

Capitola steps 'Through the Looking Glass'

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Breathing fire and smoke, a dragonlike creature named "The Jabberwocky" stepped "Through the Looking Glass" Sunday to carry off the grand sweepstakes award in Capitola's 33rd annual Nautical Parade, the colorful grand finale of its National Begonia Festival.

Constructed by the 302 Cherry Street Gang, "Jabberwocky" captured the hearts of onlookers as it strutted fiercely down Soquel Creek.

"The Jabberwocky was definitely the crowd-pleaser, and it was real animated," said Diane Graves, one of the festival's organizers.

Graves estimated that 20,000 people crammed into Capitola Village for the visual feast, and termed Sunday's begonia extravaganza "a very successful nautical parade."

The only problems occurred when a couple of motors conked out, but the festival's river marshals rushed to the rescue in their motorboats and pulled the floundering floats to the finish line.

The sun came out just in time to shine on the 2 p.m. parade. "land" promenaded down the As planned, 16 entries bearing characters derived from Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," Graves said.

Golden West Restaurant's "Tweedledum and Tweedle-



dee" won first place in the commercial division. Second place went to Aries Arts' "Eat Me, Drink Me" and third, to Commercial Pacific Savings and Loan's "The Rocking Horse Fly."

First place in the group division was awarded to "The Mock Turtle," by the Green Earth Singles. Taking second was the Crawford family's "Mad Hatter and Friends" and third went to the Campfire Boys' and Girls' "The Garden of Live Flowers." The Pleasure Point Night Fighters got an honorable mention for "The White Rabbit."

Mayor Bob Bucher selected "The Caterpillar" by Jojo's Kids as Mayor's Choice. Monterey Bay Properties' "Alice's Escape" received the Presi-

dent's Award from festival president Maureen Enemark.

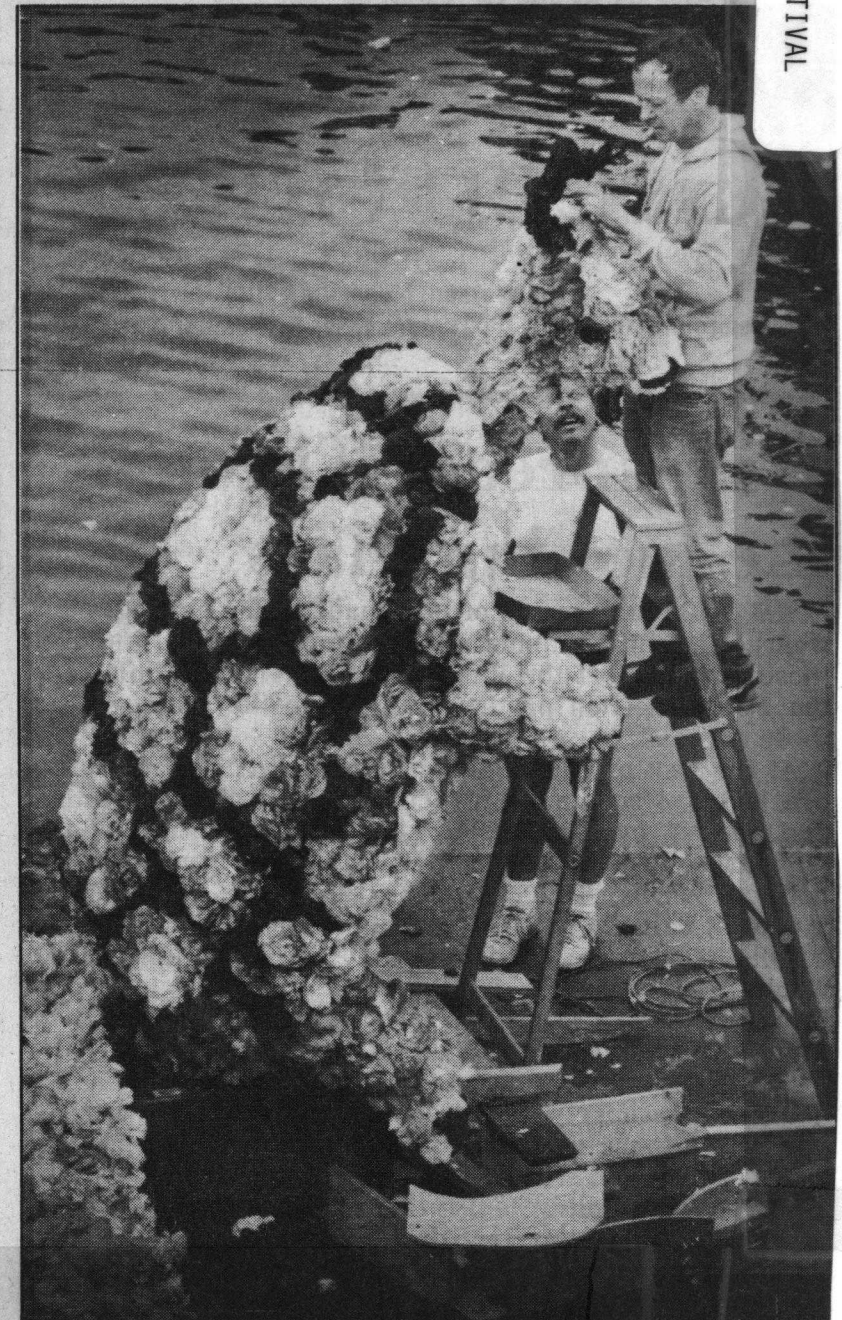
Sweepstakes winner of the home and commercial begonia-decorating contest judged prior to the parade was "The Queens Croquet Match" by Don Grosbeck and Raleigh Meadows, 520 Gilroy Drive.

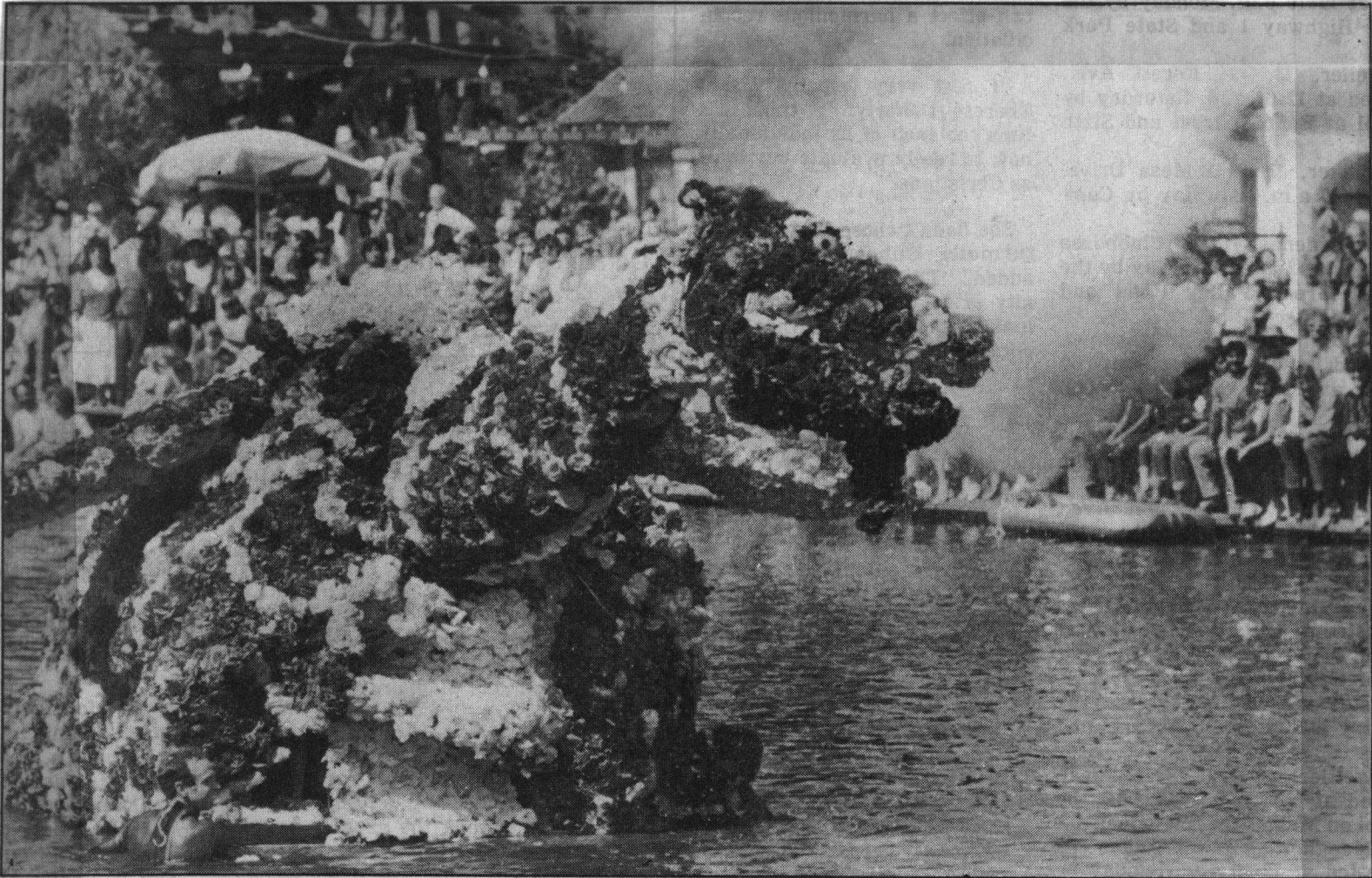
"The Mad Hatter's Tea Party" by the Great Pretender on Capitola Avenue won first in commercial, with Corrine's Pies on Stockton Avenue garnering second place with a window decoration.

"Caterpillar on the Mushroom" on Riverview Avenue, by Larry Gordon and Friends, won first in the home division, and second went to Linda Bjornson, also on Riverview Avenue, for "The Cheshire Cat."

Zack and Kati Martin, peeping from the railings of the Stockton Avenue bridge, above, found some of the best seats in the house. Walter Nilsson, on ladder at right, and Patrick Kretsch work on 'The Mock Turtle,' the Green Earth Singles' entry, eventually taking first in the group division.

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Crowd pleaser

Breathing fire and smoke, the 302 Cherry Street Gang's 'Jabberwocky' carried off the grand sweepstakes award Sunday in Capitola's 33rd annual

Nautical Parade on Soquel Creek, the grand finale of the Begonia Festival. Story and more photos on page 11.