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PATRICIA HICKS, MISS MD. TALENTED TEEN:

Ambassador of love and goodwill

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

Young and talented junior and senior high school girls will be in New York City next month competing for the title of Miss U.S. Talented Teen.

The state of Maryland will be represented by an ambassador of love.

This is how Patricia Diane Hicks sees herself, a special representative "displaying a feeling of brotherhood and goodwill" to other people.

The 16-year-old Oxon Hill coed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junius (Anna) Hicks (retired government employee and D.C. contractor), won the statewide Miss U.S. Md. Talented Teen pageant on June 1 over some 13 teenage girls who came from various parts of the state.

This was the fifth annual contest.

In previous years, it was titled the Miss Black Teenage pageant. A national franchise owned by Hal and Alice Jackson of New York, it is considered one of the most popular of all the black-oriented contests on a national level. It has won high acclaim throughout the country and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Md. executive producer is Maurice "Hot Rod" Hulbert, longtime radio personality and now interim executive director of the National Association of Radio and TV Artists. Pinnie L. Ross, owner-operator, Pinnie's Charm Studio, Columbia and AFRO correspondent, was named state directress this year. Both have headed the pageants on the state and county levels since its inception in 1971.

The talent segment, both nationally and locally, is judged significantly, which stands to reason why the contest is called Miss Talented Teen. Contestants are screened for such before they are allowed to enter the pageant.

Pat Hicks was no exception. She has talent — her dramatization of James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation" proved she qualifies as a participant in the Jackson's annual production.

"And God stepped out on space,
And he looked around and said:
I'm lonely —
I'll make me a world.
"And far as the eye of God could see
Darkness covered everything,
Blacker than a hundred midnights
Down in a cypress swamp."

Pat, as she is affectionately called, recited six paragraphs from Johnson's works, depicting special lines which gave the most effect in two minutes. She was draped in emerald green chiffon.

"Then God reached out and took the light in his hands,
And God rolled the light around in his hands
Until he made the sun;
And he set that sun a-blazing in the heavens.
And the light that was left from making the sun
God gathered it up in a shining ball
And flung it against the darkness,
Spangling the night with the moon and stars.
Then down between
The darkness and the light
He hurled the world;
And God said: That's good!"

Miss Hicks says the dramatization was not new to her. She had performed it before her friendly senior high school classmates during the recent Black History Week activities. She is an 11th grader who was granted a waiver of her 12th grade studies. In the fall, she will enroll into the BACK Alley Theatre located in D.C., directed by Frank Bowd. "I'll try it for a year to get the experience to see if this is really me. After a year I should be able to decide. Then I'll be going on to college (undecided as to which school she'll attend) to major in drama."

Drama is not something Pat became interested in OVERNIGHT. "My interest started in elementary school." She won numerous awards while working under the direction of Helena Moss at Harts Junior High while in the 8th and 9th grades.

Currently, she is enrolled in the "Dig It" workshop in Marlow Heights under Billy Lovette. This week the group performed at Waxter's Children Center in Laurel, Md. In addition, she will attend a workshop at Towson State College this summer.

On being Miss Md. Talented Teen, Pat commented, "I'm excited about competing . . . being able to be the one." The national contest will be held July 25 and 26 at Tower Hall in New York City.

Runners-up

First runner-up in the state pageant was Robin Bridgeforth, 14-year-old daughter of Baltimore's "Beauty Beat" publisher, Linwood Bridgeforth and Mrs. Faye Bridgeforth and student at Greenspring Junior High School where she is president of the Student Council. Robin plans to study voice at Peabody Conservatory.

Second runner-up was Lisa Nance, 16, of Okland Mills in Columbia; third, Cassandra V. Walker, 15, Baltimore, voted Miss Congeniality; fourth, Michelle Yates, 15, of Columbia.

Miss Maryland Talented Teen is Patricia D. Hicks, a resident of Oxen Hill, Md. Photo was taken last Saturday at Baltimore harbor after she visited the AFRO office.

Teen contestants

Wanda Denise Savage, 13, Garrison Jr. High

Eleanor Rebecca Matthews, 13, Laurel, Md.

Staffney Stroman, 16, Baltimore

Debra Rene Williams, 16, Baltimore Co.

Joyce Porter, 14, Baltimore

Janeen Skinner, 15, Columbia

Nancy Lakwon Griffin, 14, Columbia

Natalie Collette Lomas, 13, Laurel

Mendel Rose Mathews, 14, Columbia

Joanne Felder, 15, Baltimore

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Gloria Massey
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Ray Ross, choreographer
Travis Winkey, assistant choreographer and special assistant
Lynette Montgomery, makeup artist
Charles (Chuck) House, master of ceremonies.

First runner-up is Robin Bridgeforth of Baltimore. In future she plans to study voice at Peabody.

Reflections photos by Benjamin M. Phillips

Community calendar

June 14

Bishop's Guild of Md., Annual June Fair; Episcopal Cathedral, University at Charles St.

Provident Hospital dinner; Blue Crest North, Reisterstown Rd., 7 p.m., Florence Gainor, public health hospital administrator, Newark, N.J., keynote speaker.

Wedding of Miss Kathy Ann Caldwell and Reginald Eugene Tillman; Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 4 p.m.

Md., Conference of NAACP Branches, First Annual Family Day Cultural Bazaar; Memorial Stadium, noon-9 p.m.

Dr. J. Tyson Tilson, associate professor of Pediatrics and director of Pediatric Research at the University of Baltimore, lecture, "Male-Female Interaction in Black Society,"; Enoch Pratt Library, Park Heights Ave. and Garrison Blvd. 2-3 p.m.

June 15

St. John's Day parade, Hiram Grand Lodge; group leaves Garrison Blvd. and Roslyn Ave. to Wayland Baptist Church, Garrison Blvd., 12:30 p.m.

Glover- Tillman Child Learning Center, Second Open House; 3814 Edmondson Avenue., 3-6 p.m. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, guest speaker.

June 19

"The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," film — Pratt Library, Northwood Branch, 7 p.m. (Repeat showing to be held Friday, June 20, 2 p.m.)

Farewell testimonial dinner by faculty of Booker T. Washington Jr. High School No. 130; s and R, 5662 The Alameda, 7:30 p.m.

June 17

M.J. Naylor-Chapter of Morgan State University Alumni Assoc. presents Pauline Brooks Boutique and models in a fashion extravaganza; McKeldin College Center, Morgan State University, 4-6 p.m.

"Afro Make-up Secrets," a lecture-demonstration by Doretha Coleman, Flori Roberts make-up consultant; Pratt Library, Cherry Hill Center, 1 p.m.

Red and White Ball Royal Arch Masons (Prince Hall Affiliate); Hunt Valley Inn, 6 p.m-1 a.m.

June 22

Reception honoring John S. Wood by Citizens to Elect John S. Wood for City Council 5th District; Mondawmin Mall, 5-9 p.m.

June 23-July 25

Wim-A-Waa Day Camp opens for boys and girls 6-12; YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 24

Planned Parenthood of Md., will sponsor a benefit performance of "The Great American Fun Factory"; Limestrone Dinner Theatre, 6:30 p.m.

June 25

Meeting of the Bicentennial Coordinating Council; Forest Park High School, 2 p.m.

June 28

Closing meeting of the Women's Civic League-Northwest Branch, Madison Avenue Center; YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., 2 p.m.

June 29

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and Ms. Edith House, North Star host a gala benefit luncheon, fashion show and performance, to benefit the Travis Winkey Studio; Baltimore Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 101 W. Fayette St., noon.

'74 graduating class of Western High School, First Class Reunion; 4600 Falls Rd., cafeteria, 3-5 p.m.

July 6

Third Anniversary of the Staton and Taylor Choral Ensemble; Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Carrollton and Lanvale St., 4 p.m.

July 9-13

Iota Chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Annual Conclave; Baltimore Hilton Hotel.

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Local club notes

"My oldest daughter is Nefertiti
the tears from my birth pains
created the Nile
I am a beautiful beautiful woman"

Nefertiti

It was announced this week the formation of Nefertiti, a group of three women whose purpose is to sensitize the community to the various phases of black art.

Nefertiti is devoted to black culture. Throughout the Md., D.C. area, few organizations make black aesthetics their goal. Nefertiti does!

Nefertiti's objectives are:

To expose the community to black artists;

To encourage aspiring black artists to pursue their career through the development of a scholarship fund;

To sensitize institutions of higher education to the richness of black artistic talent;

To serve as a clearing house for black artists making them aware of other artists and opportunities.

Each year, Nefertiti will sponsor a cultural arts day and related activities to promote black culture.

The group's organizers, Jaki Hall, Pam Widgeon and Marie P. Cooke, say "Nefertiti serves black people in a queenly way."

Woman Power, Inc

An "Indoor Picnic with Woman Power" is scheduled to be held on June 28 at the Maritime Union Hall, 8 N. Broadway. Chairpersons for the affair are Helen Roy, Gladys Barbour and Florence Kidd.

The group will hold an exhibit on Women in Politics on June 16 at Towson State College. The Executive Director is Vera LeCato.

Barbers Local 795

Members of the Barbers Union Local No. 795 AFL-CIO sponsored their annual dinner-dance given at Le Fontaine Bleu. Among the members are Henry A. Mazyck, Eddard T. Maggett, John B. Brooks, Pinkney Howell, Lawrence Hall, Carnell Cattrell, Langston Talley, Richard Dickins, Samuel Capel,

Also Herman L. Saunders, Clarence Johnson, Edward B. Nottingham, Gregory Anderson, Thomas L. Edwards, Nathaniel Eaton, Cecil Jones, Cecil C. Little and Faye Nettles.

Chairman of the gala was Eugen Redden.

Md. Historical Society

The Md. Historical Society, 201 West Monument St., has scheduled an exhibit of gentlemen's and ladies' bathing suits of the 1900 and 1920's.

The display continuing through June 20, will be exhibited on the first floor of the Thomas and Hugg Memorial Building.

V.D., THE LOVER'S DESEASE PART IV

Medication takes effect immediately

Mrs. Erdie Jones, left, and Mrs. Minnie Corbin, both registered nurses at the North Ave. V.D. clinic, demonstrate the procedure used when taking blood. Once taken, the blood is sent to a lab where it may be tested for the presence of antibodies. (Reflections photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

By Cynthia K. Grandison
Reflections Staff Writer

In Part III of this six part series, the questions related to V.D. detection were explored. It is worth reemphasizing that you should not attempt to diagnose your own malady or prescribe medication. There are too many types and overlapping symptoms and because of this even the trained and experienced physician may have difficulty making an accurate diagnosis. Also, don't be swindled by person's peddling pills claiming that they will cure venereal disease. Nor, is it advisable to take a friend's prescription. Your friend may mean well, but he or she is not qualified to make such a decision. The following questions pertain to treatment. The answers were provided by John Bruce, Baltimore City Health Department Venereal Disease Division.

Q: In the case of syphilis, how long is it before the penicillin takes effect?

A: In the case of both syphilis and gonorrhea it begins to take effect almost immediately ... the germs that cause the disease (syphilis) are really undetectable after 24 hours and the sore begins to heal up in a day ... you have to remember it's a blood-born disease and even though the germs in the lesions disappear within 24 hours, penicillin must be in the blood for a minimum of 10 days for the cure to be effective.

Q: What about gonorrhea?

A: In the case of gonorrhea, the penicillin goes to work and the germs are probably killed within a week.

Q: Does everyone take the same dosage?

A: The same drug is not prescribed for everyone, but the dosage would be the same for everyone that took a particular drug. Some people are allergic to penicillin so other drugs are prescribed. But, the dose would be the same for everyone that took a particular drug.

Q: What happens if the drug fails to be effective?

A: In the case of treatment failures where the germ is resistant in the amount prescribed, then a larger dosage would be prescribed.

Q: How many different ways are there to administer treatment?

A: Basically, there are two ways, intramuscularly or orally which means by injection or by mouth. Some patient who need massive doses of antibiotics can have them administered intravenously as a hospital inpatient.

Q: Does oral medication take longer to react than that which is taken intramuscularly?

A: Yes, oral drugs take longer to be absorbed into the blood stream. That's one reason why injectable doses are preferred.

Q: Are gonorrhea and syphilis treated the same way?

A: They are treated with basically the same drug, but in entirely different amounts. They are entirely different germs, so they require different treatments.

Q: What are the various places on the body that injections are given?

A: They are given in the buttocks.

Q: Is there a V.D. Hot Line in Baltimore?

A: There is no V.D. Hot Line in Baltimore such as exist in some other cities. That is a hot line staffed by volunteers or with a recorded message which operates all day, during the evening or around the clock. Operation Venus in Philadelphia operates a toll free V.D. Hot Line which can be used by Baltimore residents to obtain V.D. information. Call 1-800-523-1885. Also the City Health Department is happy to answer questions and provide information. Call 396-4448.

Q: How is the infant born with cogenital syphilis treated?

A: The infant is treated with the same antibiotics administered in proportion to the baby's body weight.

Q: Does it have anything to do with body chemistry?

A: Immunity levels in different people vary and it seems to be easier for some people to catch V.D. than others. Nobody is entirely immune. Women on the pill may be more prone to gonorrhea infection due to changes in the pH factor in the vaginal tract. (This has to do with the measure of the acidity).

Your questions answered

Reflections readers may send in their questions regarding V.D. to be answered in this article. All letters will be kept confidential. No names will be printed or given out. Write: V.D., AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203.

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Western Building: 706 W. Lombard St., phone, 396-4578; Mon., Wed., Thurs., 4-5:30 p.m.; Wed. — 12 noon-1 p.m.

Eastern Clinic: 620 N. Caroline St., phone, 396-8111; Mon., Wed., Fri. — 4-5:30 p.m.; Thurs. — noon-1 p.m.

—Lawyers back Patterson

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sible for the specter of the School Board holding its meeting and voting the removal of Dr. Patterson from office at a time and under circumstances which the Board knew prevented the attendance of Dr. Patterson with his attorney, Larry Gibson, a member of the Monumental City Bar Association.

"The denial of a first request for postponement in this matter constitutes treatment directly inconsistent with established practice and courtesy afforded lawyers in this legal community.

NO URGENCY

"The gravity of denial of postponement and consequential disentitlement to an attorney is heightened by the fact that the charges against Dr. Patterson do not reflect factors justifying urgency at the expense of the cherished and respected right to be represented by counsel.

"There is no urgency growing out of charges in the nature of dishonesty, mismanagement or malfeasional incompetency which would pose an imminent threat to the school community.

Mr. Ramsey, School Board president and a practicing attorney and Mr. Hartman, Deputy City Solicitor and counsel to Mr. Ramsey, owe an explanation for this apparent travesty.

CALL FOR RAMSEY TO RESIGN

"The maintenance of public confidence in the fairness and objectivity of these proceedings would require Mr. Ramsey to resign or, in the alternative, at least withdraw from further deliberations in these proceeding in the event charges of misconduct against Mr. Ramsey are filed by Mr. Gibson as indicated.

"Every consideration should be given to afford the general public opportunity to express reaction to the manner in which the Board is handling the question of the tenure of Dr. Patterson.

"Consideration should be given to appropriate political action in the event that this turns out to be only feasible means by which the large number of citizens in Baltimore who are affected by this decision can have an opportunity to be heard.

BAR READY TO AID

"I extend the resources of the Association to support any appropriate steps to assure fairness in these proceedings, and I urge leaders of interested organizations to break their silence so that the eventual outcome will reflect the consensus of an informed community rather than the position of seven individuals composed of a solid white contingency of four and three blacks cast in the role of an apparent confederate minority."

Lawyers present were; James Foster, Ms. Roberta Gilliam Georgia Goslee, David Mitchell, Richard Johnson, Leonard Briscoe and Kiser Barnes.

—New prexy

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educator and administrator.

He has found time to earn national recognition for his work as a sociologist and for his scholarly writings. He has to his credit six books and monographs, two of which he co-authored.

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Conscious of the fact that he comes to the northeast Baltimore college at a time in history when it is entering a new plateau receiving the rank of university as of July 1 — Dr. Billingsley told the AFRO:

"The college has to have the funds, it has to have the facilities, and it has to have the personnel — the faculty, students and staff to carry out the mission.

"Being a state supported university, Morgan will need to get a much greater share of the financial resources of this state in order to carry out this mission. My own experience has been not in state supported colleges with direct responsibilities for raising those funds.

"I will be devoting myself to trying hard to interpret the needs of this college in a way that will enable the greater degree of support to come to the college that it needs to carry out its mission.

"This cannot be a one-man job, it must be a collective, collaborative effort, it must be a team effort and in this regard Morgan will need the resources of its faculty, its sutdents, its alumni and esptcially the community people."

August 11

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—Bomb scare

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circumstances immediately.

They said that they would keep an eye on her and her home 24 hours a day.

Mrs. Adams said that she was told by police to flash her lights when driving home as a signal to area patrol cars, and to be especially cautious when opening her door.

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Citizens who may have any knowledge useful in apprehending those responsible for bomb threats may call the Police Department-222-3333.

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