



1987 Gitano Model Search finalists, Lela Cimino of Key West, Florida (left) and Patricia Rosa of Brooklyn, New York (right) congratulate winner Jennifer Ruesch of Washington, D.C. (center) at last year's Gitano Model Search competition in New York City.

Carolina Spirit State Competition

Cheerleaders across North Carolina have an opportunity to compete for trophies and prizes in the "Carolina Spirit State Championship" that will be held at the Charlotte Latin School in Matthews, NC on February 13, 1988. The competition will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The competition will be two-fold. Cheerleaders will compete for trophies based upon their cheering ability in the performance of one cheer of their choice. Each squad can also compete for prizes by conducting a fundraising event in advance of the competition. Prizes will be awarded to squad members based on the amount of

funds their squad turns in. The top three fundraising squads will be presented trophies.

"Carolina Spirit is open to

cheerleading squads in four divisions: elementary, middle, junior varsity, and varsity. For more information call Cystic Fibrosis at 1-800-682-6858.

Charlotte Parks And Jaycees Sponsors Pageant

The Charlotte Parks and Recreation Department and Metro-Charlotte Jaycees announces their 1988 Junior Miss Competition. They are looking for 1988 Junior Miss contestants. If you are a junior girl in a Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school you are eligible to compete in the Junior Miss Scholarship Program. The competition will be held March 12, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grady Cole Center.

There is no entry fee but you must register by January 31, 1988. Call Linda Miller at 336-2584 during regular business hours of Inge Holbrook at 588-6265 after 5 p.m.

"As this is a community program, we will be asking the community and its organizations and businesses to help sponsor the scholarship fund, attend the pageant on February 28th and support our contestants," she added.

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Gitano Launches Model Search

By Lora Vanderhall
Post Staff Writer

Gitano, a leading sportswear manufacturer is launching their second nationwide search for a young, spirited teen to become the new Gitano girl. The Gitano Model Search is a national competition for girls, age 14-18, to win a \$10,000 modeling contract and the opportunity to professionally model for Gitano fashions.

The 1987 Gitano Model Search Winner Jennifer Ruesch of Washington, D.C. was selected from over 3,000 young women from across the country. "I heard about the model search through a modeling club at school and it has been an incredible experience," says Jennifer.

Jennifer is a senior in high school and she wants to pursue a professional modeling career. She also plans to attend college in New York. Winning the model search has given her an opportunity to meet new people and see new places. "I went to Las Vegas and I met Jerry Lewis at the Jerry Lewis Telethon. I've had the privilege of traveling to

several cities and have made television appearances. Winning the model search has fulfilled a lifetime fantasy," said Jennifer.

"Today's teens are extremely fashion conscious and have established themselves as the new trend setters," comments Halm Dabah, executive vice president of Gitano. "Sponsoring the model search allows Gitano to encourage teens to continue to discover and develop their own fashion image and give young girls the opportunity to take the first step towards a modeling career."

Interested young ladies may enter the contest by filling out an entry form, sending Gitano two photographs and describing why they want to become the new Gitano girl.

The judging panel is composed of fashion experts including Pauline Bernatchez, president of Pauline's Models; Able Rap, director of Ford Model Runway Division; Leticia Herrera, high fashion model; Nikki Maniscalco, Elle Magazine model editor; Andrea Alberts, fashion photographer; John Amodeo, director of advertising

and marketing, Gitano. "We're looking for a girl who shows self confidence and a unique fashion attitude and style," comments Gitano's John Amodeo. It's that ability to express her individuality, spirit and personality through fashion that will make her a Gitano girl."

Based on entries, the judges will select ten finalists who will be Gitano's guests for a weekend in New York. They will have the opportunity to experience the excitement and hard work of modeling, including participation in a professional photography shoot and presenting the 1988 Gitano Fall Collection before fashion media and retailers during Fashion Press Week in April. The judging panel will announce the 1988 Gitano Model Search Winner at this fashion presentation.

Jennifer Ruesch will be on the Top Of The Day program on channel 3, February 2.

Official entry forms for the Gitano Model Search can be obtained by writing: Gitano Model Search, P. O. Box 4877, Young America, MN 55399. Entries must be post dated by February 28.

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Miss Charlotte Mecklenburg Scholarship Pageant

Charlotte- The Miss Charlotte Mecklenburg Scholarship Pageant Association will sponsor the Miss Charlotte Mecklenburg Pageant on February 28, 1988, 7:30 p.m. at Owens Auditorium, Deborah Anne Wilson, Director, announced Wednesday.

The winner of this pageant will then enter the Miss North Carolina Pageant held in June to select the state queen, who will compete for the crown of Miss America in the national competition at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in September.

The event this year will be the first held in several years. "We of the newly formed Miss Charlotte Mecklenburg Scholarship Pageant Association felt that the young ladies of our community should once again be offered the opportunity to seek to obtain the many scholarships available through the Miss America Scholarship Program, who each year make available over \$6 million in scholarships through the local, state and national levels, and who is the largest provider

of scholarships to young women in America," Wilson said in announcing plans for her organization.

"Not only does the Miss Charlotte Mecklenburg Scholarship Pageant offer \$2700.00 scholarship monies on a local level, it also provides the young ladies of our community who compete an opportunity to gain maturity and poise through public appearances available in such a program," Wilson added.

In announcing the organization's plans, Wilson said that they are calling for candidates at this time to participate in the pageant and that applications can be obtained by calling her at 376-8646 or by writing to the organization at 608 S. Mint St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202. To qualify, a young woman must be between the ages of 17 and 26 as of September 1, 1988, must be a high school graduate by September 1, 1988, and must never have been married. Deadline for entries is Jan. 30, 1988.

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