

## Modjeska Candy Chosen as the Official Candy at Susan Jeske, Ms. America 1997 – Wedding Spring 2018

Susan R. Jeske and James M. Irvine have announced their engagement and will be married in the Spring of 2018 at the Irvine Ranch Historic Park

IRVINE, CA, UNITED STATES, May 26, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Susan R. Jeske who was the first Ms. America® in 1997 and now the CEO of the Ms. America® Pageant, will be marrying James M. Irvine, the youngest grandson to the late James Irvine II who inherited about 115,000 acres in what is now Orange County, California. Each guest that is attending this prestigious event will be receiving a box of world renowned Madam Helena Modjeska candy "caramel biscuit" from Bauer's Candies along with a complimentary ticket by OCParks.com to visit the Madam Helena Modjeska Home Tour.

Madam Helena Modjeska was considered the best actress of her time and had her own celebrity endorsements in flatware, perfume and candies. In July 1876, she emigrated from Poland to Orange County, California and was good friends with James Irvine II who named his daughter Kathryn Helena Irvine after her. In 1883, she appeared at the McCauley Theater in Louisville in the play, "A Doll's House." A local candy maker, Anton Busath of Busath Candies attended the play and thought Madam Modjeska was so wonderful that he asked if he could name his "caramel biscuit," Modjeska in honor of her, which she granted her permission along with her photo.



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Bauer's Candies started in 1889 by Frederick Bauer, in Louisville, KY and in 1947 was granted

permission from Anton Busath to carry on the name Modjeska for their Carmel Biscuit. The rich and creamy Modjeska is made the old-fashioned way with only the finest ingredients and using old fashion copper kettles on an open flame gas cooker. Each small batch is expertly prepared from scratch and hand packed.

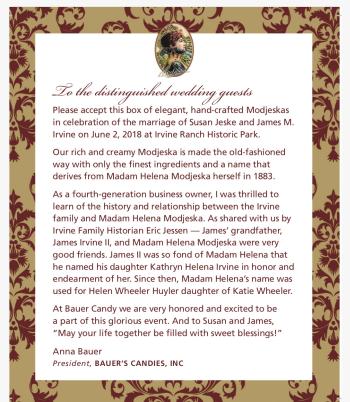
Bauer's Candies is a fourth-generation family owned business for 129 years and is currently owned by Anna Bauer who is the only daughter to run the company. She considers her business to be very blessed, having been granted several opportunities nationally and internationally, which include her famous Modjeska candy being featured on The Food Network several times and featured in chains a gourmet catalogs across the country including over 600 Cracker Barrel restaurants, Williams-Sonoma stores nationwide and most recently, QVC. They even make the candy for several Lords and Ladies in Europe.

The couple plans to marry at the Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Jamboree Road and Irvine Boulevard) which is where the original Irvine family home was and is now the Katie Wheeler Library (named after James's Aunt). James was born and raised in the home as a young boy. He will be the last Irvine that lived in the mansion, who will be married there.

Susan was crowned Ms. America® 1997 at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas winning \$75,000 in cash and prizes. Some of her other titles include: Miss Orange County 1987, Miss Brea/Fullerton 1986 and Ms. California State 1996. In 1999 she purchased the Ms. America® Pageant and became its CEO. Since then she has grown the pageant into an institution that attracts high-achieving women from all walks of



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life to vie for the title and put it to philanthropic use. In 1993, Jeske set the still unbroken World Record, published in the Guinness Book of Records, for singing the National Anthem at the most events in a 24-hour period. She has sung all over the world and for 7 United States Presidents. In 2004, Susan was honored with the Presidential Service Lifetime Achievement Award from the President of the United States for her lifetime contributions to charity and volunteerism. Throughout her career she has been a spokesperson for several Fortune 500 companies

including Hyundai Motor America and traveled worldwide to launch a natural skin care line called True Elements for Nikken International. <a href="https://www.Susanleske.com">www.Susanleske.com</a>.

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