

# Good Things Ahead for Linda Mouron, Miss California

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Linda Mouron's year as Miss California may be coming to an end but the pretty blue-eyed brunette with the dancing feet has much to look forward to.

Recognized in Sacramento by the state legislature just this past week for her role as official state hostess, Linda, in addition to reigning during Miss California Pageant Week also will appear in the production numbers along with the Benny Smith Dancers as well as in a solo spot.

Then next Monday, before she really has a chance to unwind, she'll be flying to Minnesota to dance in that state's pageant. Austin is the home city of the Miss

Minnesota Pageant and the current Miss America, Dorothy Benham, hails from that state, so the pageant will be doubly exciting.

Linda, third runner-up to Miss America, will be going back to Atlantic City the middle of July to start rehearsals for the Miss America USO tour, having been chosen as one of the six to accompany Dorothy on the four-week jaunt to the South Pacific.

Included in the two weeks of rehearsal will be four performances in Atlantic City and a taping in New York.

And Linda, who celebrated her 19th birthday in Atlantic City, will be having her 20th there as well as she performs in the Miss Ameri-

ca Pageant along with others on the tour.

There's more ahead for fall — both career and education-wise.

The former Miss Orange County, who has been dancing since she was 4 and was employed professionally by Disneyland before becoming Miss California, wants to continue working at Disneyland. She also has met Lawrence Welk and has been offered an audition and hopes to be tapped for TV commercials and dancing spots too.

But she's also interested in her education. She's the first Miss California to attend school almost full time while representing her state and during her year at Cabrillo College completed

24 units. She plans to attend Cal State at Fullerton.

"I feel lots of doors are opening for me right now," she says. "I've learned so much this past year."

Her plans for the future of course, include a professional career in dancing as well as singing. She has been taking voice from Patti Macdonald and is doing some musical comedy numbers, combining tap dancing and singing. "I've Got Rhythm" and "I Can Do That" are two of her favorites.

"I feel I have something to offer that is wholesome entertainment. And if I'm going to make it in show business, I'm going to make it because of my own hard work, dedication and perseverance. I'm not looking for any gimmicks — and I'm not just about to compromise my moral code to get ahead," says Linda.

"People do want good entertainment and I believe the pendulum is swinging back in that direction again."

She says she'll miss Santa Cruz where her parents for the year have been Wendell and Sue Stolle. "It's a different life style than living in a large city. I thoroughly enjoy the climate and it's great when you wake up and see a clear, blue sky."

She considers her year as Miss California as a growing and learning experience.

In addition to going to school and taking dance lessons, she has made many

personal appearances and attended a majority of the preliminary pageants. An exciting event for May was being a special guest at the Miss Hawaii Pageant where she was a guest of Sheraton Hotels.

Linda says she is continually telling the public about the scholarship opportunities connected with

the Miss America and preliminary pageants. "It's time people were made aware that the program is totally non-profit and run mostly by volunteers."

"I can't believe how quickly this year has gone. But I've learned one thing — time is precious and it's important to make every day worthwhile."



"Lots of doors are opening for me now," says Miss California, Linda Mouron, a professional dancer. "I feel the entertainment I have to offer is wholesome and if I'm going to make it in show business, I'm going to make it because of my own hard work, dedication and perseverance." She says she has learned that time is precious and that it is important to make life worth while.



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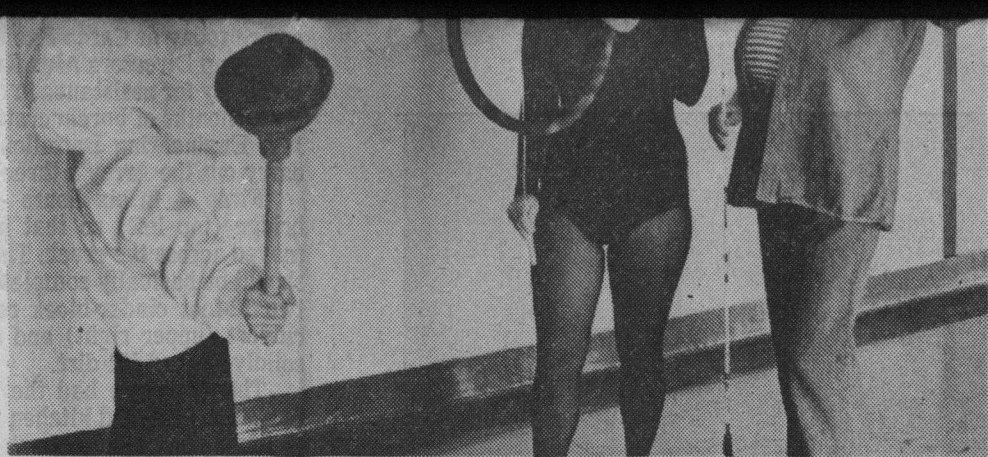
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## Hoe-Down at Crosetti Ranch Coming

Sunday, June 26, is the date set for an old-fashioned Hoe-Down and barbecue at the Crosetti Ranch, Watsonville, to benefit the Cabrillo Music Festival.

The event will include a no-host bar, music and dancing and a barbecue dinner. Families are welcome.

Tickets for the hoe-down at



**GONG SHOW** — It's live and coming to Santa Cruz — the Gong Show. It will be all part of the fun when hostesses for the Miss California Pageant entertain contestants with a mix and mingle party Monday night. The line up includes, from left, Emcee Paulette Cannon, Sharon Embrey with a boa constrictor act, and Rose Keley doing her interpretation of "Luigi, Son of the Beach."

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