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***WHO WILL BE THE NEXT MISS GAVILAN HILLS?***

**Gilroy, California. March 11, 2011** – Your daughter, friend or next-door neighbor could be the next Miss America. The first step begins with the Miss Gavilan Hills Competition!

The Miss Gavilan Hills and Miss Northern California Regional Competition, official preliminaries of the Miss America Program, will showcase the talents and accomplishments of high school seniors and college students. Young women must work full time or attend school in the State of California and have never been married. The competition for women ages 17-24 will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Gavilan College Theatre at 5055 Santa Teresa Blvd. in Gilroy. Contestants will compete in Interview, On-Stage Question, Physical Fitness, Talent and Evening Wear categories.

The deadline to enter is Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Two crowns are awarded at this pageant competition. It is considered an “*open*” pageant as contestants can come from all over the State. The winners fill the final two contestant slots in the Miss California pageant.

“We are very lucky to have a local competition in Gilroy within the Miss America Organization,” says Executive Director Karen La Corte.

The Miss Gavilan Hills and Miss Northern California Regional will award educational scholarships. The funds will be distributed to the winners and runners-up. Special acknowledgements will go to Top Interview and Talent.

Along with our certified judges, Casting Director Toni Suttie (Integrity Casting) with over 25 years of experience in the entertainment industry and sought after speaker will be judging as well.

Tickets for the show are \$21.00 with \$1.00 going to The Children’s Miracle Network. Tickets can be reserved by email at [missgavilanhills@marxtowing.com](mailto:missgavilanhills@marxtowing.com) or will be available for purchase at the door.

For more information or to obtain a contestant application, email [missgavilanhills@marxtowing.com](mailto:missgavilanhills@marxtowing.com). For sponsorship or donor opportunities, please contact Executive Director Karen La Corte at (408) 710-4070 or Associate Executive Director Susie Connell at (408) 828-6787.