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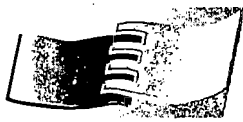
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AAPD

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Spirit of ADA Pledge for Elected Officials and Policy Makers

I do hereby pledge to support the goals of equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for all people with disabilities, and to honor the 10th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 25th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by renewing my personal commitment to the following:

**Full implementation of and compliance with the federal civil rights laws
ADA and IDEA;**

**Increased outreach and technical assistance so that people with
disabilities and families are educated on their rights under ADA and
IDEA; and**

**Adequate funding for monitoring, oversight and enforcement of ADA
and IDEA.**

By promoting the goals of ADA and IDEA, I hereby reaffirm my pledge to
an America that lives up to the promise of liberty and justice for all.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

[Please mail completed copies of this pledge to Spirit of ADA Campaign, AAPD,
1819 H Street, N.W., Suite 330, Washington, DC 20006-3603.]

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Ken Apfel, Commissioner
Social Security Administration
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SAMPLE

Dear Commissioner Apfel:

As you are well aware, on July 26th, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. An important and very visible aspect of the nation's celebration is the *Spirit of ADA Torch Relay* initiated and spearheaded by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). The torch begins its official tour on June 11th in Houston and will travel through 25 cities until August 7th, with large grassroots celebrations planned in each location. Our Task Force has joined AAPD as a proud national sponsor of the relay. You can learn more about the torch relay at www.spiritofada.org.

One purpose of the relay is to coalesce support for the goals of the ADA by renewing America's commitment to equality of opportunity, full participation and economic self-sufficiency for all people with disabilities. To this end, AAPD has launched a "Renew the Pledge" campaign which calls upon elected officials and policymakers to sign a "Spirit of ADA Pledge" reaffirming their promise to support the objectives of the ADA and of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. A copy of the pledge has been included for your review. The pledge has already been signed by longtime disability rights champions, Vice President Al Gore and Senator Tom Harkin. I write to ask you, as a member of the Task Force, to please join me in signing the pledge and publicly renewing your commitment to continued aggressive implementation of the ADA and IDEA.

This upcoming milestone in disability rights history and local torch relay celebrations offer a unique opportunity to elevate the national awareness of disability issues and create greater recognition of the contributions of people with disabilities to our communities. As attitudinal barriers fall, people with disabilities will be welcomed into the nation's workforce.

Once again, I wish to thank you for your invaluable leadership as a member of the Task Force and for your vigorous attention to our work towards increasing employment of adults with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Tony Coelho
Vice-Chair, Presidential Task Force

Enclosure



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May 18, 2000

Ms. Emily Sheketoff
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Washington, DC 20004-1701

Dear Emily,

Thank you for meeting with the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities to discuss the most important event in the lives of people with disabilities, their families and friends: the ten-year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). On July 26, 1990, President George Bush signed the ADA on the South Lawn of the White House with more than 3,000 people with and without disabilities in attendance. At the signing ceremony, President Bush declared, "let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down."

Ten years later, we in the disability community feel that many chunks of that wall have come tumbling down allowing more of us to become active, meaningful partners in the walk of life. Some are accomplished parents, writers, doctors, business owners, students, workers, lawyers, journalists, actors and actresses, next door neighbors and more, but there are still millions not yet reaping the benefits of the ADA.

The Presidential Task Force is coordinating ADA activities within the federal government, ensuring federal participation in ADA events taking place across the country and encouraging the American community to come together for this historic celebration. As part of our observance of the tenth anniversary we will acknowledge our collective accomplishments and renew our pledge to strong enforcement of civil rights like the ADA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Libraries across the country have made tremendous strides in ensuring that their facilities and resources are fully accessible to people with disabilities. Libraries continue to serve as the cornerstone for the education and the advancement of all children and adults by helping people develop the skills they need to seek and effectively utilize information resources; skills that are now even more critical if people with disabilities are to effectively compete in today's workforce and the workplace of tomorrow. As a means of furthering your commitment to the

Put Ability to Work!

full participation of people with disabilities in society, we urge you and the members of the American Library Association to celebrate the Tenth anniversary of the ADA. We encourage you to provide patrons information about the ADA and ADA activities occurring in their communities and states. Additionally, as students return to school around Labor Day, libraries can engage in a unified effort to mark the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

I have included a list of resources for your consideration. Thank you in advance for your support and any assistance that your members will be providing. I know that I don't need to say this to you, but all efforts to spread the word about the ADA and IDEA further our nation's commitment to opportunity and empowerment not only for people with disabilities, but for all Americans throughout the nation.

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Ogle
Executive Director

Enclosure

**Americans with Disabilities Act
10th Anniversary Celebration
July 26, 2000**

Fact Sheet

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – Signed into law in 1990 by President George Bush, the ADA is the most significant and comprehensive civil rights law since the 1960's. The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in places of public accommodation, including all hotels, restaurants, retail stores, theaters, health care facilities, convention centers, parks, and places of recreation (Title III), in all activities of state and local governments (Title II), and in all employment practices of state and local government employers with 15 or more employees (Title I). The ADA also establishes architectural accessibility requirements for new construction and alterations of commercial facilities, which generally include all nonresidential buildings and facilities. The ADA has not only profoundly improved the lives of people with disabilities, the law has inspired positive change for all Americans with adaptations as simple as curb cuts to the resulting cultural diversity and benefits of increased employment.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (IDEA) - Celebrating its 25th anniversary, this law guarantees equal access to education for children with disabilities. Formally called P.L. 94-142 or the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, (IDEA) requires public schools to make available to all eligible children with disabilities a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their individual needs.

Take part in the celebration:

- ★ Create an Americans with Disabilities Act corner in the library complete with popular books on disability culture and history. For a list of books visit the Web site for the ADA anniversary library/bookstore initiative at <http://www.adr-service.com>.
- ★ Host a community ADA education workshop – the following websites offer valuable information: Department of Justice: <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm> , Access Board: www.access-board.gov, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/qanda.html>.
- ★ Feature books by famous writers with disabilities such as Stephen Hawking, Reynolds Price, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Kaye Redfield Jamison, William Styron, Kurt Vonnegut, John Milton, Rod McKuen, Virginia Woolf, Isak Dinesen and Edna St. Vincent Millay, John Hockenberry.
- ★ Host disability awareness seminars for local organizations and schools. Invite speakers from your local independent living Center. National Council for Independent Living www.ncil.org, 703-525-3406. (See additional resources below for a wealth of information on disability rights, culture and history).
- ★ Convene regional library staff and hold a workshop on accessible libraries. For a guide to creating an accessible library, visit the U.S. Department of Justice ADA web site at www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/reg3a.html sections 8.1 through 8.5 and www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/reg2.html to find out how to provide accessible programs and services.

- ★ Participate in the Spirit of ADA Torch Relay celebration of the ADA anniversary in your community. The purpose of the torch relay is to renew America's commitment to the ADA and IDEA. The torch relay begins June 11th in Houston, travels through 25 cities and ends in New York City on August 7th. For contact and event information, visit the spirit of ADA torch relay web site at www.spiritofada.org.

Additional Resources

- ★ Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities www.dol.gov (scroll down to the task force icon).
- ★ ADA information line: 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY)
- ★ DanaJackson@usdoj.gov for additional copies of the "Guide to Disability Rights Laws."
- ★ Disability Rights and Education Defense Fund 1-800-4664232
- ★ National Council on Disability www.ncd.gov 202-272-2004
- ★ National Organization on Disability www.nod.org 202-293-5960
- ★ American Association of People with Disabilities www.aapd-dc.org 202-457-0046
- ★ Commercial Disability lifestyle websites: www.wemedia.com, www.halftheplanet.com, www.accesslife.com, www.cando.com.
- ★ Disability History Museum & Learning Resource Center www.disabilitymuseum.org
(This web site should be fully operational by July 26.)

AGENDA May 23, 2000

I. Status of Task Force Recommendations

II. Cabinet Affairs

III. June 7 White House Mental Health Conference Anniversary

IV. July 26 ADA Celebration

1999 Recommendations to the President from the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities

1. The President direct the Department of Labor to develop a proposal for consideration in the FY 2001 budget process for an Office of Disability Policy, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (ODPET) to be headed by an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

STATUS - In Progress

2. The President direct the Departments of Justice and Labor, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to collaborate in exploring methods for strengthening enforcement of employment-related nondiscrimination provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act.

STATUS - Eric has briefed Michelle Eurowitz (Eddie Corria's replacement). She will call us for further details and then arrange the meeting.

3. The President direct the Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services, the Social Security Administration, the Office of Personnel Management, and other appropriate

Federal agencies to construct and coordinate, under the leadership of the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities, a Youth-to-Work Initiative.

STATUS - Transition Summit, June 20 - 21

4. The President direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a proposal to allow the Maternal and Child Health Programs for Children with Special Needs to provide Healthy and Ready to Work services to youth with disabilities who are under the age of 16.

STATUS - Eric Gould is reviewing the proposed alternatives to legislation

5. The President direct the Department of Housing and Urban Development to explore steps needed to establish an earned income disregard for tenants with disabilities living in other-than-Public Housing Authority housing who return to work, and to exempt any disability-related expenses incurred when a tenant goes to work from the "countable" income used to determine rents.

STATUS - Eric Gould is contacting Jackie Line at HUD

6. The President continue to work with Congress to secure adequate funding, proposed in the Administration's FY 2000 budget, for their program to accelerate the development and adoption of information and communication technologies that can be used by the 54 million Americans

with disabilities.

STATUS - OK

7. The President continue to work with Congress to pass the tax credit proposed in the Administration's FY 2000 budget, in order to assist adults with disabilities with expenses related to work.

STATUS - OK

8. The President continue to work with Congress to pass a strong, enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights.

STATUS - OK

9. The President convene a White House Conference on Employment of Adults with Disabilities that will include representatives from the Administration, Congress, elected officials from State and local governments, small and large businesses, the disability community and other stakeholders.

STATUS - OK

10. The President direct the Task Force members' departments and agencies to collaborate on the development and implementation of a multimedia, interagency public awareness campaign to

eliminate the negative and erroneous stereotypes about employment of people with disabilities.

STATUS - OK

11. The President direct the Social Security Administration and the Department of Labor to create an "Access America for People with Disabilities" Web site that targets individuals with disabilities.

STATUS -First cut of sites identified by agencies available on June 1; URL being registered

12. The President direct the Department of Transportation to work with the Departments of Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services, the Social Security Administration, and other relevant Task Force members to develop a comprehensive plan of action to address the lack of transportation services and systems for persons with disabilities.

STATUS -Eric is contacting Nancy McFadden at DOT

13. The President direct all Federal agencies with customer service call centers and other appropriate services to explore ways to encourage hiring people with disabilities.

STATUS - Task Force is drafting Executive Order

14. The President direct the Social Security Administration to explore options for raising the Earned Income Exclusion in the Supplemental Security Income program, for both adults and

students, in order to encourage work efforts.

STATUS -Eric is touching base with Joanne at OMB

ADA Relay

Confirmed Speakers and Events

Last Updated: April 25, 2000

It would be appropriate for the Secretary of Labor (because she is the Task Force Chair), Attorney General, or Chair of the EEOC to be at any of the cities or events because they will all in some way involve civil rights.

The following document points out tie-in possibilities with other Task Force members as well.

[* = one of the 11 Cities of special importance for VW because of dealerships]

HOUSTON

contact: Douglas Drey 713/284-1973

Friday, June 9

Theme: ADA rights and civil rights

Saturday, June 10

Photo Op. Day (at NASA, etc.)

Training for the Torch Team

KICKOFF

Sunday, June 11--Houston, TX*

(concern is that the media may not cover the Sunday event, so they are pushing to hold it on Friday, contingent upon approval and funding)

Kickoff event (tentatively) at Enron Field where there are several performers including George Strait (negotiations continue with the local sponsoring radio station).

Relay enters grounds of Houston Multi Service Center where recognition ceremony and an indoor American Association of Adaptive Sports program exhibition takes place.

Athletes will then transfer the Torch to the main site.

Main Site: Houston Multi Service Center and grounds (there is a track for the Torch to circle and 8 acres of space to set up)

Barbecue, Music, Atmosphere, and the Torch Run itself.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Requesting Commissioner of the EEOC because of civil rights theme and Transportation Secretary Slater.

Confirmed Speakers:

Mayor

Task Force Brochures: at least 1000

Tuesday, June 13,--Austin, TX*

Ron Lucey--contact from Austin Mayor's Committee -- 512/377-0577

As for Technology, Austin is "Silicon Hill Country")

Partnerships with Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies

Theme: want to emphasize civil rights and bipartisan support of ADA.

Main Site: State Capitol Speaker's Rally.

No firm time is set yet for speakers, but kickoff may be 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. Objective is to connect with the civil rights struggle of the 1960's, inviting many of the African-American leaders in the community.

Dolores Gonzales (512-499-3256)—ADA coordinator—is heading up speakers subcommittee. She was the rep that came to Washington to receive visionary award last year from the Department of Transportation from Secretary Rodney Slater.

Austin Mayor Kirk Watson will be away on the 13th at a national conference of mayors, so the Mayor Pro-Tem [Jackie Goodman] will read the city's ADA proclamation.

The Torch should be moving by lunchtime. The Torch Route is 6.2 miles: begins downtown, passes through UT, ends at complex. Pace is expected to average 3 mph.

Capital Metro will run a shuttle to help people get to the Capital.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Morton Downey, Assistant Secretary of Transportation, called to inform them that he will be in Austin to speak at the Ceremony because Austin was recognized last year by Rodney Slater for innovative transportation programs.

Confirmed Speakers:

Mostly prominent speakers with disabilities, but some politicians and state legislators have been invited.

Morton Downey, Assistant Secretary of Transportation
ADA Coordinator Dolores Gonzales will speak.

Invited: Congressman Lloyd Doggett

Justin Dart

Mayor Pro-Tem [Jackie Goodman]

Expected crowd: 500-1000

Task Force Brochures: 1000 for beginning and end of rally

June 17—San Francisco, CA*

contact: Deborah Kaplan 510/251-4347

World Institute on Disability

Jan Garrett - Exec. Director of Center for Independent Living **510/841-4776**

Chair of Program Committee

Theme: Birth of Independent Living Movement

Event Information: Day begins with ceremony with Mayor Brown of S.F. and a media tour of new baseball stadium (with disability advisory committee that helped in design) showing they exceed ADA compliance; torch appears at SF Giants pregame in new ballpark; Mayor hands off torch and is boated across the bay by disabled sailors; Mayor Brown of Oakland receives torch and conveys to Jack London Square, where 100 organizations are coordinating a family festival lasting into the afternoon.

Main Site for Speakers:

Confirmed Speakers:

Judy Heumann—Undersecretary of Education

Bill Lan Lee—Asst. Atty. General for Civil Rights

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Attorney General Janet Reno requested.

Because of independent living movement there are tie-ins with HHS Sec'y Shalala; HUD Sec'y

Cuomo.

Expected crowd: 1000-3000

Task Force Brochures: Minimum 5,000

June 19—Los Angeles, CA*

contact: Jim Obers 949-854-8700

jim2ob@aol.com

Chet Cooper 949-854-8700

Theme: Disability in the Media/Historical Portrayal or California lifestyle and transportation.

Event Information:

Events fluid.

Torch Course will go through Watts, to an Ability House, and LAX airport.

L.A. planning fund-raising concert at House of Blues in advance of torch visit;

requesting celebrity involvement in Relay (possibly Relay through Hollywood's Walk of Fame)

Working with Celebrity Connections (a group that pairs celebrities with nonprofits) to find speakers.

Trying to get Convention Center as a venue—still waiting to confirm.

May Use *ThinkQuest*—Children addressing the Digital Divide and creating websites

Program Partners: HUD & Dpt. of Education

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

FCC Chairman Kennard because of media tie in.

Request also: Secretary Cuomo—HUD (Watts public housing)

Secretary Slater—Transportation; they're asking for Secretary Slater to head at the news

conference to talk about the rights of disabled travelers in recent federal legislation. (@ LAX—10 million fliers with disabilities)

Secretary Herman—Labor (Employment)

Main Site for Speakers:

Culmination of Relay at LA Convention Center @ 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Confirmed Speakers:

Governor Grey Davis or his wife will attend.

Mayor Richard Riordan is also expected.

Task Force Brochures: 15,000

Wednesday, June 21—Phoenix, AZ

contact: Donna Redford—602/296-0520

Denise Thompson

FOCUS/THEME: Governor's Committee on Developmental Disabilities has been working on Entrepreneurship Opportunities

Event Information:

1. Breakfast Meeting

7:30-9:00a.m.—Recognition Ceremony and Torch Kickoff

Patriots Park, downtown, 6 blocks from ballpark.

(NB: Phoenix in June is HOT)

2. Evening*: Pregame Ceremony at BankOne Ballpark—Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball Game

6:45 p.m. (no more than 15 minutes) (30,000 to 50,000 Attendance + TV Coverage)

Also there is a "Community Corner" at the game for a non-profit group to set up a display/information point, which the committee has secured for that day. They will pass out information/brochures and ask people to sign the pledge. A local cable channel will shoot and edit scenes from the morning for brief video to be shown during the baseball game that night. A local sponsor is providing 10,000 fiber optic pen lights for fans to waive and participate in the activity.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Because of Entrepreneurship emphasis—Possible Tie-In with SBA Administrator Alvarez; HUD Secretary Cuomo (because of efforts to push for acceptance of Architectural Compliance locally); N.B.: Transportation Tax initiative just passed 3/14 via grassroots effort (defeated 3 times prior)—possible reason to invite Transportation Secretary Slater.

Main Site for Speakers:

morning: Patriots Park

evening: BankOne Ballpark pregame ceremony

Confirmed Speakers:

morning: legislators have been invited

evening: Phoenix Mayor Skip Rensma—verbal confirmation

Expected crowd: 40,000

Task Force Brochures: at least 20,000 (baseball game)

Saturday, June 24—Salt Lake City, UT

Contacts: Barbara Toomer 801/685-8214

Steve Mikita 801/538-1151 [hm. 801/486-1237]

Theme: recognition ceremony will promote the winter Paralympic Games 2002

****no events planned as of yet****

Event Information:

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Task Force Brochures:

Main Site for Speakers:

Confirmed Speakers:

Tuesday, June 27—Denver, CO*

Contacts: Dawn Russell/Ron Noiles —Atlantis/Adapt 303/733-9324

Organizers

Theme: Transportation/Celebration of Civil Rights/birthplace of ADAPT

Event Information:

Kickoff: 10:00 a.m at the court building downtown.

Mayor Wellington Webb (Chairman of the National Conference of Mayors) will speak—

Torch leaves at 10:30 Two "satellites"—one going east, one going west.

Recognition ceremony tentatively planned during a lunch gathering.

meets back at Civic Center Park at 4:00 for an hour and a half rally with several speakers

Rally Ends at 6:30

Night of June 26 is a Colo. Rockies Game—they will run the torch around the bases and make an announcement at the game.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Requested both Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and HHS Secretary Donna Shalala

Main Site for Speakers: Civic Center Park Rally

(Coors Field—Colorado Rockies Baseball Game—pending approval)

Confirmed Speakers:

Mayor Wellington Webb

Congresswoman Diana DeGette (confirmed)

Senator Wayne Allard and Senator Ben Nighthorse-Campbell are invited

Task Force Brochures: 5,000-10,000

Friday, June 30—Topeka, KS

contacts: Vicki Nelson, Susan Briggs 785/233-4572

Theme: "Hands Together For Diversity"

Event Information:

Speakers in the morning at the Statehouse around 9:30 am

Lunch at Felker Park

Working on involving the Local Arena Football Team (Topeka Knights) for fundraising, having a mascot present at the ceremony & some athletes.

Possible Dinner after the torch run (depending on fundraising).

They are now concentrating on the fundraising end.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Becka Vaughn, local DRACH (Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing) coordinator has already made a request to HUD offices (Sec'y Cuomo) re. Accessibility in Housing [Pending]

The Secretary of Agriculture is also been invited because of the importance of agriculture in Kansas.

There is a connection to the Secretary of Education because of the historically significant Brown decision (but there is also the recent State Board decision not to teach Evolution. . .)

Main Site for Speakers: Statehouse Grounds in the morning.

Confirmed Speakers:

Transportation (Bob Dole is invited because of a connection with Accessible Bussing in Topeka)

Mayor Joan Wagnon

Some City Council representatives.

Governor has been invited.

Task Force Brochures: maybe 10,000

Tuesday, July 4—St. Louis, MO

Contact: Colleen Starkloff 314-567-1558

Theme: no particular theme

Event Information:

St. Louis Fair (4th of July – huge event)

Prospects are good that there will be a pregame ceremony at 1 PM for the Cardinals vs. Reds game at Busch Stadium.

Immediately afterwards, the torch leads a "march to the arch" promotion and appears on the main stage at approximately 2:30 p.m. with the public announcement. Then, after the four tops concert that night, the fair has indicated that they will allow the torch to "light" the fireworks.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Requesting Rodney Slater—Transportation Secretary

St. Louis has celebrated ADA each of last 5 years. Rodney Slater asked if he could attend in the past, then was sick the year he planned to come and couldn't attend.

The Transportation Connection is strong because St. Louis was very active in the late 70's with accessible busses, and was one of the first cities in the country to offer them.

Main Site for Speakers:

Busch Stadium

Confirmed Speakers:

Judy Heumann has been invited; she has spoken there before.

Expected crowd: 50,000

Task Force Brochures: 5,000-10,000

Friday, July 7—Madison, WI

Marcia Carlson

608-263-3021

Theme: Recreation (potentially) both participation and spectatorship

Event Information:

10:00 AM Opening Ceremony.

Speakers to Include: Governor Tommy Thompson has been invited. Senators Cole and Feingold have committed, and Representative Baldwin. Also the Mayor of the County Executive and the Chancellor of UW. 10 minutes to the host sponsor—American Assoc. of Persons with Disabilities.

The Torch Route (proposed) begins at the Capital, moves to the new Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center and then through town using Bike Paths (Madison has an extremely comprehensive Bike Path system, best in the US along with Davis, CA)

Disabled Sports USA & Kawasaki, Inc. work together on a school administrated program—their Accessible Waterskiing Workshop runs June 6-8: the Torch route will pass by.

Madison has the World's Most Accessible Sports Facility (toured by advisors for the Sydney Olympic Games).

The U of W has the World's Largest Outdoor Program (HOOFERS) (self-funded within the student union) with a significant accessibility component.(eg. :free-ski day for people with disabilities, etc.) And they will participate too.

ArtFair on the Square (Capital Square) is that weekend (possible connection with Renovation of the civic center; fully accessible children's museum; other projects recently funded by a local philanthropist).

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

They are asking for Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt because there is a US Geological Survey Office in Madison. USGS and the Department of the Interior, have always been very strong and leading edge on hiring people with disabilities. (There is also a Bald Eagle Sanctuary.)

Some railroad trails are currently being converted to accessible bicycle pathways, which might dovetail with the Department of Transportation (Rails to Trails). Also the Howard Timmons Lakeshore Path around the lakes near UW campus is accessibly designed.

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman would be an appropriate speaker because *Wisconsin has had the lowest unemployment rate in the country* for some time, and Wisconsin has also led the way in employing people with disabilities.

HUD Secretary Cuomo may be appropriate because some programs in Madison have been helping people with disabilities (esp. Developmental) purchase their own homes and condos. MOVING OUT program. Also there is a program, using some HUD money, that helps get loans for physically disabled individuals. – Jerry Vogt (contact within HUD for Moving Out) ALSO-potentially Dept. of Agriculture (Wisconsin is highly Agricultural, although the timing might not be ideal-- Secretary Dan Glickman may be a controversial choice right now due to the highly political Milk Price Issue. Cranberries are also a problem. . .) Probably not HHS Secretary Shalala [even though she used to be chancellor of UW]--there could be protests because of the recent politicization of the Organ Donation Program.
Task Force Brochures: 10,000 easily--up to 100,000 possible . . .

Sunday, July 9-Chicago, IL

Theme: "every day with the ADA" theme promotes everyday places improved by the ADA
event information: torch goes to the Cubs/White Sox rivalry game at Wrigley Field, where a person in a wheelchair will sing the national anthem. This will be carried live by WGN TV and radio. Torch then will be carried around Lincoln Park where a ceremony, rally and possible concert close the day.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members: no particular secretary has been requested, though any is heartily welcomed.

Main Site for Speakers: Wrigley Field

confirmed speakers: none yet

expected crowd: 50,000

Tuesday, July 11-Memphis, TN

Contact: Judy Neal

judy@mmcil.org

Theme: "Pro-Se--doing it for ourselves"

10:00a.m. Opening Ceremony @ Pyramid Plaza (by the river)

event information: nothing finalized yet

Closing Ceremony 6:00p.m. at Overton Park Shell

Band and a Barbecue

Confirmed speakers:

Invited:

the Mayor of Memphis, Mayor of the County

Governor Sundquist

VP Al Gore

Honorees: 2 local DoJ people

Gary Vanasek--local DOJ contact

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members: They would like to have Janet Reno come out to emphasize that Disability Rights are of significant importance.

Expected crowd: 100 People expected at ceremony, 250 People Expected at barbecue.

Task Force Brochures: ?

Thursday, July 13-Jackson, MS

Theme: The ADA providing New Opportunities in the Old South

Event Information:

The Torch Run will begin in the City of Manchester, GA on July 19 at Horizons Medical Corporation. It will proceed to the Eternal Flame located in the city of Manchester. The city will have a ceremony and discussion will take place as to what the city has done to improve accessibility during the past ten years and what plans are in place to continue the process.

The run will continue to the Manchester High School and on to the Warm Springs-Manchester Presbyterian Church for a lunch break.

The next stop will be at the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery where a ceremony is planned, and then on to the city of Warm Springs at the Welcome Center, then the Georgia Baptist Hospital and Nursing Home. A ceremony will be held at both places. The torch will then travel to Franklin D. Roosevelt's Little White House for another ceremony.

They expect to have approximately 100-200 people at each stop and the ceremonies will all be brief: 5 – 10 minutes. The torch will arrive at the Roosevelt Institute for the final ceremony at the quadrangle located behind Georgia Hall on campus. The quadrangle is surrounded by several beautiful historical buildings that were constructed by the Warm Springs Foundation that FDR founded. Georgia Hall was the dining hall where FDR would come back each Thanksgiving and have dinner with patients and guests. An invitation has been extended to Senator Max Cleland to be the keynote speaker for this ceremony.

A basketball challenge will be held during the day in conjunction with the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs.

Neighboring cities are being asked to participate in the torch run. They hope to form a speaker's bureau for those participating.

A two to three hour symposium and panel discussion for improvements in the ADA. will be held during the day. Contact has been made with the ADA office for the state of Georgia for input.

This will be held concurrent with the run and will end prior to the final celebration.

They expect approximately 1,000 at the closing ceremony.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Secretary of H. H. S. because of connection to rehabilitation and FDR.

Main Site for Speakers: Roosevelt Institute on the campus

Confirmed Speakers: none yet.

Senator Max Cleland has been invited

Expected crowd: 1000 at closing ceremony.

Task Force Brochures: 1000-1500

Thursday & Friday, July 20 & 21—Atlanta, GA*

Theme: Civil Rights (Martin Luther King, Jr. Center is there in Atlanta)

Contact: Mark Johnson 404/350-7490

Event Information:

Day 1—Thursday, July 20

On the 20th, the Torch Kickoff (Opening) is at the Shepherd Center at 10am, then will proceed past a church, Piedmont Park (newly made accessible), the Carter Center, train to the King Center and go through downtown, winding up at the State Capitol at 4:00 pm.

Day 2—Friday, July 21

Starts at Turner Stadium (Braves stadium)—which was originally the '96 Para-lympics Stadium.

Route goes past Arts-For-All Gallery, runs down to Georgia Tech University (Past Techwood

Homes which is well known to HUD), and finally to Centennial Olympic Park. Because Centennial Park is less than a mile from Ga Tech—and to allow those who want to participate a chance to do so—walkers will travel en masse from Ga-Tech to Centennial Park.

Closing Celebration/Festival in Centennial Olympic Park will include speakers & performances.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Requesting Secretary of HUD or Secretary of Education as well as the Attorney General.

Day 1: Small hook possible with Opening Ceremony for HHS Secretary Shalala at the Shepherd Center for Rehabilitation

Day 2: Larger hooks are possible for: ideally, given the theme, Attorney General Janet Reno.

Possible HUD hook -- A City of Atlanta ordinance for accessible housing has been passed at the state level (The proposed local route will pass Concrete Change on the second torch day)

[www.concretechange.homepage.mindspring.com]

Possible Education Hook with GA Tech for Education Secretary Riley

Task Force Brochures: 1500-2500

Saturday, July 22—Columbia, SC

Theme: Celebrating the ADA

Contact: Maris Parmerter 803/731-1607

Event Information:

Relay will start at 9am and go until 3.

Kickoff at the Airport (Newly Accessible) [pending approval]

Then to Barrier Free Home on Vocational Rehabilitation Campus. Then Relay downtown.

In the afternoon there will be an ADA Celebration Picnic/Rally in Finley Park downtown will have booths, vendors, as part of the relay day.

More info to follow in an email as plans finalize.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Difficult because South Carolina has been slower on implementing the ADA.

They request Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

(There is a Mayor's Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities in Charleston—a tributary of the PCEPD)

Already in contact with Sandy Richards in the Treasury Department. [no answers yet]

Main Site for Speakers: Roosevelt Institute on the campus

Confirmed Speakers: none yet.

Task Force Brochures: 1500-2500

Tuesday, July 25—Arlington, VA & Washington, DC*

Theme: Political Empowerment/Civic Involvement

Arlington—

9:30a.m. Welcoming Ceremony--Relay from Endependence Center -- local resource center near the Clarendon Metro—

10:30 Torch should leave, go past Arlington National Cemetery, across Memorial Bridge and ends at FDR Memorial by noon. Torch will be carried across the bridge and to the FDR

Memorial by a throng of children with and without disabilities. NOD may hold an event at the FDR memorial.

11:30 a.m. NCD Luncheon. Torch will be taken there from the FDR Memorial.

7:00 p.m. Torch will be presented to Senator Tom Harkin (Iowa) at the opening NCIL reception.

10:00 or 11:00 p.m. Candlelight vigil in the courtyard at the Renaissance Hotel

Main Site for Speakers:

Confirmed Speakers:

Task Force Brochures: 650 on mailing list

Wednesday, July 26--Washington, DC*

midmorning: NCIL Rally

evening: NCIL, AAPD & DREDF Black Tie Gala

Main Site for Speakers:

Confirmed Speakers:

Friday, July 28--Philadelphia, PE*

Theme: Accessible Transportation for All

Contact: Linda Richman

Gill Ott--215/634-2000 x235

2 Committees are meeting

Internal--planning food, etc.

Broader Committee focusing on Torch Reception

THEME: 10 points of what is positive about the ADA (one for each year).

Event information: Mapped out route will pass torch from point to point--around Liberty Bell, to end at the Penn Treaty Park for a picnic--this is the location for speakers.

Republican Convention Goers are invited (the convention center; Senator Arlen Specter (sponsor for MiCASSA) is invited.

Torch relay is joined by and leads "rolling justice" marchers with travel to the city from across Pennsylvania.

Picnic/rally in Penn Treaty Park closes the day.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Arlen Specter--sponsor of MICASSA--has been invited, which could tie in with HHS Secretary Donna Shalala.

[NB--lawsuits have been filed in Philadelphia this year vs. Transportation and Housing. . .it could be awkward for Transportation or HUD (ADAPT would probably stage a protest)]

Ginny Thornburg has offered her husband, Ex-Attorney General Dick Thornburgh (who was Attorney General when the ADA was signed)

Task Force Brochures: 600

Main Site for Speakers: Penn Treaty Park

Confirmed Speakers:

Monday, July 31--Auburn Hills/Detroit, MI*

Contact: Marva Ways 313/277-0390

Theme: Highlight Advances made in Private Transportation/Strength of Disability Marketplace to Affect Change

Event Information:

situation is unique because it is in 2 places: Auburn Hills is the site of VW headquarters.

Then the torch will end up in Detroit.

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Commerce Secretary William F. Daley (because of disability marketplace tie-in)
HHS Secretary Donna Shalala (re. "MiCASSA" Attendant Care Service Bill-HHS)
Labor Secretary Herman is requested.

Main Site for Speakers:

Opening Ceremony in Detroit hopefully to be at the State Fairgrounds, just outside the city.
(Pending approval)

Closing recognition ceremony planned in Hart Plaza downtown.

Confirmed Speakers:

Invited: State Senator Leland Burton (from Lansing) who has worked intensely on
transportation-verbal confirmation
State Senator Toy-no response yet

Thursday, August 3-Boston, MA*

Contact: Bill Henning 508/775-8300

No Organized Events yet planned.

Event Information:

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

Main Site for Speakers:

Confirmed Speakers:

Sen. Ted Kennedy has been invited.

Sunday, August 6 &

Monday, August 7-NYC, NY*a

Contact: Susan Burstein 718/658-8956

Sunday, August 6-NYC, NY*

Theme: International

NYC is different from the other cities

Event Information:

Sponsored by the NYC Consortium of Independent Living (consortium of 6 independent living centers across the city)

There will be mini-relays in each of the 5 boroughs

Each will have it's own small reception-playing to a borough-wide audience.

Torch comes from the North into the Bronx, into an ILC and to an ETA hospital.

Then Harlem and a mini-relay down 125th. Then to Brooklyn and to stay overnight in Staten Island.

Monday, August 7-NYC, NY*

Ferry over in the morning to Manhattan. Cross Brooklyn Bridge to Brooklyn, then to Queens and Flushing Meadows Park where the World's Fair was, and where is now the Playground for All Children-a city park-the first Accessible playground in the U.S. (Started in). From there to the UN.

Ceremony at the UN for policy makers; rally/concert at nearby public park for local residents

Speaking Opportunities for Task Force Members:

no one in particular has been requested

Main Site for Speakers: still undetermined.

Confirmed Speakers:

Richard Holbrook—UN Ambassador, requested.

Task Force Brochures:

300 more brochures. Several hundred available at different centers.. .

Approx. 5000 total.

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