

Soquel High Graduate

New Miss SC County

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Beauty Pageant

Carrie Ann Kelsey, a vivacious Soquel High School graduate, who came back this year for a second try, was named Miss Santa Cruz County Saturday night in the Cocoanut Grove.

The 19-year-old brunette, who belted out a crowdpleasing "Get Happy" and "Don't Cry Outloud," for the important talent phase of the pageant, is the daughter of Bill and Rose Kelsey of 6005 Thurber Lane. She was first runner up in last year's competition and will now try for the Miss California crown in June.

First runner up last night was Lisa Christensen, who sang a medley of songs from "Oklahoma;" second runner up was Lisa Bonnie, playing the theme of "Ice Castles" on the piano; third, was Michelle Gigandet, who gave a reading from "Your A Good Man Charlie Brown;" and fourth was Zo Ann McBride, who sang, "Everything," from "A Star is Born."

The contestants named Karen Adamo "Miss Congeniality."

A special talent award was made to Cynthia Bone.

The pageant was attended by a large crowd which covered the floor of the Grove.

Kelsey, a tall, leggy beauty impressed the judges in her pink swimsuit and full red evening gown. She is enrolled in Bauder College where she expects to study fashion merchandising.

A sister with two brothers, Dan, 22 and Mark, 20, she is a former county fair

queen and was a California Little Miss at 11, in Santa Clara County. Her father operates a wine and spirits store in Scotts Valley and her mother owns the Sh'Ros Dress Shop in the Branciforte Plaza here.

When she sang her talent numbers, Carrie had the audience clapping and swinging along with her to the beat.

She works at the Revelations dress shop in Santa Cruz.

The non competitive entertainment portion of the was furnished by community volunteers composed of Chris Allegri Macdonald, Janice Todd Allegri, Gina Coopwood, Steve Rydman, Doug Halderman and dancer Dana Rydman.

Tamara Pfeil, the reigning Miss Santa Cruz County, said the scholarship she was given last year, "brought my education into focus." The winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

Two community members, Jerry Todd and Gus Allegri, received special honors for their contributions to the pageant.

Music was furnished by the Patti Macdonald singers — Patti, Alice Hansmann and Fran Russell; and the orchestra — Patti, Jim, Dan and Mac Macdonald.

Other contestants included Cynthia Bone, Karen Adamo, Lori Lee Castro, Rena Robinson and Sylvia Smith.

More than \$2,400 in scholarship money was awarded the contestants. Joseph Perry produced the show with Karen Perry the assistant producer.

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tears as Tamara Pfeil crowns her.