

# Entertainment

## 'Ooooo la la' C'est Magnifique!

BY BETTY BROWN

According to Dwight Crosswhite, professional photographer, Maria Robinson, Miss Photogenic Michigan, "is one prime reason why Detroit is called the Renaissance City."

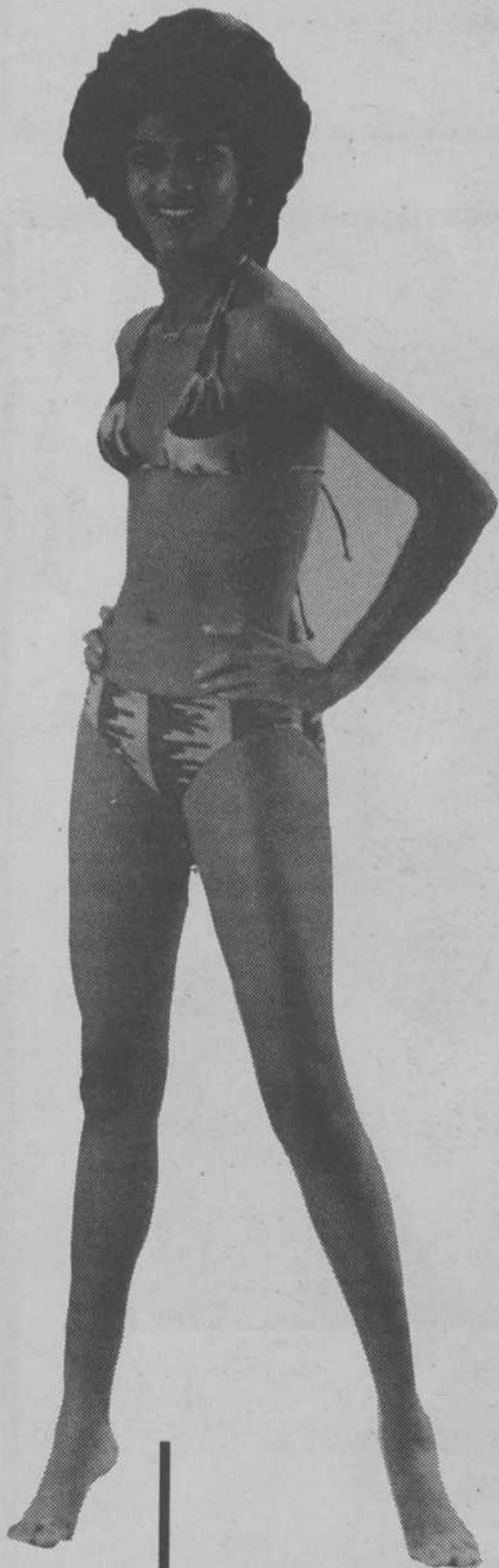
The attractive 19 year old Maria is a sophomore at Wayne State University where she is majoring in Mass Communications. She first learned of the Miss Photogenic USA Pageant when she happened to see it advertised on a billboard outside her dormitory window. She decided to find a photographer to work with and enter her in the contest and the rest is history.

She and her photographer, Dwight Crosswhite, took top honors first in the local contest in Detroit and then in the Michigan state finals. They were here in Las Vegas recently, participating in the Miss Photogenic USA Pageant, which was held at the Dunes Hotel on April 10th and 11th.

The svelt 5' 6" Maria beamed as she related how exciting it all has been. She has received several awards including the Spirit of Detroit Award and letters of commendation from the Mayor of Detroit and the Governor of Michigan. "Everyone has been so nice and so supportive," she said with a smile.

This, her first trip to Las Vegas, has been sponsored and entirely paid for by the Miss Photogenic USA Pageant, which is a Merv Griffin production in association with Miss Photogenic USA, Inc. and the Metromedia Producers Corp. "This was even my first plane ride, and needless to say, I really had butterflies in my stomach," she said.

She finds Las Vegas to be an exciting and dif-  
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'Monk' Tells Us:

## 'May' Is Designated National Jazz Month

According to Monk Montgomery, jazz bassist supreme and founder of the Las Vegas Jazz Society, "Jazz has come a long way in this town and across the country in the past five years." And he "ain't just whistlin' Dixie". Through the efforts of Monk and the Las Vegas Jazz Society, jazz is now being heard along the Las Vegas Strip, in many of the supper clubs and restaurants and even in the schools and in the parks. Thanks to them, jazz is once again being brought to the place of prominence that it so rightly deserves.

Monk announces that Governor List has officially designated the month of May as JAZZ MONTH in Nevada. The month long celebration will be observed through a series of 58 jazz concerts, which will be held through out the city in concert halls, parks and schools. The festivities will culminate in a glorious city-wide picnic and jazz festival to take place at Lorenzi Park on Sunday, May 25th.

Monk pays special tribute to Ms. Sherry Stills, Chairman of the picnic committee and all of the dedicated workers, who have helped her put together the super plans for this very special "happening". Committee members for the event include: Becky Prigmore, John Palmer, Judy Tarte



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and Jay Cameron.

Schedule for the first week of the month-long series of jazz events is listed below:

May 2 - Kick-Off at City Hall; 4-7 p.m. Bruce Glover, Carl Saunders, Carl Fontana. Las Vegas Convention Center; 1:30 p.m. Jimmy Cook.

May 3 - Jaycee Park; 2:00 p.m. Jay Cameron, Bonanza High School Jazz Band, Kenny Guinn Junior High School Jazz Band.

May 5 - J.C. Fremont Junior High School; 8:00 a.m. Garvin Bushell J.H. Brinley Junior High School; 12:10 - 1:00 p.m. Bob Hammer.

May 6 - K.O. Knudsen Junior High School - 10:40 - 12:10 p.m. Don Overberg. Rancho High School; 10:45 - 12:10 p.m. Bob Bagley.

Bonanaza High School; 10:45 - 11:35 a.m. Bill Calanan. Las Vegas High School;

11:40 - 1:05 p.m. Benny Bennett.

Jo Mackey 6th Grade Center; 12:00 - 12:40 p.m. Eagle-Eye Shields.

Jean Prison; 1:00 p.m. Brent Price.

May 7 - R.O. Gibson Junior High School; 10:45 - 12:15 p.m. Bob Pierson. Charleston Conval. Center; 1:30 p.m. Adelaide Robbins.

May 8 - Roy Martin Junior High School; 10:45 - 12:10 p.m. Larry Schlect.

Ed Von Tobel Junior High School; 10:45 - 12:10 p.m. Greg Marciel.

Valley High School; 11:30 - 1:05 p.m. Gus Mancuso.

Kit Carson 6th Grade Center; 12:15 - 12:40 p.m. Mike Montano.

Senior Citizens Center; 1:00 p.m. Garvin Bushell. Hillhaven Conval. Center; 1:30 p.m. Rusty Rustad. Charleston Heights Library; 7:00 p.m. Gus Mancuso.

May 9 - J.B. Smith Junior High School; Jay Cameron.

And, by the way, if you haven't been out to the Hacienda Hotel Lounge on Monday nights to dig "Jazz Celebrity Night", you're really missing "the Thing". Each week a nationally recognized jazz 'great' is presented "live" beginning at 10:00 p.m. On hand this coming Monday, April 28th will be Sam Most and Carl Fontana.