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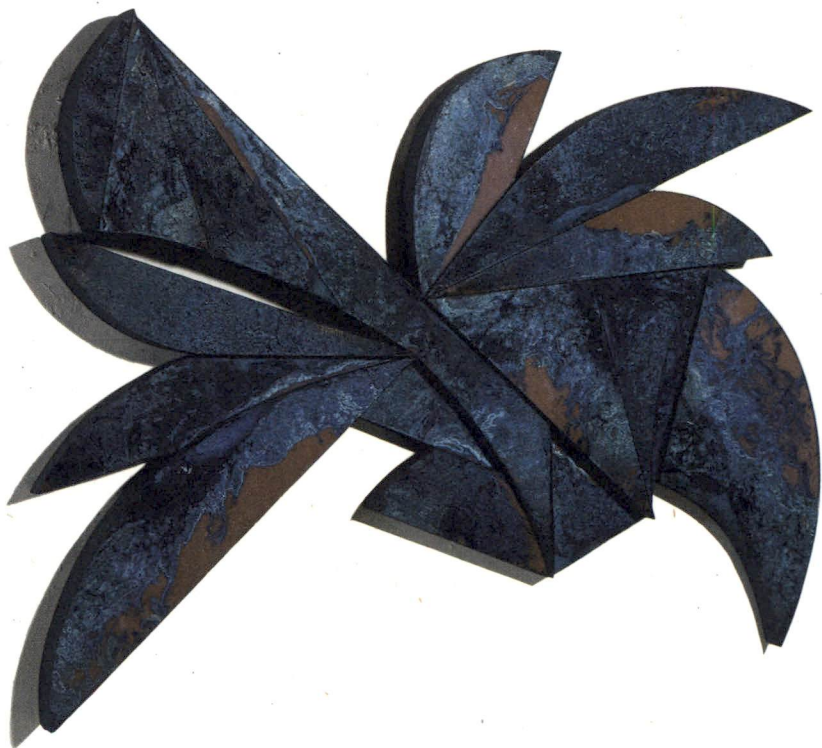
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Program

Welcome and Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies
Jerry Arakawa, President of the Board

Introduction to WCIL's Celebration of Independence
Geri Jewell, Mistress of Ceremonies

Artist Recognition — Laddie John Dill
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*Founder's Award Presentation —
Computer Training Project Founders:*
IBM Corporation, Northrop Corporation,
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Walton Perrine, Computer Training Project Class of 1984

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Dinner

Special Achievement Award Presentation — Mary Bloomberg
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Sculptor Recognition — Peter Mayor
Geri Jewell, Mistress of Ceremonies

Independence Award Presentation — Evan J. Kemp, Jr.
C. Boyden Gray, Counsel to the President of the United States

The Big Picture
by Vince Pinto
Produced by The Fountain Theatre, Hollywood

Closing
Geri Jewell, Mistress of Ceremonies

The Celebration of Independence

The WCIL Celebration of Independence was created to recognize developments and individuals that have enhanced the quality of life and opportunities for people with disabilities.

Truly, it is an evening for joyous reflection, encouraging each of us to live life fully and with dignity.

Tonight, we honor those among us who have taken leading roles, at many levels, in creating a just and barrier-free society. We honor ourselves for maintaining a commitment, in the face of indifference and ignorance, to equal rights for all, including people with disabilities. And we honor the ideals of freedom, self-determination and community; the ideals for which WCIL and all independent living centers stand.

The Americans with Disabilities Act — An Extra Reason to Celebrate

The 1991 Celebration of Independence is also a tribute to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the people who fought for this legislation. The passage of the ADA culminates years of advocacy to ensure that the right of people with disabilities to live freely and fully is protected by the laws of the nation.

The Independence Award



Recipient: *Evan J. Kemp, Jr.*

WCIL's 1991 Independence Award honoree is Evan J. Kemp, Jr., chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Mr. Kemp has been a tireless spokesperson for the civil rights of people with disabilities for more than two decades.

Mr. Kemp's national visibility began in 1980 as the head of the Ralph Nader-sponsored Disability Rights Center. Mr. Kemp's leadership role expanded when, in March 1987, President Reagan nominated him to be a commissioner of the EEOC. He was unanimously confirmed by the Senate for this office. His tenure as a commissioner was interrupted when President Bush, who recognized Mr. Kemp's commitment to civil rights and his ability to coalesce the variety of minority groups, appointed him chairman of the EEOC on March 8, 1990.

As chairman, Mr. Kemp actively advocated for and promoted the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the most comprehensive civil rights bill to become law in 25 years.

In addition to speaking and writing about the issues facing people with disabilities, Mr. Kemp spearheaded a group of investors to purchase a small wheelchair company, which, within ten years, became the largest home health equipment company in the United States. The success of this company is attributable to Mr. Kemp's commitment to the involvement of people with disabilities in the design and marketing of the company's products.

Tonight, Mr. Kemp is recognized not only for the superb role model he is and the leadership he brings to the independent living movement, and not only for his tireless commitment to civil rights, but also for his rare ability to create partnerships among all segments of our society. This is what makes equal opportunity a reality.



Presenter: *C. Boyden Gray*

C. Boyden Gray is the counsel to the President of the United States. He has been a part of President Bush's staff since 1981. Through his many years of service in Washington, D.C., Mr. Gray has developed high personal and professional regard for Mr. Kemp. He worked resolutely with Mr. Kemp to ensure White House support for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Early in his career, Mr. Gray served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren. He was a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering until he became a part of then Vice President George Bush's team. He also served two terms as counsel to the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief.



The Founders Award

Recipients: *IBM Corporation, Northrop Corporation,
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Accepting the Founders Award on behalf of their employers are:

Mr. Lee Dudley, External Programs Manager, IBM Corporation

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California Department of Rehabilitation

Ten years ago, WCIL developed an idea for a program that would train people with disabilities to become computer professionals. The goal of this program was WCIL's mission: to advance opportunities available to and increase the self sufficiency of people with disabilities.

In 1991, this proposal may not seem so outrageous. In 1980, however, it took extraordinary vision to recognize that the untapped potential of the disability community could be, would be, a worthy investment.

With the entrepreneurial spirit that is truly Californian, IBM cried "Eureka!" and led delegates from the **Department of Rehabilitation** and the business community in an exploration of WCIL's proposal. A Business Advisory Council was created to guide the development of the program and in 1981 the Computer Training Project (CTP) began to educate its first four students.

The first home of the CTP was **Northrop University**, which agreed to house the classes in the university library and the four students with disabilities in the campus dorms. Northrop, well ahead of the ADA, remodeled a suite as well as the classroom and office spaces to accommodate these students. IBM provided three computers and the Department of Rehabilitation selected the students after a rigorous round of tests.

Ten years and over 100 students later, the CTP has blossomed into one of the leading programs of its kind in the nation. CTP graduates have become successful employees of such businesses as ARCO, Southern California Gas, Kaiser Permanente, General Telephone and TRW.

The CTP is an outstanding example of how corporate America, in concert with the disability community, can create proactive, even innovative, opportunities for people with disabilities. The vision and commitment of such companies as IBM and Northrop and the continuing support of such organizations as the Department of Rehabilitation form the foundation upon which the success of the ADA depends.

The Special Achievement Award



Recipient: *Mary Bloomberg*

Savvy, committed, genuine, beloved – every organization dreams of having volunteers like Mary Bloomberg. That is why Mrs. Bloomberg is the 1991 Special Achievement Award honoree.

This award is given to an individual in the WCIL family whose volunteer service, commitment and dedication have made a significant difference to WCIL and the people we serve. In a relatively short time, Mrs. Bloomberg has moved from new volunteer to leader, making increasingly significant contributions to WCIL along the way. Tonight we take the opportunity to show her our appreciation.

Mrs. Bloomberg began volunteering for WCIL by working with her tennis partner, Louise Escoe, who was one of the originators of the WCIL clothing sale fundraiser and the first Special Achievement Award honoree. Mrs. Bloomberg soon became co-chair of the Affiliates, the volunteer group that organizes and hosts the WCIL clothing sale. She has held this post for the past four years.

As an Affiliate representative, Mrs. Bloomberg became a member of the WCIL Board of Directors in 1989. She has expanded her Board involvement during the last year, becoming a member of the Board Fundraising Committee and the chair of the Board Development Committee.

As befits her personal commitment to social justice, she has displayed an understanding of the ideals of the independent living movement which makes her an important part of the team that guides the Center's development.

When asked about her WCIL involvements, she responds with a smile and a rather cryptic answer: "This is the cost of playing tennis with Louise Escoe!" While we may never know the result of the fateful tennis match that brought Mrs. Bloomberg to us, we are sure that WCIL was the ultimate winner.

Thank you President Bush.

Without your vision and leadership there would not be an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Thank you Boyden Gray.

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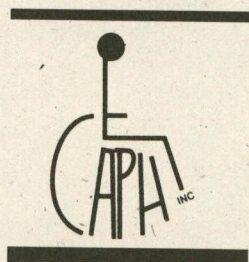
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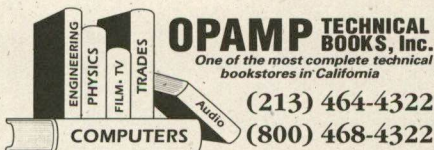
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Celebration Artists

One of the most exciting aspects of the Celebration of Independence is the creation of a work of art especially for the event. Each year one artist has been asked to interpret the spirit of Independent Living and, in turn, the Celebration of Independence, to give a unique character to that year's awards and festivities. This year, it is WCIL's good fortune to have found two artists who, in different ways, have helped make the 1991 Celebration a night to remember.



Laddie John Dill

Laddie John Dill is considered by many critics and collectors to be the quintessential Southern California artist: raised in Malibu, he graduated from Chouinard Art Institute, Los Angeles and created his first installations in a downtown Los Angeles studio. He has steadily gained world-wide renown since his first solo exhibition, *Venice, California '70*, when he was 27 years old.

Mr. Dill's creative style has been described as "strong metaphors for the earth (evidenced by his choice of materials — cement, glass and pigments — and in his processes of casting, staining, and eroding: visual metaphors for the geological, the ameliorating effects of time, the ebb and flow of water and land, and the changes of weather and season."

Mr. Dill has presented more than 60 solo exhibitions in public and private galleries throughout the U.S. and in Korea and Finland. In addition his works have been included in more than 150 group exhibitions in galleries and public museums in the U.S., Brazil, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and Russia. He is represented in the collections of the Art Institute of Chicago; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles County Museum of Art; New York Museum of Modern Art; Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., among others, as well as the collections of IBM, Bank of America, the Chemical Bank, Eastman Kodak, and AT&T.

WCIL will house Mr. Dill's Celebration assemblage, along with past and future art created for the Celebration, in a Gallery of Independence for all to enjoy.

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Peter Mayor

An emerging, but equally Californian original, sculptor Peter Mayor, has been commissioned to design the sculpture for the Independence Award, the highest honor presented at the Celebration of Independence.

Through his training as an architect and a sculptor at Brooks Art Institute in Santa Barbara, as well as through employment as an ironworker and woodworker, Mr. Mayor has gained a highly developed understanding of materials and composition. His body of work includes both organic and struc-

tural forms using such materials as steel, aluminum, bronze, copper, concrete, fiberglass and stone.

Mr. Mayor's work is part of UCLA's Permanent Collection as well as part of private collections in California, Oregon and Washington, D.C. He has exhibited in galleries and museums across the state and is listed as one of the state's emerging artists by *The California Art Review*.



Mistress of Ceremonies — *Geri Jewell*

Geri Jewell is an actress/comedienne/motivational speaker/consultant who, for the last eleven years, has been working to raise the general public's understanding of people with disabilities. The problems people with disabilities face, she insists, are not the disabilities themselves, but people's misconceptions about them. "Sometimes my comedy is interpreted as making fun of disabilities. I don't think that's true. What I'm making fun of is the disabling perception of disabilities. The overall message is to help people understand that we're all the same. We all can relate."

Ms. Jewell made television history as the first actress with a disability to have a recurring role on a network series for her work on *The Facts of Life*. She has appeared in three films and numerous television specials and shows, including *20/20*, *21 Jump Street*, *Sesame Street*, *New Adventures of Lassie* and *In Search Of...* Her personal appearances include the White House and the Kennedy Center, as well as the major comedy night clubs on both coasts.

Between performances Ms. Jewell consults with companies to help them create better acceptance of people with disabilities in the workplace and gives motivational speeches about disabilities, their perception and, of course, humor. She has led sensitivity training sessions for the Army, the Navy, NASA and the CIA as well as for private businesses. In 1989 Ms. Jewell received an award from the Dole Foundation in Washington, D.C. honoring her work on disability and employment.



Playwright — *Vince Pinto*

Vince Pinto, a 1988 graduate of WCIL's Computer Training Project, is a systems analyst by day and a playwright by night. Since 1984, he has been developing his theatrical writing skills through such means as *Puzzles and Solutions*, a performing arts training program for people with disabilities; *Other Voices*, a writing workshop for people with disabilities, both at the Mark Taper Forum and Available Light Writing Workshop at the Los Angeles Theater Center. In 1990, Mr. Pinto received the Cece Robnson Award for Creative Writing from the Media Access Office.

This evening's entertainment, *The Big Picture*, was first performed in August, 1989, at the Bay Area Playwrights Festival in San Francisco. Mr. Pinto was awarded a City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Grant to further develop and produce the play in 1990. In this fully developed form, *The Big Picture* was performed at the Fountain Theater in Hollywood during the summer of 1990.



The Fountain Theatre has been a part of Los Angeles cultural life for approximately 50 years. It was revitalized in 1990 under the guidance of artistic directors Stephen Sachs and Deborah Lawlor. In this short time they've not only fulfilled their mission, to present quality theater that reflects the diversity of Los Angeles, but expanded it to embrace the local deaf and disability communities and their issues.

In form and in function, The Fountain Theatre already has proven itself a strong supporter of accessibility. The theater has been physically renovated for wheelchair access. In addition to last year's presentation of *The Big Picture*, the Fountain will host a showcase for disabled actors, coordinated by Alan Toy, this month.

The Fountain has also helped develop the Deaf West Theatre Company. By donating office and rehearsal space, offering staff support and sharing costs, the Fountain has assisted in giving Los Angeles the only permanent company of deaf theater professionals in the western United States. Under the artistic direction of Ed Waterstreet, Deaf West's first production, *The Gin Game*, opens this month starring Tony award-winner Phyllis Frelich.

In June, the Fountain will be opening *The Golden Gate*, winner of five Drama-Logue awards, at San Francisco's Zephyr Theatre. At the same time, in Los Angeles, the theater will resume its Sunday afternoon series *Flamenco at The Fountain*, a performance of Flamenco music, dance and song under the artistic direction of Roberto Amaral.

Mr. Sachs and Ms. Lawlor invite all members of the disability community to the Fountain's exciting season. For box office information please call (213) 663-1525.

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