

# Contestants prepare for Miss America

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The 63rd annual Miss America Pageant officially began Monday but the 50 women hoping to capture the crown already have spent a busy two days posing for pictures and preparing for the contest.

All grins and giggles, the contestants cavorted through three photo sessions Sunday, enjoying one last chance to relax before the pageant shifts into high gear. The contest climaxes Saturday night with the crowning of a new queen.

Pageant officials control the picture sessions but some of the women still managed to bend the rules a little as their chaperones looked the other way.

Miss Washington, Jennifer Havlin, and Miss Oklahoma, Trelynda Kerr, broke off a Boardwalk stroll to throw bread crumbs to a flock of seagulls and Miss New York, Vanessa Williams, had an impromptu chat with boxing great Muhammad Ali.

During a scheduled poolside pose, Miss Georgia, Tammy Fulwider, Miss Illinois, Becky Bush, Miss South Carolina, Dalia Garcia, and Miss Utah, Lynn Lambert, dived into the water and briefly splashed around for photographers.

Miss Pennsylvania, Jennifer Eshelman, and Miss Michigan, Denise Gehman, were working out on some weightlifting equipment in a hotel gymnasium.

The frivolities are aimed at framing the women in the pageant's all-American image, but the queen this year is not likely to be the girl next door. The 50 state representatives are mostly super-achievers with big plans for the future.

As usual, many of the women — 21 to be exact — want to pursue entertainment careers, but a number of less glamorous professions have shown up on the contestants' resumes.

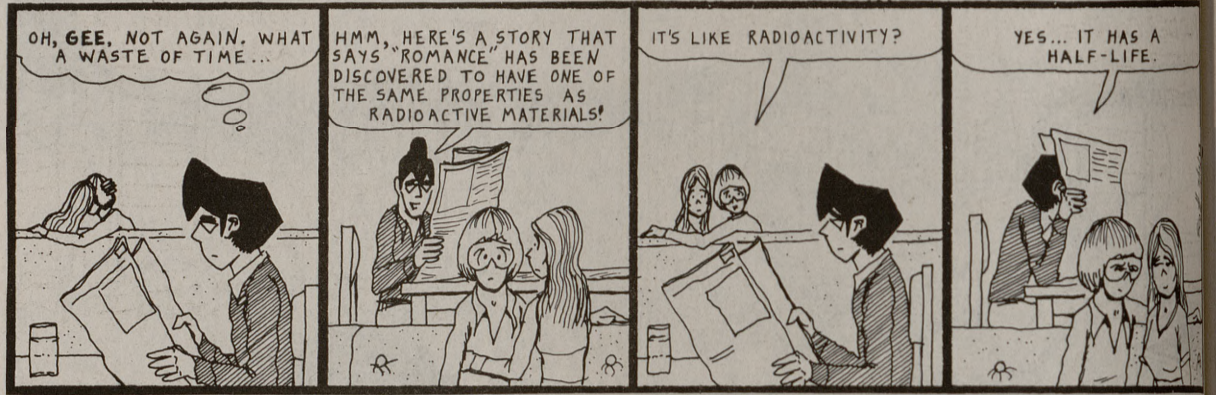
Many women plan conventional careers such as law, business, or medicine, but a few have offbeat ambitions. Miss Wisconsin, Wendy Wagner, wants to be a conference coordinator, and Miss Iowa, Karri Nussle, hopes to become a college band conductor.

But to win the title, with its \$25,000 scholarship and potential earnings of about \$150,000, the women have to attract some attention — and they try.

Miss Minnesota, Vicki Plaster, notes she is a "self-confessed chocoholic." Miss Tennessee, Moira Kaye, wants everyone to know her home "was the subject of an indoor air pollution study" and that she collects ceramic frogs.

## Warped

by Scott McCullough R.I.



## Residents teach birth

# Parents-to-be educated

by Robin Black  
Battalion Reporter

Ed and Mary Walraven have, for the past four years, been working to educate expectant parents about every aspect of childbirth — from physiological information to the emotional side of pregnancy.

Because of their extensive work in the Bryan-College Station area, the Walravens were appointed state coordinators of the International Childbirth Education Association in May.

The ICEA is a national, non-profit organization whose goal is prepared childbirth based on the premise of freedom of choice based on knowledge of alternatives.

Walraven is assistant director of public information for Texas A&M. Mrs. Walraven is an administrative secretary for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Walravens' interest in prepared childbirth education began four years ago, when their first son Benjamin died in infancy.

"Our primary interests have been childbirth education from early pregnancy through the early weeks of parenting, breastfeeding instruction and increasing the use of car seats to protect the children we work so hard to bring into this world," Walraven said.

As state coordinators, the Walravens' work for the ICEA is voluntary, performed in the evenings and on weekends.

Before being appointed state coordinators, the Walravens made referrals to consumers concerning community childbirth resources

and did some individual counseling with parents-to-be and families affected by the deaths of their newborns, Walraven said.

Currently, Mrs. Walraven is teaching two prepared childbirth classes which teach about pregnancy and general physiology, in addition to dealing with the emotional aspects of childbirth.

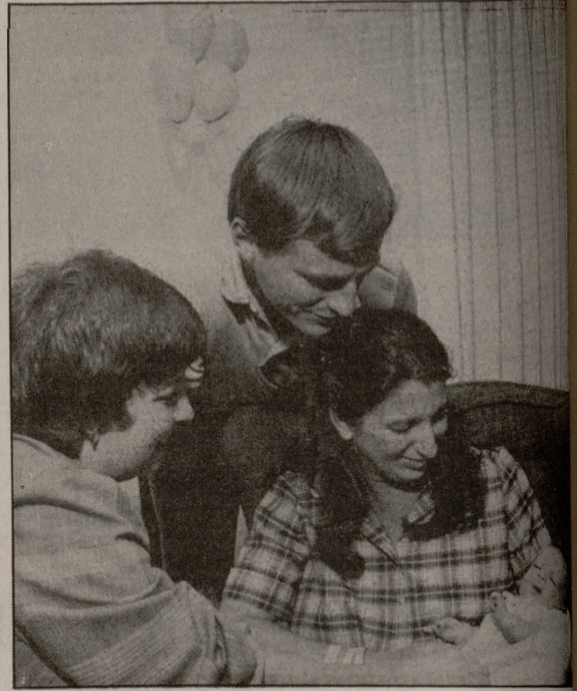
"That is where we teach relaxation training," she said. "The reason for this is tension leads to fear and fear leads to pain, and the childbirth experience cannot be as fulfilling if the mother is in extreme pain."

As a result of the relaxation training, Walraven said, many women are able to have a drug-free childbirth, which allows the mother to be more alert and contributes to the potential enjoyment of childbirth.

"Since everything that affects the mother physiologically is also relayed to the fetus through the bloodstream," he continued, "drug-free births and an increased awareness of nutrition on the part of the mother leads to healthier babies."

Walraven said he feels the increased birth weights of infants over the past five years — an indication that healthier babies are being born — is a direct result of more care and research on the parents' part.

As their first project as state coordinators of the ICEA, the Walravens are in the process of establishing a list of services available in the areas of Texas ICEA members.



Mary Walraven, left, with John and Janelle Eaves and their newborn, Kristin.

"We are surveying the available resources across the state by sending questionnaires in the next newsletter inquiring what services are available to our members," Walraven said.

"In the meantime," Mrs. Walraven said, "we encourage our clients to ask their doctors about

the medical procedures they and the facilities available at hospital they choose."

She said it was especially important that the expectant parents find out about those things before choosing an obstetrician.

## Football hero faces jail term

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon surrendered his freedom Monday to begin serving a five-year prison term for masterminding a \$6 million counterfeiting scheme, one of the largest in the nation's history.

Cannon, 45, was ordered to report to the Federal Correctional Institute in Texarkana, Texas, Monday. Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Jim Brown said Cannon would travel to the Texas prison on his own.

The ex-running back for the Houston Oilers and Oakland Raiders was sentenced Aug. 19 to the maximum prison term he could receive under a plea bargain agreement.

Under arrangement, Cannon pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to print and distribute \$6 million in bogus \$100 bills in exchange for immunity from additional counterfeiting charges.

Cannon, who won a Heisman Trophy while playing at Louisiana State University in 1959, told prosecutors he financed the engraving and printing scheme, which he developed on New Year's Day 1980 to help himself out of a cash flow crunch.

Trial for four other men indicted in the counterfeiting scheme was scheduled Oct. 1. William Glascock of Pensacola, Fla.; Herbert Jessup of Mississippi; Charles Whitfield of Pennsylvania; and Timothy Melancon of Thibodaux will be tried on a variety of charges in the case.

John P. Stiglets of Baton Rouge pleaded guilty to charges of printing the fake \$100 bills and was sentenced to eight years in jail. After his sentencing, Cannon was allowed to remain free on his own recognizance until his term began.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon ad that appeared in yesterday's Battalion was incorrect. The party is Wednesday night, not Tuesday night as stated.

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