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### Simi woman to compete for Mrs. California title

#### Reigning Mrs. Ventura County International aims to raise money for SIDS group

By From staff reports  
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

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**Sabrina Hayes**

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The pageant will take place Sept. 10-13 at the Downey Civic Theater.

Simi Valley resident and reigning Mrs. Ventura County International 2010 Sabrina Hayes will compete for the Mrs. California International Crown in Downey.

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"I am honored to represent Ventura County and working mothers as well as women in business in this area,"

Hayes said.

She plans to use the honor to help shed light on a cause close to her heart — Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

“The International system has a great reputation for fostering community involvement and service,” Hayes said. “I am delighted to be competing for the Mrs. California International crown in September and raising awareness of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.”

It is customary for local business to sponsor a representative from its county with hopes she'll become the next Mrs. California International 2010 to spread her platform throughout the state.

Hayes donates many hours per month to the nonprofit Josephine DeMello Foundation, based in Camarillo. The foundation formed in 2008 after the sudden death of 6-month-old Josephine (Joey) DeMello; it exists to educate families, friends and the general public about the No. 1 killer of infants, to raise awareness in the community and to support the families of victims of SIDS.

The foundation will raise money through events and public donations to help fund SIDS research with the aim of finding answers to put an end to SIDS.

For more information about SIDS and the Josephine DeMello Foundation, visit <http://www.joeydemellofoundation.com>.

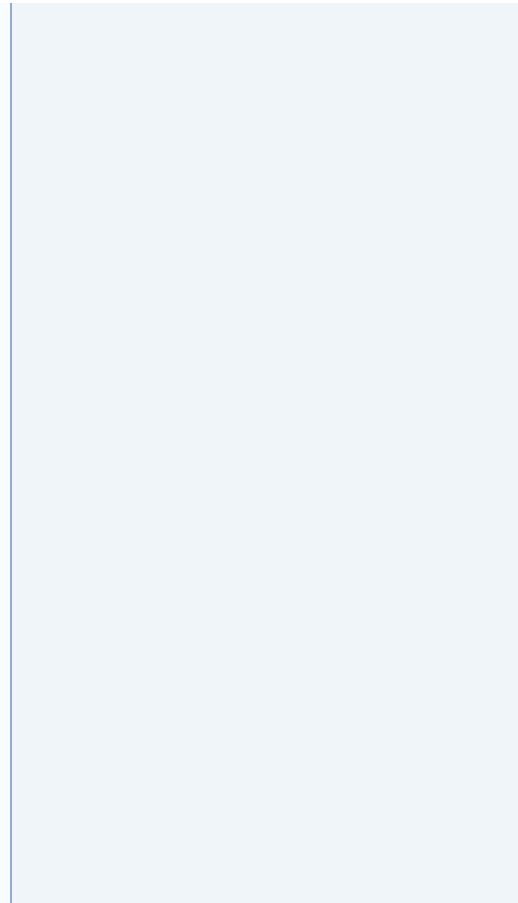
Acknowledging the tight economy, Hayes is hoping people will donate to help her in her efforts to capture the title of Mrs. California International 2010 so she might spread the word about and continue to raise funds for SIDS.

For sponsorship information, e-mail or Paypal: [Sabrina.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:Sabrina.hayes@gmail.com).

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