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Husted: Miss Colorado USA's talents go untapped

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Miss Colorado USA, **Patrice Williams** of Colorado Springs, plans on winning the flashy national pageant in Las Vegas on April 19.

She told me she's moving to New York City anyway, so why not have pageant owner **Donald Trump** pay her way and put her up at Trump Tower for a year? All she has to do is behave herself.

The show doesn't have a talent segment — but if it did, Williams could wow them by repeating, verbatim, the botched answer delivered by Miss South Carolina Teen USA (**Lauren Caitlin Upton**) in 2007, when asked why many Americans can't find the United States on a map.

I dared Williams to show me, and she recited: "I personally believe that U.S. Americans are unable to do so because, uh, some, people out there in our nation don't have maps and, uh, I believe that our, uh, education like such as, uh, South Africa and, uh, the Iraq, everywhere like such as, and, I believe that they should, our education over here in the U.S. should help the U.S., uh, or, uh, should help South Africa and should help the Iraq and the Asian countries, so we will be able to build up our future, for our children."

Still a classic.

Advantage Agassi.

Part of what was lost last week during **Andre Agassi's** visit here for SportAccord was talk of his own charity work. The winner of eight Grand Slams, who is currently writing a highly anticipated autobiography, founded and still funds a charter school, the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy. He also hosts a mega fundraiser each fall for his charitable foundation, which attracts the world's hottest entertainers and raises millions.

He's always finding ways to share what he's learned about philanthropy.

"I want to help athletes maximize and make the most of their time in the short span of their careers," he told me.

Agassi didn't get to enjoy our fresh mountain air for long. He flew out faster than a first serve, just ahead of Thursday's blizzard. Too bad, because he said he's become a fanatic snowboarder since retiring in 2006. (He's even sought instruction from the world's best, **Shaun White**, a.k.a. The Flying Tomato, a regular at Aspen's X-Games.) He could have shredded Vail the way he shredded weak servers on tour.



Patrice Williams has her sights set on the national Miss USA crown.

2x4.

Denver sisters **Marjie** and **Terri Goode** are peddling a novelty item: inscribed 2-by-4 boards to remind you not to do anything stupid — again.

It started when Terri said, "If I ever get married again . . . hit me over the head with a 2-by-4." At Terri's engagement party, Marjie brought a 2-by-4 with that very inscription. Now they're selling them at quotesonboard.com for \$24.95. They also offer 2-by-4s about getting another boat, having another baby, fixing another toilet. You get the idea.

City spirit.

A second show has been added to **Joel McHale's** May 9 stop at the Paramount, which gives him more time to visit his cousins who practice law in Denver, the striking McHale sisters from Crested Butte: **Marie** and **Kate**. . . . Sez who: "I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation." — **George Bernard Shaw**

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