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## Best crowds ever for Apple Festival

The weather turned beautiful and people turned out in force yesterday for Watsonville's Apple Festival.

"I had hoped for a crowd of 10,000 at the parade," said Sgt. Walter Burton, parade chairman, "and there were way over 10,000. People were three deep most of the parade route on Main Street and Freedom Boulevard." Organizers said it was the largest attendance in the eight years of the festival.

Following the parade, 4,000 people jammed into Callaghan Park for a bazaar featuring a wide array of food booths, craft booths, entertainment, and a display of automobiles.

Parade award winners included:

Best of parade: Liberty Belles Senior Girls Drill Team of Salinas.  
 Open class bands: 7th Infantry, Fort Ord.  
 High school bands: First, Watsonville High; second, North Salinas High.  
 Junior High Bands: First, Rolling Hills; second, E.A. Hall Middle School.  
 Drum and Bell Corps: Central Coast Drum Busters, Gilroy.  
 Junior Marching Units: First, Junior Liberty Belles, Salinas; second, Johnny Appleseed and his Corps, Aptos.  
 Professional Floats: Apple Queen Float, Pillsbury/Green Giant.  
 Amateur Floats: First, White Hawk Indian Council; second, Larkin Valley 4-H.  
 Service Clubs: Yugoslav-American Cultural Organization.  
 Color Guards: First, Watsonville High School.  
 Drum Major, Senior: 7th Infantry, Fort Ord.  
 Drum Major, High School: First, Watsonville High, Ralph Rivera.  
 Drum Major, Junior High: First, Rolling Hills, Catherine Rivera; Second, E.A. Hall School, Michelle Moore.  
 Drill Teams: First, Liberty Belles Senior Drill Team, Salinas; second, Liberty Belles Junior Drill Team.  
 Majorette Groups, senior and junior: Watsonville Twirl Club.  
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 Special Vehicles: First, City Style Car Club; second, Sons of Italy, San Francisco.  
 Best of Antique Autos: Sons of Italy.  
 Antique Vehicles: Seagrave Ladder Truck.  
 Equestrian Costume: Flim Flam Floozie.  
 Professional Coach: Wells Fargo Bank stagecoach.  
 Sidesaddle: Marcia Miller-Dowdy.  
 Draft Wagons: Fred Silva, Silvabrook Farm.  
 Spanish Outfit: Lee Madril.  
 Novelty Cart: Portuguese Milk Cart, Ameri-Cal Floral.



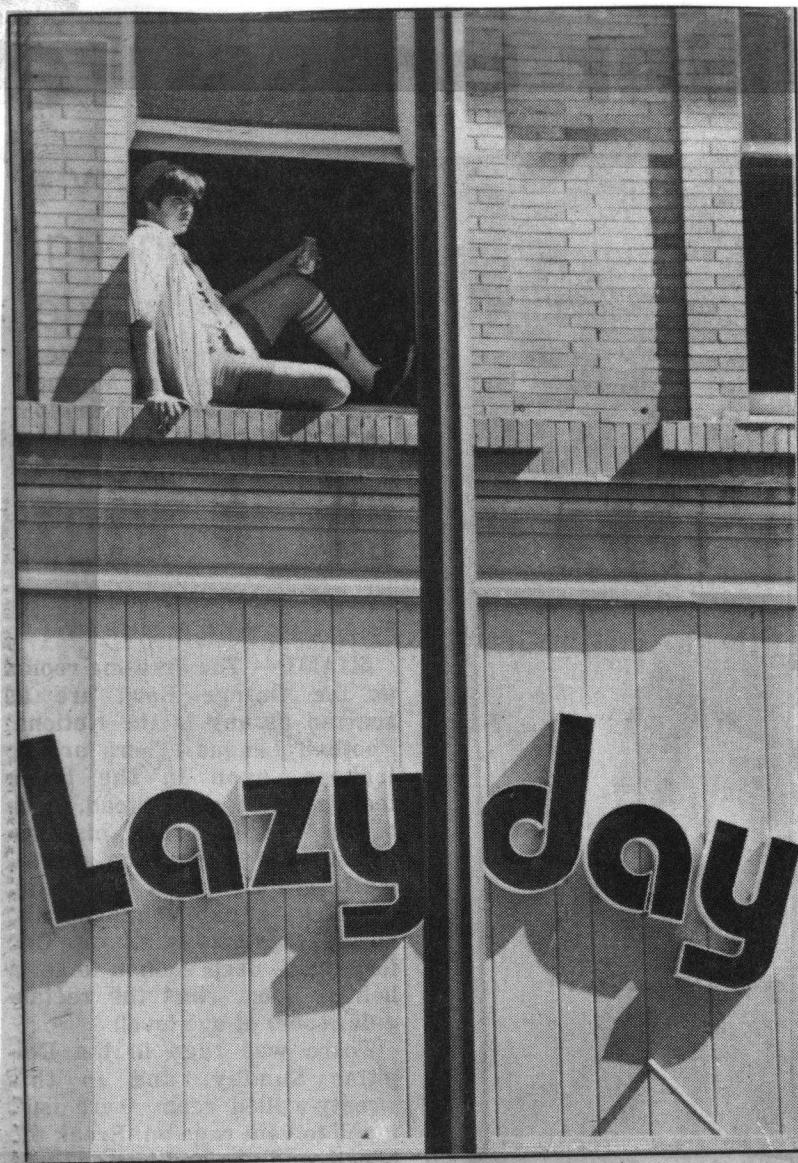
The Apple Queen float won the prize for the best professional float entry.

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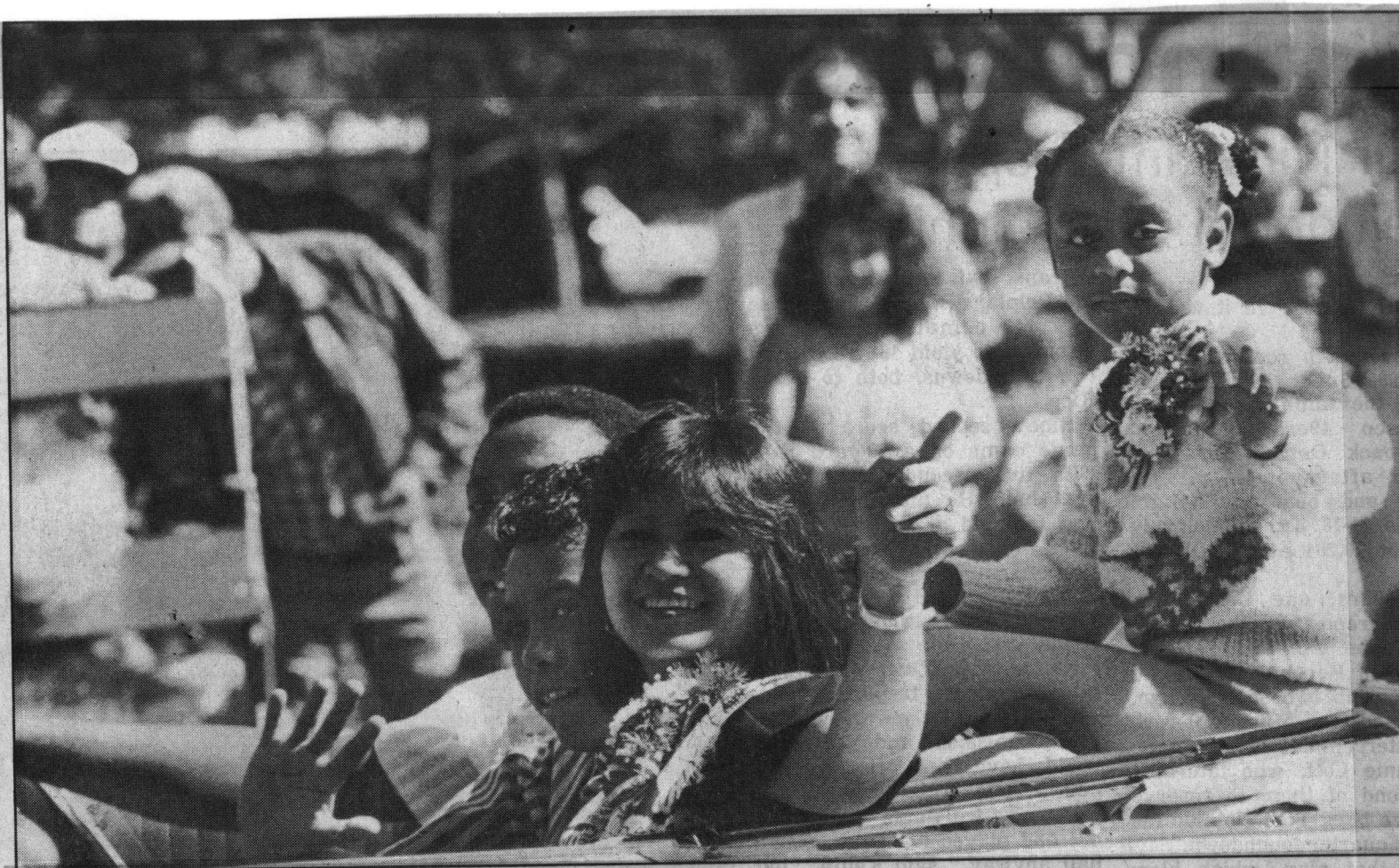
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This spectator had a good second-story seat



TV star Natasha Bobo and her family were the grand marshals of the Apple Festival parade.