

Eight semi-finalists vie tonight for 12th EC Relay Queen

Eight girls are running for the Relay Queen selection tonight in the Boys' Gymnasium. Out of 91 signups, eight were chosen semi-finalists: Darcy Al-lacher, Linda Booth, Pat Iiyama,

Sandy McCorduck, Brenda Monaghan, Carol Wagner, Caroline Woolworth, and Melinda Stebbins.

Judging the annual event will be Jack Larscheid, halfback for the Oakland Raiders; Sue Boomer,

former Queen of 1952; and three other judges.

These judges will eliminate four candidates, and from those remaining, select a Queen. The other three girls will act as at-

tendants. All will reign at the El Cerrito Relays, to be held on April 15, and will present the Relay awards to the athletes.

"The Queen and her court will be guests of the East Bay Prep Writers Association on Wednesday, April 12, at the Villa de la Paix restaurant in Oakland," said Coach Hale Roach, in charge of the Relays.

At a later date, the Queen and her attendants will be interviewed on the Milt Gamble Sports Review on radio station KDIA, Sunday, at 2:00.

Entertainment will be provided to top off the evening. Included among the six-group billing are Betti Morris, singing; Dancer Rod Harris; and the Frustrated Four.

The Frustrated Four include Don Carpenter, Glen Kay, Josh Diamond, and Kendall Blanchard. Arranging the entertainment was Stephanie Zucker, Commissioner of Entertainment.

Master of ceremonies will be Steve Donaldson, chairman of the Queen committee. Tickets are on sale today during the lunch hour for 25¢ at the ticket booth for this event. Tonight, tickets will be sold at the door for 50¢. Ceremonies start at 7:30.



PICK A QUEEN. Showing their royal smiles are (back row, l. to r.) Brenda Monaghan, Carol Wagner, Caroline Woolworth, Melinda Stebbins, Sandy McCorduck, (front row, l. to r. Darcy Al-lacher, Pat Iiyama, and Linda Booth.

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Questions of School Board candidates

A chance for all questions of the twelve candidates for Secondary School Board to be answered is what the El Cerrito Junior Statesmen Chapter is offering interested persons.

In order to present the candidates to the public, and all at the same time, the chapter with the JTA is sponsoring a candidates' night next Tuesday, April 11, at 8:00 in the cafeteria.

"As most people know, there are three groups of four people running for the four school board positions. Each group will be allowed fifteen minutes to present their members, platforms, and ideas. Following these presentations questions will be accepted from the floor," said Craig Swan, who will moderate the discussion.

Joe Allen, chapter president, stated that since there was so much interest in the school board following the recent tax and bond elections and since this board is the body governing the Richmond Secondary School District of which El Cerrito is a part, the voters and El Cerrito students should be given an opportunity to hear the candidates.

He urged all students to invite their parents and friends to attend so that they may make an intelligent selection in the forthcoming school board election, April 18.

Refreshments will be served.

Sign-ups for next year's Junior, Senior class offices to start soon

All sophomores and juniors who wish to hold class offices next year must file for election starting April 18 in Mr. Richard Lovette's office.

Offices open to hopeful candidates include president, vice-president, secretary, and twenty central committee positions. Only fifty names will appear on the Central Committee ballot.

In the past the first fifty to sign up were placed on the cen-

tral committee ballot, but that was not fair, Mr. Lovette related. The only just and equitable way was to draw the names from a jar.

Singing El Cerritans attend 5 day music conference

Like to sing? Six El Cerritans do and that is exactly how they spent their Easter Vacation.

These students, Kendall Blanchard, Josh Diamond, Dan Earl, Gunilla Hojer, Glen Kay, and Floyd Smith, were selected to attend the All Western Band, Orchestra, and Choir Conference.

The conference, held every two years, encompasses the nine western states. 800 students from these states made an Easter exodus to Santa Monica in order to attend.

Full day schedules for the Sunday to Thursday conference called for nine hours of practice a day. Arriving Sunday at one, the students were practicing by six that evening. The practice was in preparation for a concert given Wednesday evening combining all three sections of the conference.

"Everyone lost their voice by the concert," commented Dan Earl.

Dan further explained that Mr. Headley had selected the students

to represent El Cerrito. Then they made application to Santa Monica where they were screened

and the final selection was made. Housing was provided by families in Santa Monica.



SINGING AMBASSADORS, recently returned from an Easter music conference are (l. to r.) Glen Kay, Dan Earl, Gunilla Hojer, Kendall Blanchard, and Floyd Smith.

La Dorada plans dollar carwash

La Dorada, one of El Cerrito's three girls' service clubs, is planning to hold a car wash on April 8, at the Shell service station on the corner of Franklin and San Pablo streets (across from the E.C. Plaza).

The price will be \$1.00 per car with no additional charge for white wall tires.

At least part of the profits from their car wash will be used to help finance the clubs' current service project aiding needy children.

Dismal failures mark class cake sale

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor;
I SHOULD LIKE to address an open letter to the Junior Central Committee regarding their cake sales.

I view with growing alarm the astonishing failures of the Junior Class' cake sales. I refer you to the sale held last Tuesday noon, in which a grand total of three (3) cakes were sold.

Now, this is not criticism for only one occasion; rather, I've seen it happen on several occasions.

I suggest that a sign be posted upon our class bulletin board at least two days in advance of the upcoming sale, and that notices be put in the bulletin for a similiar period of time, both reminding juniors to bring cakes.

This would, at least in part, rectify the paltry sums of money which have been obtained from past sales. It would let our class know what is going on, and would give them a chance to actively support the class.

Also, it would eliminate the last minute phone calls by committee members to other class members which urge them to bring cakes.

True love

She paints.
She powders.
She reads risqué stories.
She drinks my liquor.
She cusses, too.
She eats lobsters at midnight.
She does lots of things she oughtn't to.

But . . . she's my grandmother and I love her.--Exhaust.

Around and About

BY LINDA MILLER

Hi! How long has it been since you were on a bike? That long! Well, now that spring is officially here, why not pick a nice sunny afternoon and go for a bike ride?

There are a number of places that rent bikes around Golden Gate Park and the prices are usually quite reasonable. The average price is about \$1.25 for three hours, however you can rent them for as long as all day if you like.

Of course you don't have to ride for the whole three hours. There are a number of places to go in Golden Gate Park.

Most everyone has visited the more common "tourist attractions", such as the zoo, the Museum, and the Japanese Tea Gardens, but how many of you have ever seen the Pioneer Log Cabin, the Historic Grove, Rainbow Falls, the Liberty Tree, or the Elk Glen? Most of these places could never be seen by just driving through the park.

If these calls were made a day or so in advance, there would be no problem. Last Tuesday, however, they were made on Monday night.

One may think that a packaged cake mix can be baked and this same cake frosted in less than three hours. This is a fallacy though, because the cake must be cooled before applying frosting.

If this is not done, the cake tends to crumble into pieces too small to bother frosting.

Lincoln Steffens

Library plea met lethargic results; \$2,800 loss told in student dishonesty

SOME WEEKS AGO THIS PAPER issued a plea that the seven hundred odd books cataloged in the school library's "dead file" might be returned. This plea has been met with appalling apathy.

Each student of El Cerrito High School was asked to comb his own house for overdue or lost books and to return them. The books could be dropped down the return slot in the library door or simply left at the desk. No questions were to be asked. There was to be no direct monetary reward and no penalty enforced. The end was to be a much larger, superior library at every student's disposal. The aforementioned conditions and the end momentarily remain status quo; the interest expressed by El Cerritans shall not remain status quo; it will rise or it will be raised.

We would not like to think that the lack of participation in this informal drive illustrates El Cerritans' concern for their own scholastic welfare. For if it does then there is more wrong than we could ever hope to remedy. We would rather believe that this indifference stems from careless oversight and the need for last week's vacation.

Vacation is over now, however, and everyone has had a week to re-unite himself with the old routine. There is no reason why such a disinterested mood should continue.

El Cerrito High School and the tax paying citizens of the city do not care to spend money to replace books that have innocently wandered into someone's home to take up permanent residence. Each lost book costs the school double the original price since the same book must be repurchased. The average book costs about four dollars, multiplied by seven hundred the total comes to tidy sum; this sum could have been used for new materials.

We wish to thank those students who have cooperated with this back-to-school-night for alumni books. To those students who have yet to do their part we send encouragement to search every bookcase, in, under every bed, in every closet and unlikely storage place. Find El Cerrito High School Library's seven hundred books and bring them back to their rightful home!

Have you ever seen the Shakerpore Gardens, or how about the Arboretum? These are both very interesting--especially the Arboretum. They have one wing devoted entirely to medicinal plants of all kinds. Some of the more common ones on display are the ricinus, or Castor Oil plant; the Arabian Kath, whose leaves are made into a narcotic; and the white Chinese poppy, from which opium is made.

Most of the places I have listed are rather hard to find, if you are really looking for them. The best bet is to just rent a bicycle and start exploring.

By the way, Bicycles can be rented on Stanyan Street, at the south end of Ocean Beach (by Playland), and on Balboa Street, near 4th and 5th Aves.

Southern French family goes to ruin

Tennessee Williams' play, A Streetcar Named Desire, is about a southern family, Du Bois, which has gone to ruin. This French family of New Orleans was once one of the wealthy class, but when the estate is left to the two daughters, it is soon lost.

The younger daughter, Stella, marries a Pole and takes up residence in a lower class flat in New Orleans. The older daughter, Blanche, is left with the heavy burden of caring for the estate. Because of an unfortunate past and this new responsibility, Blanche loses both her mind and the estate.

The action of the play is in the New Orleans flat where Stella and her husband, Stanley Kolwalski, live. Blanche comes to live here after quitting her school teaching job in another part of Louisiana.

The reader is introduced to the personalities of the characters by their reactions on Stanley's poker night (The Poker Night, was the original name of the play. The play got its present name later. A street car running through the area was called Desire. It's name coincided with Blanche's opinion of the Kolwalski marriage--that it was motivated by desire.)

What finally happens with this constantly quarreling threesome is left for you to find out.

The play was written by Thomas Lanier Williams; Tennessee being his pen name) in Mexico. After gaining several prizes, much fame, and money from the popular play, The Glass Menagerie Williams lived a life of luxury. But he soon became tired of this life and after an eye operation, he left for Mexico where A Streetcar Named Desire was written.

Statesmen Go to M-A convention

A discussion on the future of Africa highlighted a recent regional convention attended by 18 El Cerrito Junior Statesmen.

The all-day convention, held at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton on Saturday, March 25, also saw the delegates approve measures calling for the abolishment of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the formation of a Radio Free Asia.

Four men, a representative from the British Information Service, a student from the Union of South Africa, a teacher from Menlo-Atherton, and a student from Stanford, held the African panel discussion. Questions from the delegates were accepted following their presentation.

In the afternoon the delegates also voted favorably to remove billboards from the state's scenic highways and to recommend the use of correct parliamentary procedure to student councils. They rejected a resolution calling on the United States and United Nations to refuse to recognize Red China.

A dinner, entertainment, and a dance ended the convention.

El Cerritans attending were Bruce Bagley, Rick Spielman, Glen Gabel, Wendel Brunner, Barbara Bolton, Margie Bowley, Davis Fuldner, Joe Allen, Dave Bergen, Dave Booth, Brenda Korden, Judy Carver, Don Fidler, Debby Gill, Bob Sellner, Diana Lee, Craig Swan, and Mr. Trason.



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