

BEACHBLAST

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Jerry Mullinax keeps an eye on Mayor Rick Murphrey in the watermelon eating contest.



Winners of this year's Teenie Weenie Bikini Contest are, left to right, Nettie Peterson, Peyton Stewart, Calem Hannah, and Houston Demers.



CALEM HANNAH



Winners of the 0-12 year old Watermelon Eating Contest: Brandon Short (1st), McRae Moore (2nd).

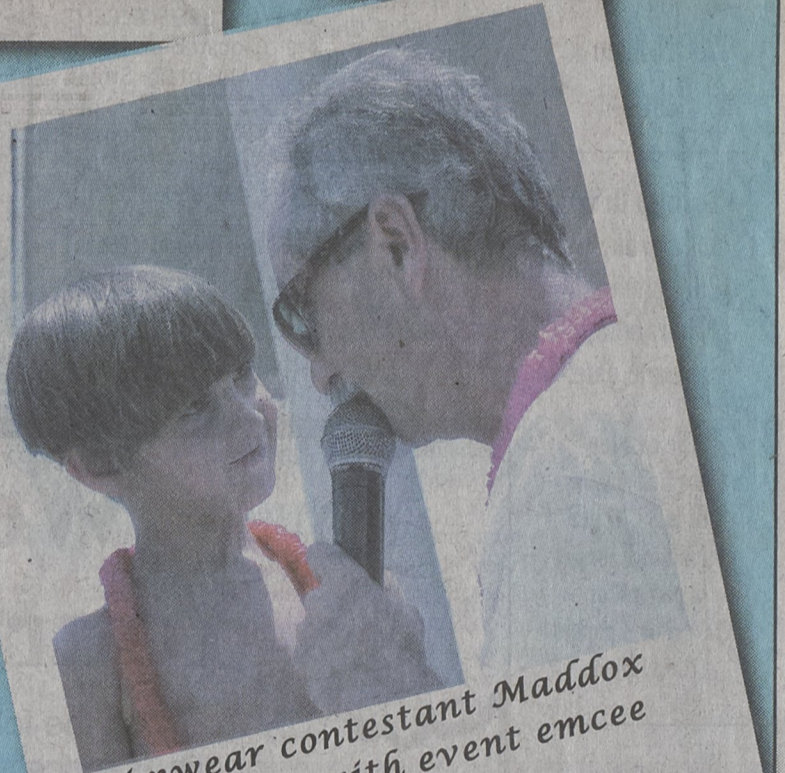


Abigail Cody, 14 months, enjoys a juicy watermelon...



AARGH!

Pirates mind their loot with cannons. Left to right, Terry Wyman, Marti Mongiello, Matt Vincett.



Swimwear contestant Maddox James chats with event emcee "Captain Ron" Shu.



Neva Ruiz and two-year-old Cionna Ruiz smile with large shades.

Below, Rita Gibbons (1st place) beat Mayor Rick Murphrey (2nd) in their age division of the watermelon eating contest. For Gibbons, the win was sweet. "He beat me last year," she said.



Bikini contestant Kynli Jordan strutted and waved at all of the judges.