

# Santa Cruz celebrates history at Mission Fiesta

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**SANTA CRUZ** — An array of local color lined the sidewalks of the Pacific Avenue Mall to watch the color and sounds of the Mission Fiesta Parade Saturday afternoon.

After a stormy Friday, the sun shone on the city's celebration, commemorating the day the first Europeans arrived in what was to become Santa Cruz.

The parade started Pacific and Cathcart Street and continued up to the Mission Plaza Park, where the fiesta was taking place.

There were marching bands clad in full uniform, with baton and flag twirlers; a purple make-shift dragon resembling Miss Piggy; horses with gaucho riders and cowboys and cowgirls, followed swiftly by a band of sweepers armed with shovels and wheel barrows.

A touch of the '80s breezed through with the Westside Riders of the New Wave. Polka dotted horsee and Devo-style riders reminded the crowd of the era at hand.

Among the procession, were politicians who smiled and waved to their constituents. U.S. Rep. Leon Panetta, state Sen. Henry Mello and Assemblyman Sam Farr rolled by in antique cars.

Speaking of antiques, an antique fire engine sporting a fine dixieland jazz band received a round of applause from on-lookers.

At the Mission Plaza Park, there were booths

with foods and crafts, and a mariachi band. Many groups were represented at the party, including the Raiders of the Lost Adobe, Cabrillo College's Archeological program, featuring touches of history on the remaining adobe.

## Parade results

Civilian bands — Break Loose "6," first place.

Organizational bands — Santa Cruz High School, first; Harbor High School, second; Del Mar High School, third.

Drum corps — Troop 58 Drum and Bugle Corps, first.

Drill teams — San Jose Zouaves, first; North Monterey County Rifle Squad, second.

Baton Corps — North Monterey County High majorettes, first; Harbor High School, second; Santa Cruz High school, third.

Drum major (senior) — North Monterey County High, first; Harbor High School, second; Santa Cruz High School, third.

Drum major (junior) — Troop 58, first.

Military band — U.S. Army 7th Infantry, first; National Guard Band, second.

Military color guard — 91st, first, 504 Military Police, second; Marine Color Guard, third.

Motorized vehicle — Circus Wagon (Larry Wolfen), first; 1931 Plymouth roadster (Bert Allen), second; 1911 Oldsmobile (Chuck Fanucci), third.

Miscellaneous individual, Llama and Lady, D. Mandyjara, first place; Spanish señoritas Diane Nordquist and Mainie Ganzler, second place; Rainbow, Ginger Johnson, third place.

Miscellaneous group — Civil War Association, first; Pinheiro Family, second; Equine Disposal Group, third.

Horse drawn vehicle — Wells Fargo Stage Coach, first; Pony drawn cart (C. Haentjens), second.

Equestrian individual — B. Griffin, first; Crystal Elzer and Mule, second.

Equestrian costume — Equestrian, Vangie Cunningham, first; Charra Rider, Mary Giraudo, second; Jesse Goff and Kevin Kraph, Riders, third.

Equestrian group — Quail Hollow Circle ranch, first; Santa Cruz County Junior Horsemen Color Guard, second; Santa Cruz County Horsemen's third.

Best children's entry — Evergreen School, first; Jesse Goff and Kevin Kraph, second; Gateway School, third.

Most spirit and enthusiasm — Santa Cruz High School Big Red Band, first; Troop 58 Drum and Bugle Corps, second; Santa Cruz Fire Department, third.

Best fiesta theme — Dan Ambrose and burro, first; Scotts Valley Historical Society, second; Wells Fargo Stage Coach, third.

Best of parade — Evergreen School Children, first; 7th Infantry Division Band, second; North Monterey County High School Band, third place.

Best equestrian entry — Marilyn Schmidt, first place; Vangie Cunningham, second place.



Mexican music filled the air

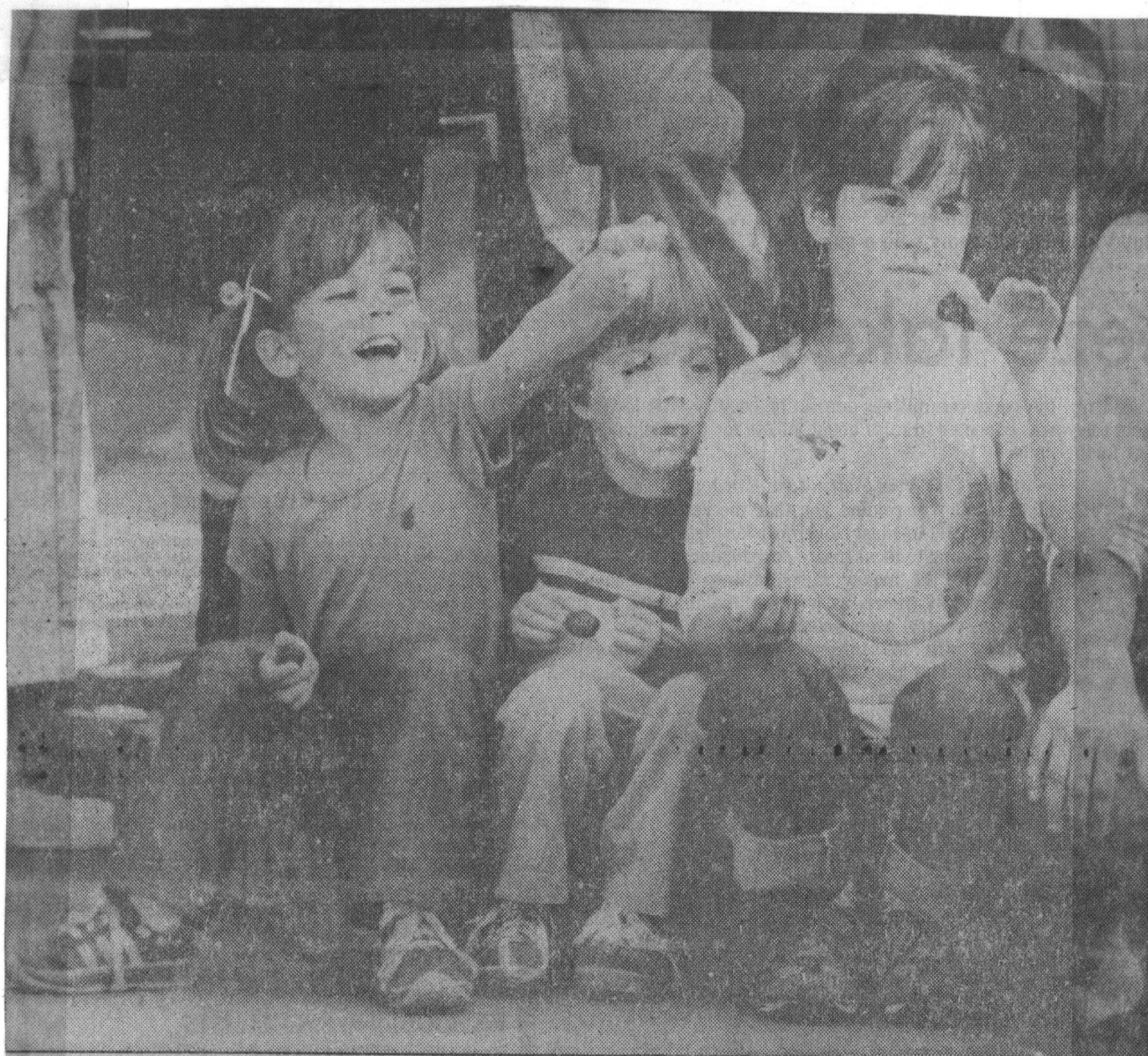


D. Mandhara leads her Llama ahead of Gateway School children





Spanish señoritas: Diane Nordquist and Mainie Ganzler



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## Happy Birthday, Santa Cruz

**SANTA CRUZ** — There was something for everyone at Saturday's Mission Fiesta Parade, as the faces of

these youngsters reflect. There were politicians, gauchos and bands — even the sun showed up for the event. The

event was Santa Cruz's 192nd birthday, and the town celebrated in style. For pictures and story, see Page A5.