



Photo by Kurt Ellison

Miss Santa Cruz County, Kristin Cathrein, arrived Monday at the Santa Cruz

City Hall, escorted by a member of Ft. Ord Army Color Guard.

Miss California pageant begins in Santa Cruz

If beauty were only skin deep, then the 34 contestants in this year's Miss California pageant, currently under way in the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, would be hard-pressed to top one another.

But as the promoters and chaperones of the 58th annual search for Miss California are quick to point out, they are looking for a young woman who has more than beauty carrying her to the Miss America competition in Atlantic City September.

"While the talent and swimsuit competition are important, the personal interview between contestants and judges counts for a lot," said one chaperone, "Jinx" Main.

"I believe the Miss America contest was one of the first women's liberation events ever held in the country — and we offer the world's largest scholarship foundation for our contestants," said "Jinx", who maintains her name doesn't care any of the contestants away. "These girls go into (their) education and making goals that they can achieve," said Mrs. Main, who is chaperone for Miss San Diego (Laura Van Wilkins). "It's a very positive experience dealing with young people like this."

This is the stuff little girls dream of — an oppor-

tunity to win big scholarship money to the school of your own choice; TV offers for the runner-ups; media exposure and a week when your chance is as good as any of the other contestant's to be crowned queen for a year.

The hopefuls converged on Santa Cruz Monday morning for the official welcoming-in ceremony at the Santa Cruz Spanish Gardens at City Hall.

One by one, they were driven to the reception area in highly polished Thunderbirds provided by the Monterey Thunderbird Car Club, then escorted by a color guard from Fort Ord to a board where the current Miss California, Robin Brooks, pinned a ribbon with their name and hometown on their summer business suits. From there, they signed their name to another board, and walked under an archway of drawn swords, provided by the Fort Ord color guard, to their have their portraits taken for the pageant.

But that was the end of the fun and games for a while. This week the contestants will spend practicing routines for the talent competition Thursday and Friday nights, boning up on their charm for the personal interviews with judges (considered a crucial element of the selection process) and watching their competitors sweat it

out in the summer's heat.

The 34 contestants are from places as diverse as San Diego and Brea, San Francisco and Del Norte County, but most are in their late teens and early 20s.

Nineteen-year-old Kristin Eva-Maria Cathrein represents Santa Cruz in this year's 58th annual competition.

The winner of the Santa Cruz search for Miss Cali-

fornia will receive a \$3,000 scholarship, but other scholarship money is available for contestants.

The finals of the Miss California Beauty Pageant will be televised live at 8 p.m. Saturday from the Civic Auditorium. Promoters hope to make it one of the most modern television extravaganzas in the pageant's 58-year history. Tickets are available at the Civic Center box office.

Another 'Trailside' victim found here

By JAMIE MARKS

Investigators' worst fears were realized late Monday afternoon when the skull fragments and jawbone discovered in Castle Rock State Park near the Santa Cruz County border were positively identified as belonging to Anna Kelly Menjivar, an acquaintance of trailside suspect David J. Carpenter.

Miss Menjivar, 17, had been reported missing from her Daly City home since Dec. 28. An investigator with the homicide division of the Daly City police said today that Carpenter's name "has not been eliminated" from the list of suspects in that case, but he was reluctant to discuss much about the investigation because of a gag order, prohibiting officials, detec-

indicate how Miss Menjivar died.

Only a few bone and skull fragments, and pieces of clothing from a young female, have been found in the area. So far the remains have not turned up a clue as to time or cause of death. More pathological investigation will be conducted today to determine those factors, but detectives were not optimistic about the outcome of that probe.

"We don't have much to work with," Sheriff Al Noren said.

Meanwhile, Daly City police will continue working with the Santa Cruz County Task Force, a Daly City detective said. Two of the Daly City police assigned to Santa Cruz had been working on the "missing persons" case of Miss