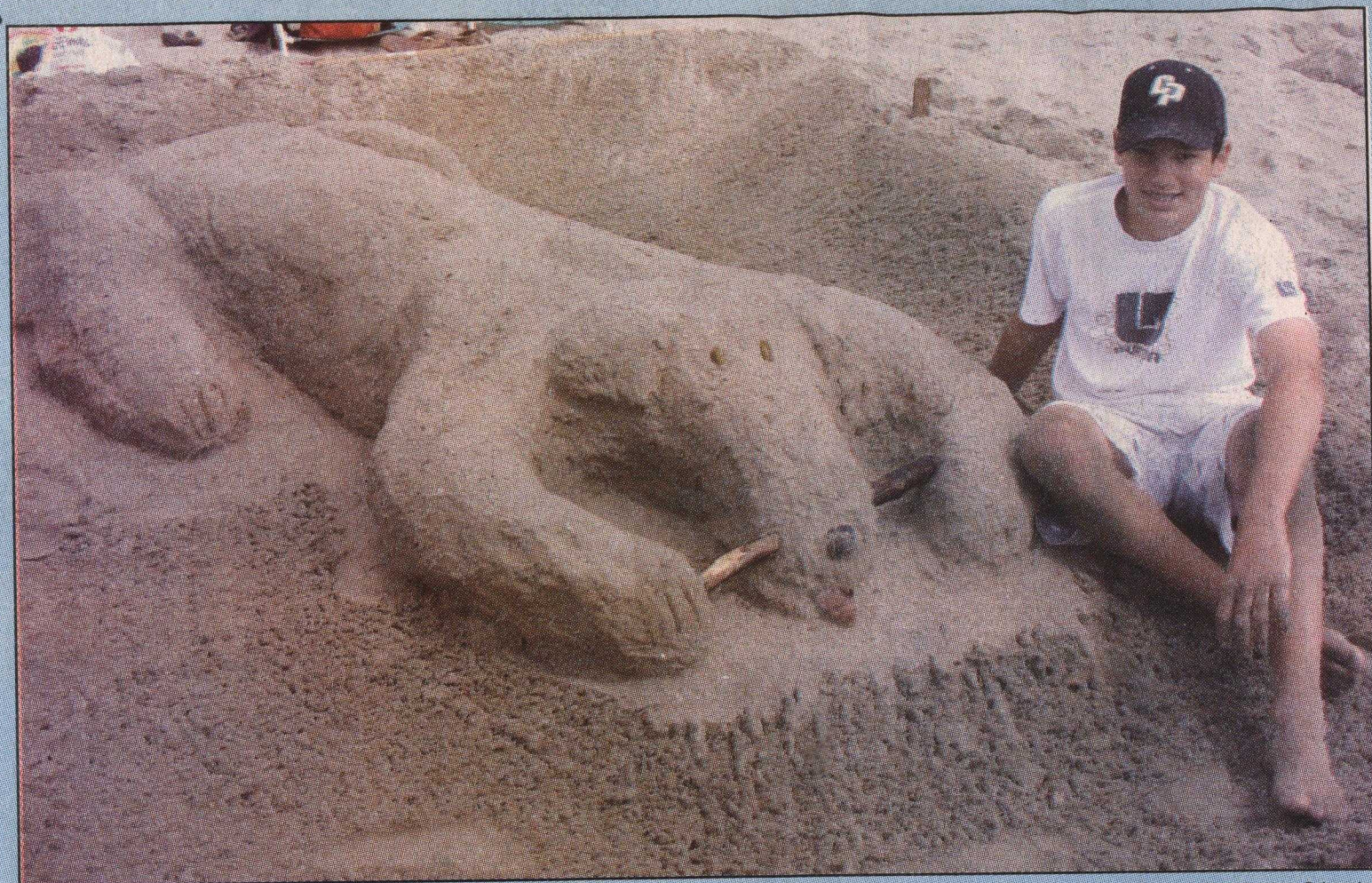
- Girl Scout Troop 1175 "Lilo & Stitch at the Beach"
- Maureen's Marauder's "Belle of Soquel"
- Windmill House & Friends "Follow the Yellow Brick Road"
- Casa de Finkel "Finding Nemo"
- Riverview Terrace "Jaws"
- Tasha Silva & Family "Alice in Wonderland"

"Best Spirit" Awards went to:

- Bob & Judi Allen, who marked the start of the Nautical Parade by rowing their restored "false dory" rowboat under the Trestle
- Linda Hansen & Friends, who staged the "Titanic" sinking against an iceberg in the Soquel Creek.

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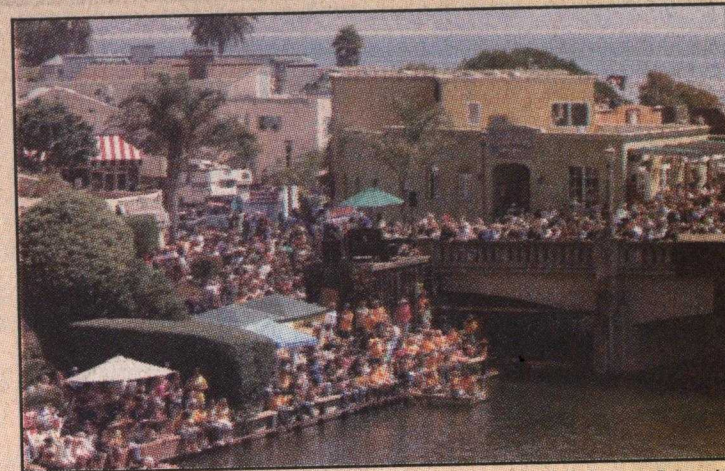
Andrew Krasts, 14, of Los Gatos poses next to his award-winning sand sculpture during the sand sculpture contest at the Capitola Begonia Festival Saturday. Krasts' golden retriever was the model for his sculpture.

Sand sculpture contest winners

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The final results for the winners of the sand sculpture contest at the 54th annual Capitola Begonia Festival were announced Monday. Participants spent almost four hours molding sand into various sculptures Saturday morning. The winners are as follows:

- **Grand Prize:** "Party Animals" by Emily DiFranco, Roxanne Baker, Kiorva Balcer, Michael Leeds, Chuck Pyle and Kirk Radenmecher, all of Capitola.
- **Large Group Winner:** "Hole in the Sand" by Bill, Frankie, Bryanne, Bruce and Felicia Saugez and Tyler Humprey from Ontario.
- **Large Group Second Place:** "Rivendale" by Johnsons & Company of Stockton and San Jose.
- **Small Group Winner:** "Twisted in Infinity" by Tysiek Drelich and Mariola of El Cerrito and Campbell.
- **Small Group Second Place:** "Nice Rack" by Peter, Chase and Heidi Kellison and Doug and Jack Handen, of Capitola and Davis.
- **One Child/One Adult Winner:** "My Best Friend" by Andrew and Alfie Krasts of Los Gatos.
- **One Child/One Adult Second Place:** "Lights, Camera, Action!" by Kendall and Sherry Palmer of San Jose.
- **Ages 9-14 Winner:** "Day at the Beach" by Meg, Kate, Ali, Jack, Kelly and Maggie of Walnut Creek.
- **Ages 9-14 Second Place:** "Fast Times at Soquel Elementary" by Taylor and Don Miller of Soquel.
- **Ages 8 and under Winner:** "Jacuzzi Castle" by Grant and Noa Kamka of Orangevale.
- **Ages 8 and under Second Place:** "Animals" by Leila and Skyler Williams and Fletcher, Amy and Stephanie Saleski of Capitola.



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Crowds were heaviest during the Nautical Parade Sunday.