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July 14, 1994

Ms Deidre Davis

Office of Presidential Personnel, RM 153
The White House (Old Exec Office Bldg.)
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms Davis:

The United States Organization for Disabled Athletes (USODA) needs your help! USODA once again, needs you to lend your most valuable possession ---your name--- to help us in our efforts in putting on disabled sporting events during the next three years, all leading up to the largest games for the disabled in the world, the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games in Georgia.

As you can see, many of your fellow associates have helped by lending their names to our Honorary Board in the past, and through their efforts, thousands of disabled youth and adults have been given the opportunity to participate in athletic competitions throughout the United States.

We have embarked on plans to expand our Disabled Youth Sports Training Program to 150 events in over 30 states during the next three years. This program is designed to improve the lives of many of the 3 million disabled children between the ages of 5 and 18. USODA's disabled athletes and their coaches will be conducting this programs with the hopes that these youngsters will be made aware that sports can give them the self-esteem, courage, ambition and self-satisfaction to compete in life and overcome the prejudices that exist amount the nondisabled.

Our disabled athletes will be conducting a Disabled Sports Awareness Program in more than 300 schools over the next several years in concert with Major League Baseball and Canon, USA. Our disabled motivational speakers will demonstrate how they adapted to and overcame obstacles in life. Through these inspirational talks, films and student participation in various disabled skills, we believe these programs will leave a lasting and positive impression on nondisabled and disabled youth.

Final Report to the Vice President

GEORGE A. COVINGTON
Special Assistant to the Vice President
for Disability Policy



Participation In Disability
Activities & Events
June 1992 - December 1992



Total Circulation - Print Materials
January 1989, December 1992 -- **12 million**

FINAL REPORT

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Dan Quayle
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

December 1, 1992

Dear Mr. Vice President,

In the past four years you have visited, or been visited by, more than three thousand disabled individuals. You have listened to their concerns and expressed your support for dozens of organizations representing people with disabilities. You have attended gatherings, served as honorary chairman, written letters and taped video presentations that have raised money for disability related causes.

No Vice President in the history of this country has done more to help people with disabilities. You are the first Vice President to have a Special Assistant to work full time on disability issues. You are the first Vice President to visit an Independent Living Center. You are the first Vice President to actively support and promote the Paralympics, and national sports and recreation activities for Americans with disabilities.

Your early and public support of the Americans with Disabilities Act was appreciated throughout the disability community. Your commitment to our cause has helped America's 43 million citizens with disabilities to fight back against the myths, negative images and stereotypes that have blocked our way into the mainstream of society.

I hope your support for our issues will set a precedent that future administrations will follow. Americans with disabilities should never lose the access they have gained through the office of the Vice President.

I am proud to have served you and come to know you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

George A. Covington

PUBLICATION SUMMARY JULY 1992- DECEMBER 1992

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
<i>Moving Forward</i>	25,000
<i>The Telephone Pioneer</i>	800,000
<i>The Press Telegram, Long Beach, CA</i>	122,716
<i>Pratt University Folio</i>	26,000
<i>The Marker</i>	40,000
<i>Bridges</i>	5,000
<i>Paraplegia News</i>	27,000
<i>NRA Newsletter</i>	20,000
<i>The National Focus</i>	25,000
<i>News - Banner</i>	21,000
<i>Times Union</i>	21,000
<i>Arvada Jefferson Sentinal</i>	8,700
<i>Advertiser</i>	7,800
<i>Index - Journal</i>	16,800
<i>Ability</i>	25,000
<i>Metropolis</i>	35,000
TOTAL:	1,226,016

**PRINT MEDIA ON DISABILITY ISSUES
JANUARY 1989 - DECEMBER 1992**

**FIRST REPORT
JANUARY 1989 - JUNE 1990**

TOTAL: 1,916,000

**SECOND REPORT
JULY 1990 - DECEMBER 1991**

TOTAL: 5,097,669

**THIRD REPORT
JANUARY 1992 - JUNE 1992
TOTAL: 3,795,524**

**FINAL REPORT
JUNE 1992 - DECEMBER 1992
TOTAL: 1,226,016**

***GRAND TOTAL JANUARY 1989 - DECEMBER 1992*
12,035,209**

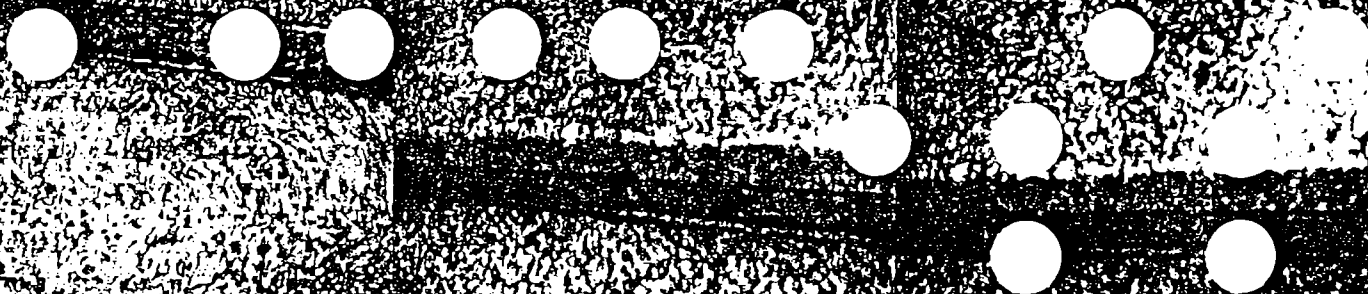
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"The first barrier to Universal Design is the human mind. If we could put a ramp into the mind, the first thing down the ramp would be the understanding that all barriers are the result of narrow thinking. The criteria for making a facility accessible and creating a universally designed product are the same. Like any other project, accessibility is possible when imagination and creativity combine with the will to accomplish a well-defined goal."

George A. Covington, Special Assistant to the Vice President of the United States for Disability Policy

Universal Design Conference 'Went Spectacularly Well'

Universal Design took a step closer to becoming, well, universal and Pratt Institute took a giant step toward being on the cutting edge of an idea whose time has come, with the Pratt-sponsored conference "Universal Design: Access to Daily Living," held during the summer in New York City.

The conference "went spectacularly well," says *Bruce Hannah* '63 AD, chairman of industrial design, who devised the conference with Dr. Daniel Echtner of Columbia medical school. "It was a good educational forum, but most useful were the products that came out of the conference—the transcript, audio tapes of the sessions, and a 40-page primer. A conference isn't worth much unless you do something with it. It's exactly the kind of thing Pratt should be doing."

"Tons of press came out. They all sent someone, and that will help get the word out. Pretty good for a first shot."

Arnold Wasserman, then dean of the school of art and design, agreed. He said the conference enabled Pratt "to establish itself as an authoritative leader in an emerging field of great importance to the role of design in American society."

Hannah says he's looking forward to another conference on universal design, as well as conferences on ecology and design ("life on a small planet") and "design for kids—how kids feel about design." He explains, "We'll look at it all—an umbrella approach. That's been the philosophy of design at Pratt for the past 50 years."

The premise of Universal Design is that products should be accessible to all, including persons with disabilities. As *Business Week* put it, "The principle is simple: Products designed to be easily used by disabled individuals also work better for the rest of us."

Close to 400 designers, manufacturers, rehabilitation professionals, journalists and others interested in the subject attended the two-day event at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Subjects addressed at conference sessions included Universal Design applications in the home, the workplace, and over a person's lifespan as the U. S. population ages. Other sessions addressed the particular challenges of transportation and the role of education in advancing Universal Design.

Pratt Institute Universal Design



George Covington, vice president Dan Quayle's liaison with the disabled community, talks at Universal Design Conference Opening Reception with Diane Pilgrim, director of the Cooper-Hewitt Museum. Laurence Mellow is at the center. About 400 designers, manufacturers, rehabilitation professionals, journalists and others interested in the subject attended the two-day event at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Pioneer The Telephone

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Quayle hosts Pioneer officers



Association officers met with vice president Dan Quayle to discuss progress in the Easy Access program and to present him with a Hug-a-Bear and a complete set of past issues of the Telephone Pioneer. Meeting with the vice president were, left to right, Ray Green, past Region 2 vice president; Bill Jermain, Association executive director; Jerry Blatherwick, Association president; and Walt Chambers, Region 8 vice president.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON



Paul Aziz, Publisher
Moving Forward
Torrance, Ca. 90510

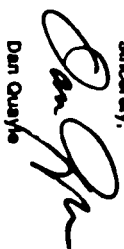
Dear Mr. Aziz,

I would like to commend you and your publication for the outstanding work you are doing to help implement the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). I join with you in celebrating the second anniversary of the signing of this landmark civil rights law. July 26th will always be remembered as Independence Day for America's citizens with disabilities.

Although we have come a long way, there is still much work to do to guarantee every disabled American access to employment, education, transportation, and housing. We must not rest until every aspect of the American mainstream is accessible to people with disabilities. Working together, all goals are possible.

Moving Forward is helping to eliminate the negative images, myths, and stereotypes that hinder the progress of disabled people. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,


Dan Quayle

ABILITY

CRIPPLING IMAGES: EDUCATING THE VICE PRESIDENT

BY GEORGE A. COVINGTON

As Special Assistant to the Vice President, I spend a great deal of my time fighting myths, negative images, and stereotypes. Not his, but ours. "Ours" refers to myself and the 43 million other Americans with disabilities.

Two weeks after the 1988 Presidential election, I called David Beckwith, who had just been appointed Press Secretary for Vice President-Elect Quayle. Dave and I met in law school and had remained friends over the years.

"Dave," I said, "it has taken the American media 200 years to create the negative images and stereotypes they use to describe Americans with disabilities. It took them two months to do the same job on your boss. Do you think Dan Quayle would like to help us change our image if we help him change his?"

Quayle thought it was a great idea. The Monday after the Inauguration I became the first White House staffer to work full time on disability issues.

For most of my adult life, I've explained disability issues in a style that has often been called "brisk or blunt". Education is a never-ending task, but Dan Quayle proved to be the quickest learning student I've ever had.

The first thing I told the Vice President was that disabled people were tired of hearing politicians talk. We were more interested in finding a politician who would listen.

"Mr. Vice President," I explained, "we're tired of being treated like a charity. We want to be treated like any other constituency."

Long before I wrote his first speech, we discussed the two principles that I have used for more than a decade to explain disability issues to groups of able-bodied people.

The first principle is: People with disabilities can lie, cheat, and steal just like able-bodied people. Disabled people can be fools, fakes, and frauds just like able-bodied people. If you cannot accept these statements, you cannot truly accept the concept that disabled people are just like everyone else, except they have a disability. A disability becomes a handicap only when structural or attitudinal barriers make it so.

Some of us with disabilities are charming, witty, and highly intelligent; some of us are not. The disability didn't determine which of us would be sexy and which of us would be sexist. A disability gives us a different perspective, not a different personality.

Some of us get married, have children, live happily ever after, or some of us get divorced (not necessarily in that order). Some of us never leave home; most of us do.

Some of us have reached a comfort level that allows us to debate semantics and determine that "cripple" and

"handicapped" are no longer acceptable. Others are still debating whether "disabled people" should be replaced with "people with disabilities". This later debate is generally restricted to the disabled gurus living inside the Washington, DC beltway. Yes, some of us are disabled gurus, or gurus with disabilities, if you choose. Many of us feel that we are not "visually challenged", "physically challenged", or, if you're short, "vertically challenged". When the obstacles are removed so are the "challenges".

We are as different and diverse as everyone else in the world. We simply have a disability.

The second principle is: The road to Hell is paved with good intentions. The media has always approached disability issues with the best of intentions, but good intentions are not enough. The power of the media is such that its descriptions of disabled people and our issues can be devastating.

Dan Quayle is more acutely aware of the effects of media than any Vice President in history. He easily understood the media's power to create and shape images.

When I introduced the Vice President during the swearing in ceremony of Justin Dart as Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, I told the 125 disabled

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people present. "Few able-bodied people can better understand the problems we disabled people face by a negative portrayal in the media."

Although the news articles and feature stories about disabled people and our issues are well-intentioned, in many cases they have served to perpetuate stereotypes and negative attitudes held by the general public.

Recent news articles and features have tended to divide disabled individuals into two categories: the poor, pitiable, pathetic creature of charity or the heroic, undefeated "super cripple." It is not uncommon to find stories that begin with the first image and culminate in the second.

The disabled individual as an object of charity is an image as old as recorded history. Until recently, the news media often wrote of disabled individuals as though they were characters from a Gothic horror novel. Disabled individuals were "struck down in their prime", "afflicted with...", "a victim of...", "confined or bound to a wheelchair...", or "doomed to a life of..."

Part of the modern image of the disabled person as an object of charity was created by organizations attempting to raise money for their causes. These organizations, with the assistance of the news media, have caused generations of Americans to see the disabled as poor, defenseless children in need of pity and charity. Most of these organizations were directed and managed by able-bodied individuals. While they raised hundreds of millions of dollars over the past decade, they did little to improve the image of people with disabilities. Recently a number of these organizations have begun to bring disabled people into decision making positions.

"Super cripple" has been around since the penny newspaper, but in recent years this image has been the favorite of the

mass media. "Super cripple" is a character, usually "struck down in the prime of life" who fights to overcome insurmountable odds to succeed as a meaningful member of society. Through strength of will, perseverance and hard work, the disabled individual achieves a "normal" life. Depending on the news organization, this scenario might also include mother, God, country and the active intervention of UFO's or Bigfoot.

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of the "super cripple" character is that the news media herald as "super human" the achievement in a disabled person's life that would be considered normal, routine and completely unnewsworthy in the life of an able-bodied person. Too often, the news media treat a disabled individual who has attained success in his field of profession as though he were one of a kind. While this one-of-a-kind aspect might make for a better story angle, it perpetuates in the mind of the general public how rare it is for the disabled citizen to succeed.

Another problem we have with the media is the "I have a handicapped friend" syndrome. It sometimes appears that every member of the media has one disabled acquaintance who, by virtue of their disability, is the sole authority on all matters of disability. This "friend" is quoted as an authority on any matter that involves a disability issue. A person with a mobility impairment may not, however, be an expert on mobility and access problems. One blind person may be an expert on technology, while another blind person may have no interest in the subject, and thus no knowledge of the issue.

The problem is a circular one. It is as young members of the general public that men and women of the news media derive their attitudes about people with disabilities. As a former journalism professor, I know the images and stereotypes of disabled people are not left at

the front door of the journalism school but remain to become a part of the psyche of the working reporter. With the appearance of these reporters' news stories, the cycle begins again.

Good intentions with bad results are not restricted to the press. Too often in the past, able-bodied individuals and groups came up with projects and products that they knew "would be great for handicapped people." They never bothered to ask disabled people for input. Their enthusiasm was great, but their idea or product was a disaster. They were more interested in a "warm and fuzzy" concept than they were in a substantive idea. Often their feelings were hurt when disabled people threw the cold water of reality on what had been the warm glow of poorly directed good intentions. It is too late to ask for our input after the concrete has been poured and the last nail driven. Tens of millions of dollars have been wasted on projects for disabled people that had little or no input from disabled people. Able-bodied people must learn to ask us if we need it, want it, or can afford it. Ask us, then listen.

In his first two years in office, the Vice President met one-on-one and listened to more disabled people than all the previous Vice Presidents in history. Through his speeches, meetings, and visits he has raised the disability issue to a level of national interest never before achieved by an elected official.

In the past three-and-a-half years Dan Quayle has become familiar with disabled people and their issues. He knows that a middle class, white male in a wheelchair is not the "average" disabled person. He knows we are male and female, that we come in all sizes and ages, and that our skin has many hues. Although Dan Quayle has known disabled individuals and their issues all of his public and private life, he continues to listen and to learn about us.

Bridging the gap

Ability Magazine hopes to build understanding of issues facing the disabled

By Weedy Lee
Staff writer

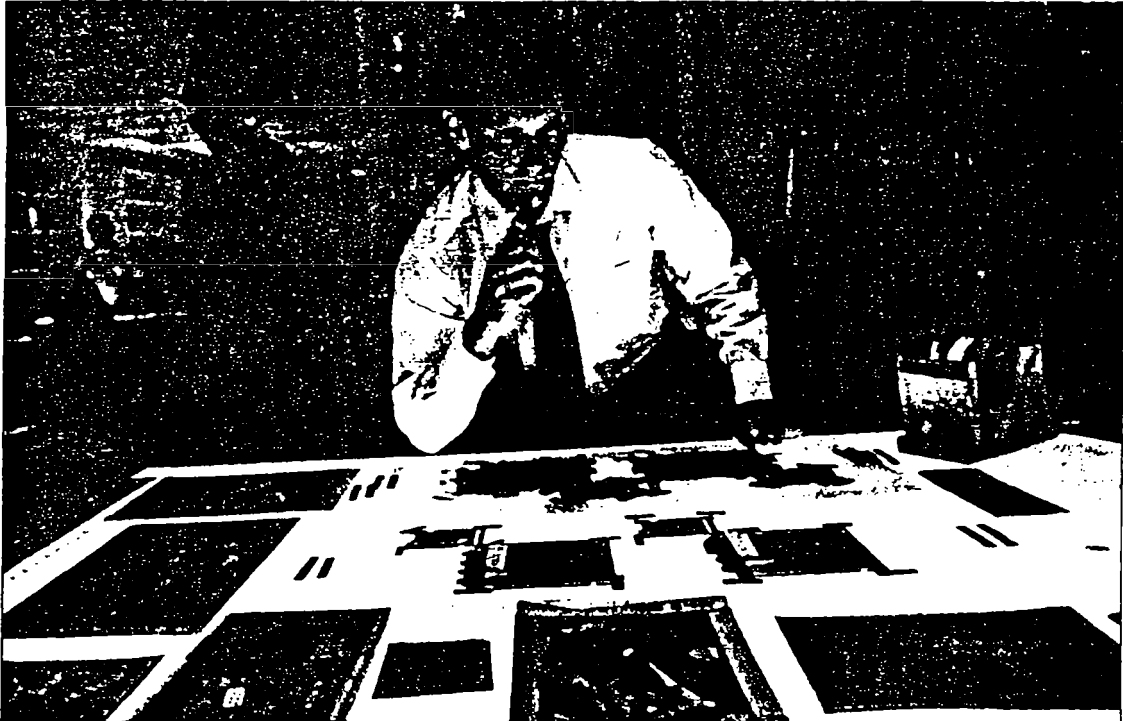
George Covington remembers the cold winter night the ambitious young magazine publisher came to see him.

The call from Chet Cooper had intrigued Covington, special assistant to the vice president for disability policy. Cooper was in town and had asked for a meeting but had no references — which typically clear the way for an outsider to reach Washington's inner sanctum — and Covington really didn't have the time. But Cooper "sounded like a nice guy," so he agreed.

Cooper, based in Irvine, had an idea for a new magazine that would address issues concerning people with disabilities and wanted Covington's input. He showed him a prototype, and the two talked for two hours in Covington's office. Over dinner, they talked for two more.

"He was an energetic young man with a lot of great ideas who needed a lot of help and direction," Covington recalls. "I told him folks to talk to and see."

Several months later the magazine Cooper envisioned has evolved from an enterprising idea to a glossy national publication that is wending its way to newsstands around the country. The premier issue of *Ability Magazine*, off the presses in June, featured deaf actress Marlee Matlin on the cover. Cooper says the bimonthly magazine, written in an "upbeat, positive style," will regularly showcase human interest stories, interviews with celebrities with disabilities, reports on new technologies and advances for disabled people, support



Publisher Chet Cooper reviews the color separations and color keys for *Ability Magazine*.

Photo-Telegram photo / Curt Johnson

center listings, and other resources.

But just as important, it is designed to increase understanding of disability issues — in part by helping readers to interpret the new Americans with Disabilities Act — and appeal to a broader audience. As Cooper puts it: "Our goal is to bring *Ability Magazine* to mainstream America."

And that has been an ambitious undertaking for the 37-year-old Cooper, who acknowledges he was venturing into what for him was unfamiliar territory (He is not disabled). Publisher of another publication, an Orange County lifestyle magazine known as *Style Newport*, he studied biology in college and has a background that includes developing a line of children's clothing, creating a line of greeting cards, owning health clubs, and modeling. So he began to educate himself in disability issues, attending conferences, talking and meeting with disability advocates, seeking advice from established organizations, assembling a staff. This has meant a hectic schedule that sometimes keeps him in the office as late for early as 5 a.m.

"When I jump into something, I jump in," he says.

All the while, Cooper talks about what he sees as the mag-

azine's vast potential. He notes that there are 43 million Americans with disabilities and that statistics show that 85 percent of Americans will have a disability at some point in their lives. "Yet we live in denial," he says. "We shut people out. We segregate them." *Ability Magazine*, he says, will provide information and updates on how businesses are complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which took effect in July and is designed to protect the disabled from discrimination in employment, public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications.

Another hope is that the magazine can help match people with disabilities with employers who want to hire them. *Ability* is sponsoring JOBS (Job Opportunity Business Service), a nonprofit system scheduled to begin next month in which employers, for a fee, can place job listings in "electronic classified ads."

The first issue of *Ability* featured a cover story on Matlin, who co-stars as an assistant district attorney in the NBC series "Reasonable Doubts," and included an article on stand-up comedians with disabilities, a story on a youth with a spinal injury who uses a computer to simulate flight in aircraft, and a piece on the 1993 Special Olym-

pics World Winter Games to be held in Austria. Also in the first issue was a story on software that assists in rehabilitating people with cognitive impairments, a piece on a theater organization that trains and employs disabled people, a review of the ADA, and a yellow pages section that lists national and regional support centers for people with disabilities.

The next issue, behind schedule but due out "soon," Cooper says, will feature a cover story on Andrea Friedman, who has Down's syndrome and appears on the ABC series "Life Goes On." The third will spotlight Cher, who has dyslexia.

Most of the stories are done by free-lance writers, Cooper says. One of the newest to sign up is actress and stand-up comedienne Gen Jewell, who appeared in the NBC sitcom "The Facts of Life" and has cerebral palsy. Another free-lancer has myasthenia gravis, another a "hearing problem," Cooper says. One staff member has dyslexia.

The bulk of staff members do not have a disability, although Cooper says the magazine is "expanding" and that if interested people with disabilities think they "can help, we're always looking."

Ability Magazine, published in Irvine, was launched on less than

\$150,000, and Cooper says he has been able to keep expenses down with the help of individuals and businesses he has worked with who helped offset some of the costs. "I owned a printing business and a small ad agency," he says. "I know how to cut my costs."

"This is such a major goal to bring this thing to fruition," he adds. "I'm lucky enough to be creative in finding people who can help."

Local reaction to the new magazine — which sells for \$3.95 — has been difficult to gauge because many Long Beach-area advocates for the disabled say they have not yet seen it. But Cathy DeMello, program director for the Santa Ana clubhouse for the Disabled in Anaheim, has and is impressed. "It made me feel really good," says DeMello, a former program director for the Betty Crocker Center in Long Beach. "It looks like it can compete with any magazine or a magazine rack."

Covington believes *Ability* distinguishes itself because other magazines that address disability issues are geared more specifically to the "disabled community."

"*Ability Magazine* appears to me to be a bridge between the disabled community and the able-bodied community," says Covington, who is legally blind.

Wheels in Action



Vice President Dan Quayle hands flags to Paralympian swimmers Linda Mastandrea (Chicago) and Brenda Smith (Rockville, MD).

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PARAPLEGIA NEWS

VEEP RECEIVES AWARDS

In an August 5 ceremony at the White House, Vice President Dan Quayle presented an American flag to representatives of the team participating in the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics. The gesture recognized the integrity and intensity of America's top athletes with disabilities. In return, the Vice President received two separate awards for his leadership in the disability community.

Bill Nichols, president of the American Disability Channel, gave Quayle a plaque for bringing about positive change in the media. The award was inscribed, "For your outstanding leadership in communicating the message of freedom on behalf of people with disabilities."

The second plaque, from Dr. Len Sawisch, president of the US Organization of Disabled Athletes (USODA), read, "In great appreciation for your continuing efforts to bring attention to the disabled-sports movement in America, and for your continued support for the consensus of 42 million Americans with disabilities. You are a true friend."

President George Bush and Quayle supported the enactment of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

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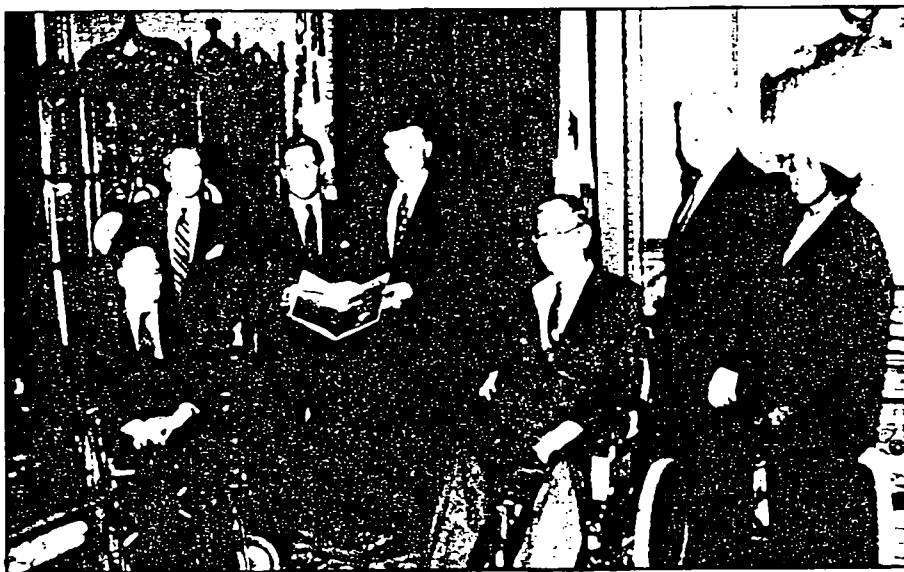
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Howard University Research and Training Center
The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

Fall, 1992

CENTER PERSPECTIVES



American Business Community Called to Action

The business community was called to action through the publication of a special Business Week supplement (October 28, 1991) titled, "Willing and Able: Americans with Disabilities in the New Work Force." Pictured above, along with Vice President Dan Quayle (fourth from left) who received a leather-bound edition of the Business Week supplement, are Dr. Sylvia Walker, Director of the Howard University Research and Training Center; Alan Reich, President of the National Organization on Disability; William DeGraff, Director of Sales for Business Week; Harold W. McGraw, III, Executive Director of McGraw-Hill; Evan Kemp, Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and John W. Patten, Business Week publisher. The 37-page special insert provided vital information and insights
(Continued on page 2).

George Covington (right) of the Vice President's office receives recognition.



George Covington Makes a Real Difference

George A. Covington, the first White House person to deal solely with disability and policy issues, was given recognition by the Howard University and Research and Training Center (HURTC) on May 12, 1992 at the Third Annual "Bridges to Leadership 2000" Youth Career Day Conference, held at Howard University's Blackburn Center. Mr. Covington, who is Special Assistant for Disability Policy to Vice President Dan Quayle, is the first person to serve in this position on the White House staff. He has served as advisor to the Vice President since January of 1989. Mr. Covington is an attorney who's career has included the fields of journalism, education, government, and disability civil rights. He is a former journalism college
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HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Newsletter Vol. 5 No. 2

Summer 1992

PITTSBURGH TO HOST SEVENTH ANNUAL HDSA CONVENTION

The Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America will host the Seventh Annual HDSA Convention in Pittsburgh July 31-August 2.

An array of presentations and workshops will feature professionals and scientists representing a broad range of HD-related expertise. The emphasis on research in this year's convention is reflected in the theme of the event, "It's Time to Cure Huntington's Disease."

Keynote speaker at the traditional Saturday Research Luncheon, August 1, will be **Dr. Michael Hayden**, Professor of Medical Genetics at the University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver. Dr. Hayden heads the

predictive testing program for Huntington's Disease at UBC, and was elected last year to the post of Secretary-General of the World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Huntington's Disease. He is currently directing a study of the effectiveness of a new drug in slowing the rate of progression in HD.

Dr. Hayden will talk about recent developments in genetics and other areas of HD research.

A Friday afternoon research panel discussion will be moderated by **Dr. P. Michael Conneally**, Distinguished Professor of Medical Genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Conneally will be joined by
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Keynote speaker Dr. Michael Hayden

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETS WITH VICE PRESIDENT



HDSA Executive Director Stephen Bajardi met with Vice president Dan Quayle in Washington, DC, April 14. Bajardi led a delegation of Long Island business leaders who support the annual George G. Powell Golf Classic, a fundraiser to benefit the Greater New York/Long Island Chapter of HDSA. Vice President Quayle has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman for this year's event. Bajardi thanked Mr. Quayle for his involvement and his support of the HD cause.

ON THE INSIDE

This finding questions the conventional belief...that nerve cell growth does not occur in the brains of adult mammals.

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I know how difficult it can be to take care of someone with HD. I'm a caregiver myself.

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Maybe next time I'll take a golf cart from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC.

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**National
Rehabilitation
Association**

Newsletter

Committed to Enhancing the Lives of Persons with Disabilities

July 1992

Special Assistant to Dan Quayle to Speak in San Diego



George Covington, Special Assistant for Disability Policy to Vice President Quayle, will favor NRA members with a keynote address at the '92 Annual Conference. He is the first person to serve in this position on the White House Staff, and has served as advisor to the Vice President since January of 1989.

Mr. Covington is an attorney who's career has included the fields of journalism, education, government, and disability civil rights. He is a former journalism college professor and federal regulation writer.

He was born legally blind, with less than 10 percent functional vision, in 1943 in east Texas. He attended public schools and graduated with degrees in both journalism and law from the University of Texas at Austin.

George Covington first received national media attention for his work in developing techniques that allowed individuals with severe visual impairments to use photography as a tool for seeing. He has given numerous workshops and lectures in photography at the Smithsonian Institution and college campuses. His photography manual "*Let Your Camera Do The Seeing: The World's First Photography Manual for the Legally Blind*" is available free to the blind and physically disabled through the Library of Congress.

For the past fifteen years Covington's primary interest has focused on the elimination of negative stereotypes of disabled people within the mass media.



*George A. Covington, Special Assistant For
Disability Policy to Vice President Quayle*

America's Disability Channel hosts first awards

WASHINGTON D.C. — America's Disability Channel isn't available in every state — yet. According to ADC's president and CEO, Bill Nichols, the timing is right for ADC and ADC is right for the time — and for a full-service network for people with disabilities.

America's Disability Channel, based in San Antonio, is carried on 25 per cent of the nation's cable TV homes. Nichols is preparing to expand programming to 18 hours per day, premiering new shows, including former anchorwoman Donna Cline, with the Donna Cline Show.

Featuring entertainment and information programming on all disabilities, the Silent Network (TSN) program service is part of ADC's programming schedule featuring cultural programming for the deaf and hearing impaired.

ADC has been hard at work to premier expanded disabilities programming and air time. Its first annual ADC television awards presentation awards on May 26, will be featured, with other announcements by ADC in a one-hour, produced-for-television special in a special premiere this Fall.

Award-winners honored on May 26 at the Washington Hilton were Justin Dart, receiving the first Justin Dart Award; ADC's newly-formed Congressional Advisory Board was presented with the Eagle Spirit Award.

Mattel Toys, The Rainbow Award; Jim Brady for the first Jim Brady Television Award; The ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens), the Golden Apple Award;

Harold Russell for the first Harold

Russell Award; Cox Cable of Omaha received the Affiliate of the Year Award. McDonald's and the Mike Sewell Family were the recipients of the Mike Sewell Award; Special Olympics International received the Pinnacle Award.

Kal Kan received the T.J. O'Rourke Award, and Disney World, Red Lobster and Delta Airlines were the recipients of the Destinations Unlimited Award.

The Torch of Freedom Award was presented to the United States Ski Team George Covington, Special Advisor to the Vice President on Disabilities Issues accepted a special award for Vice President Dan Quayle, for his Public Service Announcement. The PSA was a message of freedom and the Barcelona Special Olympics in which the Vice President appeared. "I don't think you've ever seen a PSA that the Vice President of the United States had a hand in writing," said Covington. The wording was the Vice President's.

ADC provides full access by cablecasting in four communications forms simultaneously. Sign Language by performing artists, open-captioning, with all programming having on-screen subtitles assisting people who are deaf, bilingual and learning to read, audio descriptive narration, and full sound.

Its primary formats are lifestyle, travel, entertainment, variety, docu-dramas, movies, interaction, magazine, children, and sports. 96 per cent of ADC programming is original and cable-exclusive.

For information contact America's Disability Channel, 1777 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 1401, San Antonio, Tx 78217.



Donna Cline will premiere her show on the American Disabilities Channel this fall.



George Covington, special assistant to Vice President Dan Quayle on disabilities issues.

Debra Gentler photo

Lakewood, CO
Arvada Jefferson Sentinal
Denver Met Area
Thursday, August 27, 1992

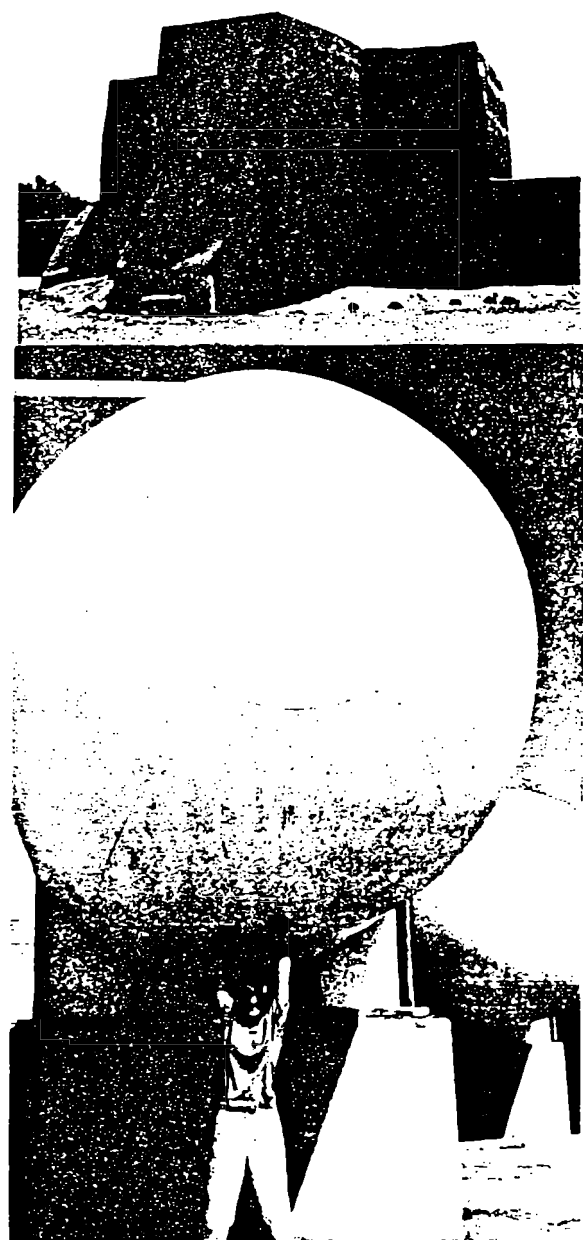


Christine Lynn George of Golden was recently awarded \$10,00 and met with Vice President Dan Quayle as one of the nine students nationwide to win a Discover Card tribute Award Scholarships. George was the bronze medal recipient in the vocational/technical studies category.

THE URBAN MAGAZINE OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

METROPOLIS

NOVEMBER 1992



a tool for seeing.

MOST PEOPLE SEE to photograph, I photograph to see. I was born legally blind with 20/400 vision in both eyes. Because of a combination of astigmatism, nystagmus, eccentric fixation, and myopia (all acute), my eyesight was not optically correctable. Over the past 20 years, I have lost most of this vision due to a retina degeneration problem. Presently, I function with less than five percent of normal vision on the periphery of my right eye.

Shortly after my retina loss began, I discovered that photography allowed me to keep this priceless channel of perception open. It was startling to look at a self-portrait and realize that I had stopped seeing myself in a mirror. It was equally startling to realize I had stopped seeing the faces of my friends and relatives. If I had not become seriously interested in photography at that point in my life, I would today consider myself blind. As it is, as long as I can photograph, I will not be blind.

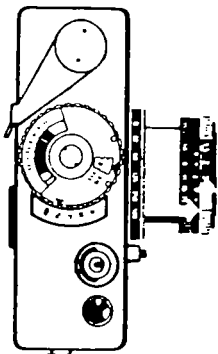
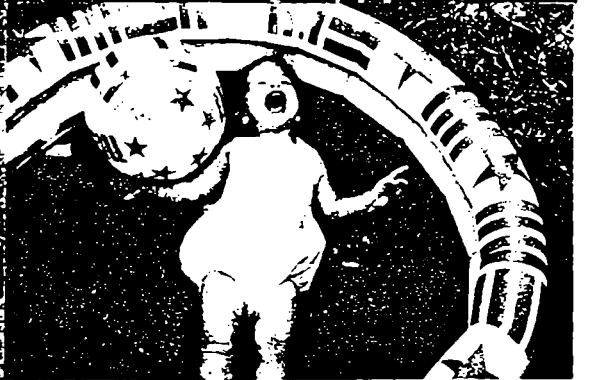
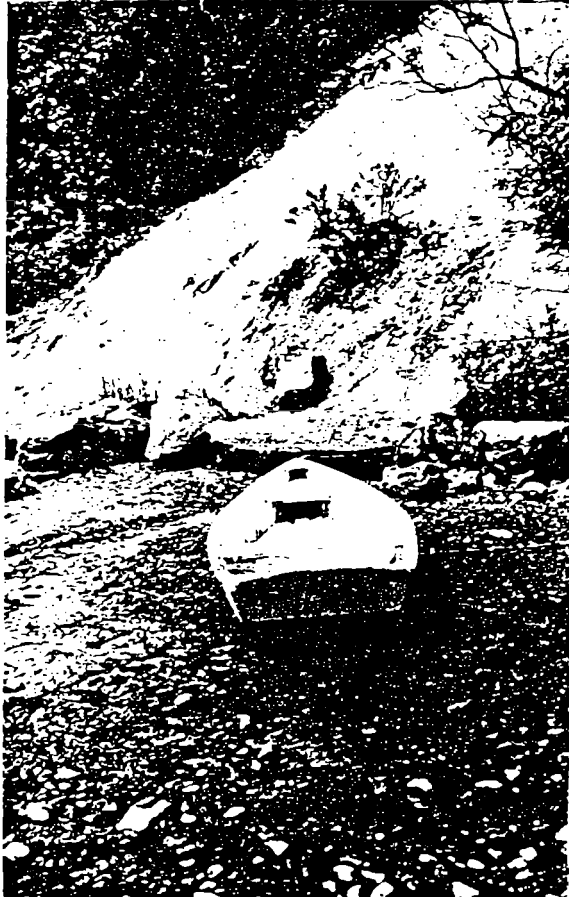
Photography allows me to see what I otherwise would not be able to see.

"How?" is most people's first reaction. The answer is simple: a photograph is not reality, but an abstraction of it. A black-and-white print transforms the millions of colors, shades, and tones of reality to a few shades of gray between black and white. Confusing three-dimensional shapes and forms are reduced to simple two-dimensional representations. The black-and-white print allows individuals with diminished vision to hold the world in their hands and view it from their own best perspective.

I started to study photography seriously 20 years ago when three seemingly unrelated events came together: I began to lose my sight, I was dating a woman who studied photography, and I discovered a camera that could be focused without perfect vision.

The design features of the Rollei B 35 seemed intended for a person with impaired vision. The light meter was built into the top of the camera and was easily visible through the handheld 10-power magnifier I used for reading. The F-stops and shutter-speed controls were on the lens barrel of the camera and easy to see. Also, the F-stops and shutter speeds could be determined by the number of clicks as the controls were turned.

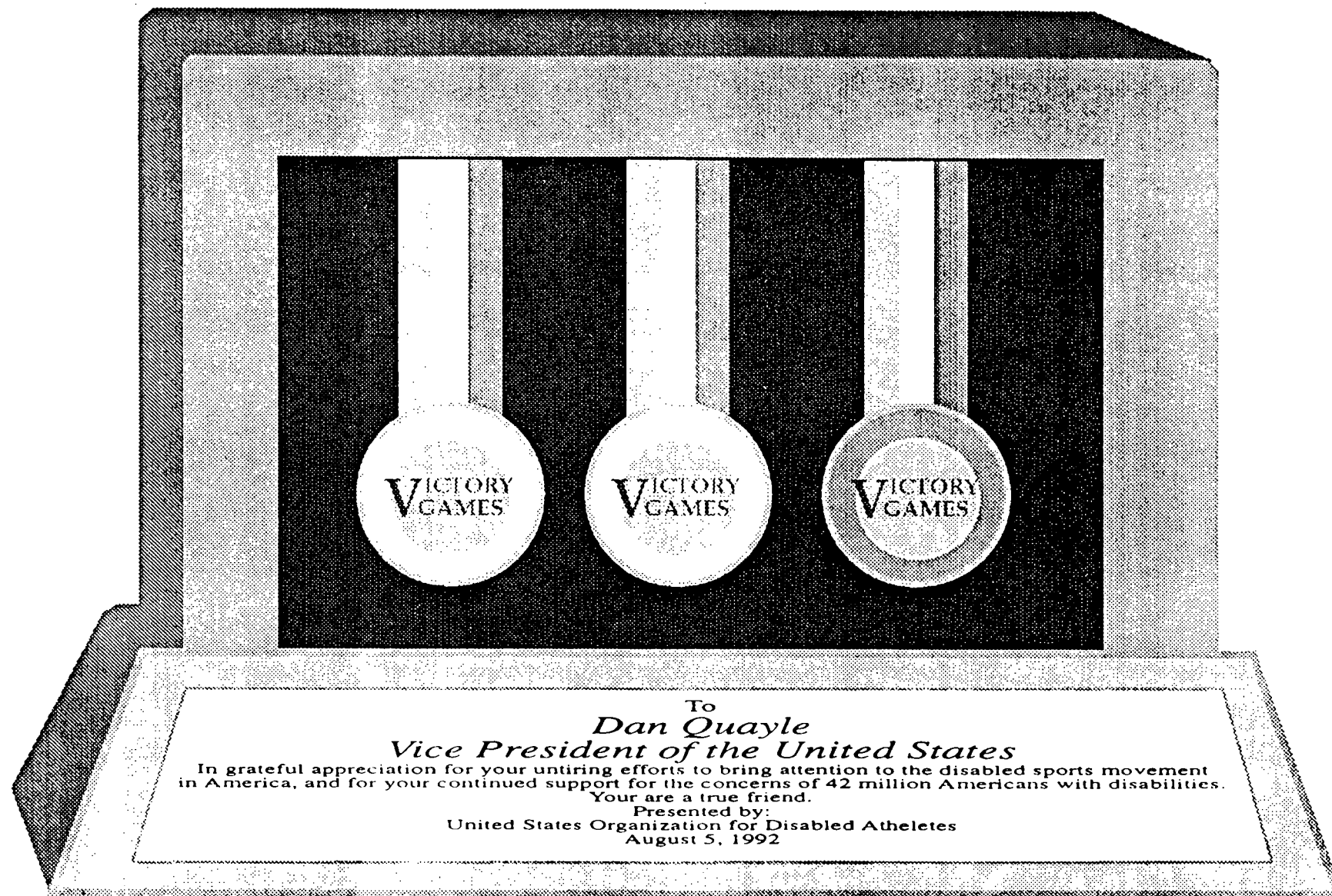
The camera used a "scale functioning system," meaning that the photographer set the distance from the camera to the subject by dialing a scale on the lens barrel in feet or meters. By controlling the F-stop, the photographer knew what would be in focus. Those were the days when the brains were in the photographer, not in the camera.



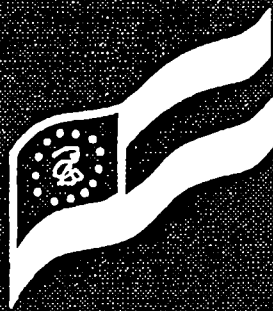
The Roller B-35's most unusual design feature was that the flash attached to the bottom of the camera. If, as on other cameras, the "hot-shoe" had been on the top, I would not have been able to set the controls while using a flash. Unfortunately, Roller no longer makes the camera, and today I work with a Nikon and a Hasselblad.

—GEORGE COVINGTON

Awards



Rendition of Award



**PRESENTED BY
THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**

NOVEMBER 15, 1991

**TO
VICE PRESIDENT J. DANFORTH QUAYLE**

**IN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR STEADFAST DEVOTION TO
IMPROVING THE DIGNITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**YOU HAVE OPENED YOUR DOORS AND WELCOMED US IN - YOU HAVE
LISTENED TO US AND HAVE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS - YOU HAVE
ACCEPTED OUR CHALLENGES AND HAVE BEEN OUR ALLY - WHEN WE
HAVE REACHED OUT TO YOU, YOU HAVE WARMLY EMBRACED
OUR CAUSE**

**YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY AND
YOUR SINCERE CONCERN FOR THE MANY DIFFICULT ISSUES CONFRONTING
US HAVE PROVIDED A COMPELLING ENERGY UPON WHICH TRUE
INTEGRATION CAN BE REALIZED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**THE MEMBERS OF PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA ARE DEEPLY
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP AND FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP - WITH YOUR
CONTINUED COMMITMENT AND ASSISTANCE, WE SHALL PERSEVERE**



DAN QUAYLE

Vice President of the United States

**FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN
COMMUNICATING THE MESSAGE OF FREEDOM
ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**1992 ADC TELEVISION AWARDS
Dr. Bill Nichols, President**

The Americans with Disabilities Act Award

43 Million Americans with Disabilities

Congratulate

Vice President Dan Quayle

On His Support for the Enactment of
The World's First Comprehensive Civil Rights Law for
People with Disabilities

The Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities

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Coordinator

October 12, 1990

National
Handicapped
Sports



AWARDED TO

DAN QUAYLE
vice-president of the UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 1991

FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION
TO THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS
AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Douglas J. Sato". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Douglas J. Sato
President
National Handicapped Sports

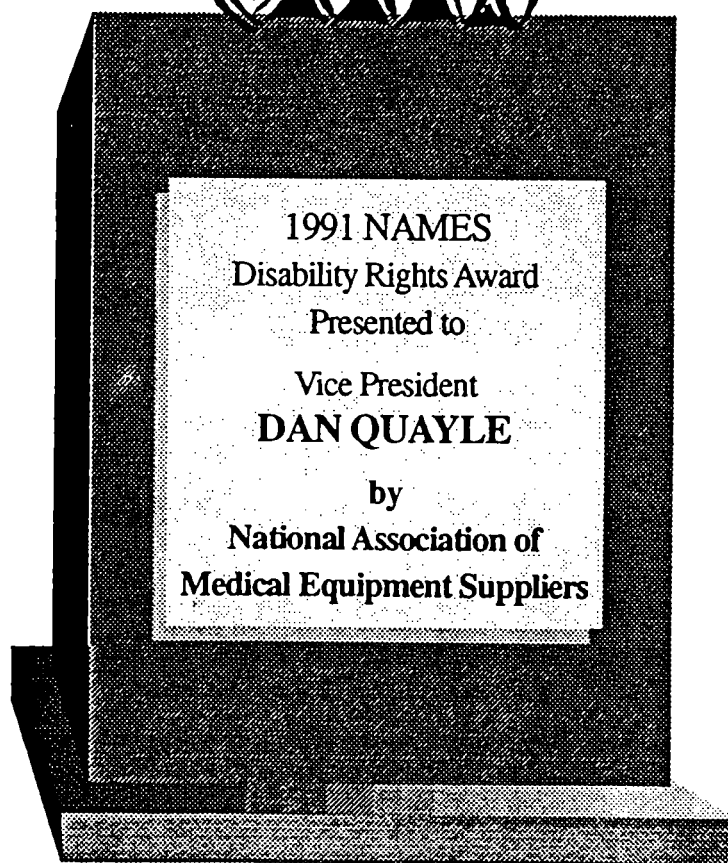


DAN QUAYLE
VICE PRESIDENT

**WHO TREATS THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY
AS A
CONSTITUENCY NOT A CHARITY**

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER**

NOVEMBER 15, 1991



Rendition of Award

**THE ENDEPENDENCE CENTER
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, INC.**

PRESENTS THE

JOHN D. COLLINS III AWARD

TO

J. DANFORTH QUAYLE

***VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA***

***FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE INDEPENDENT LIVING MOVEMENT
AND TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES.***

November 15, 1991



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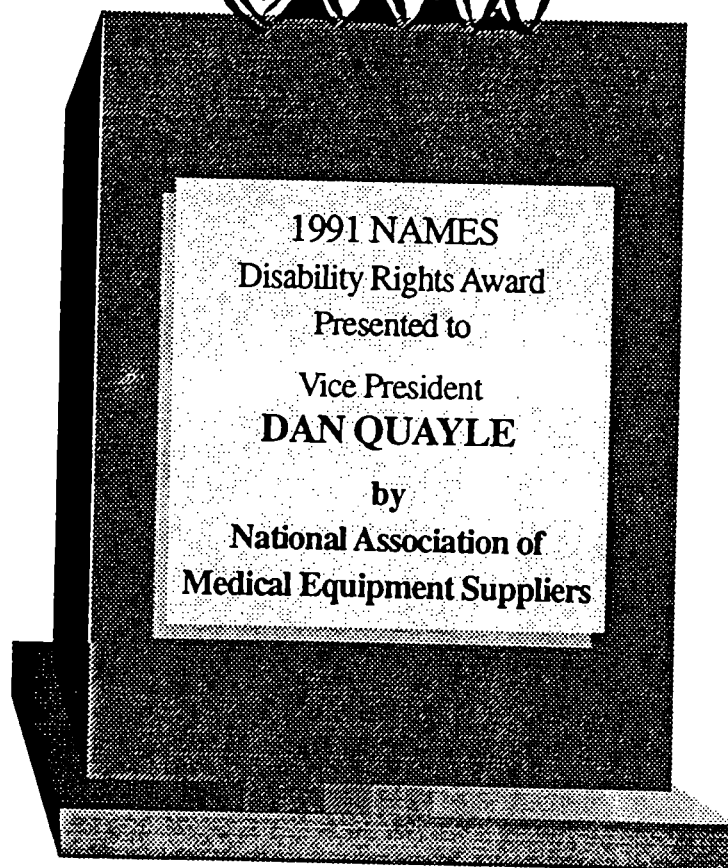
TEXAS REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
1992 LEGISLATURE AWARD

Presented to

VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE

IN RECOGNITION OF CREATING THE OFFICE OF
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISABILITY POLICY
ESTABLISHING THIS IMPORTANT PRECEDENT, DEMONSTRATES THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND
ALLOWS FOR FURTHER REALIZATION OF POTENTIALS AND
ABILITIES

Rendition of Award



1991 NAMES
Disability Rights Award
Presented to
Vice President
DAN QUAYLE
by
National Association of
Medical Equipment Suppliers

Rendition of Award

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Dan Quayle
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

December 1, 1992

Dear Mr. Vice President,

In the past four years you have visited, or been visited by, more than three thousand disabled individuals. You have listened to their concerns and expressed your support for dozens of organizations representing people with disabilities. You have attended gatherings, served as honorary chairman, written letters and taped video presentations that have raised money for disability related causes.

No Vice President in the history of this country has done more to help people with disabilities. You are the first Vice President to have a Special Assistant to work full time on disability issues. You are the first Vice President to visit an Independent Living Center. You are the first Vice President to actively support and promote the Paralympics, and national sports and recreation activities for Americans with disabilities.

Your early and public support of the Americans with Disabilities Act was appreciated throughout the disability community. Your commitment to our cause has helped America's 43 million citizens with disabilities to fight back against the myths, negative images and stereotypes that have blocked our way into the mainstream of society.

I hope your support for our issues will set a precedent that future administrations will follow. Americans with disabilities should never lose the access they have gained through the office of the Vice President.

I am proud to have served you and come to know you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

George A. Covington

After January 15, 1993

On January 15, 1993, my detail to the Office of the Vice President will end. I will be working in the Special Programs and Populations Branch of the National Park Service. I can be reached at the following address:

George A. Covington)
Special Programs & Populations Branch
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington D.C. 20013-7127

(202) 343-3674

My home address will remain:

George A. Covington
2130 P Street N.W. #723
Washington D.C. 20037

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
G.P.O. BOX 1680
BROOKLYN, NY 11202

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: APR 4 1991

U S ORGANIZATION FOR DISABLED
ATHLETES INC
143 CALIFORNIA AVE
UNIONDALE, NY 11553

Employer Identification Number:
11-2765283
Contact Person:
JOSEPH J BELPULSI
Contact Telephone Number:
(718) 780-6160

Our Letter Dated:
January 30, 1987
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization which is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

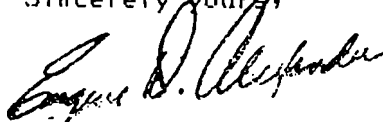
Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



Eugene D. Alexander
District Director



THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

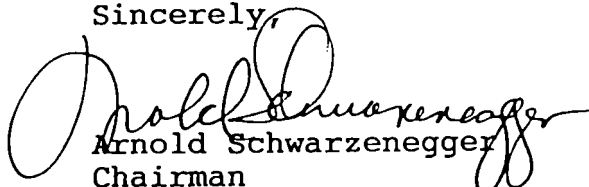
February 4, 1993

Dear Richard:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts at the Paralympic Games in Barcelona. All of us at the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports are extremely proud of your accomplishments.

Please accept our best wishes for continued success and congratulations on representing our country in such a wonderful way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Chairman

Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Office of the Commissioner
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



March 1, 1993

Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Dear Baby Buff:

It was great to see you! The Ruffalo family has always been so special. I take great delight in all your successes. I know your parents are so proud of you.

I'll look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Coleman'.

Leonard Coleman, Jr.
Executive Director
Market Development

Point Pleasant Beach High School

700 TRENTON AVENUE
POINT PLEASANT BEACH, NEW JERSEY 08742

RAYMOND D. ELLIS
PRINCIPAL

BARBARA A. CORDASCO
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ROBERT GRACE
ATHLETIC SUPERVISOR

April 2, 1993

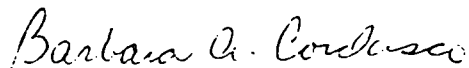
Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Dear Rich:

I have nothing but compliments and sincere thanks for your presentation to our school. Rather than me write my feelings, I have included letters from one of our teachers and her students.

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,



Barbara A. Cordasco
Assistant Principal

BAC:lg

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NUMBER THREE

320 JORALEMON STREET

BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY 07109

Raffaella Saulino
PRINCIPAL

June 18, 1993

TO: Dr. Ciccone
FROM: Mrs. Saulino *RS*
RE: Richard Ruffalo

Thank you very much for allowing Richard Ruffalo the opportunity to address the sixth grade students at School Three.

They were attentive and inspired by his message. We are truly fortunate to have a "Richard Ruffalo" among us.

RS/dmb

xc: Mr. Nardiello
Mr. Lally
Mr. Ruffalo

27 Riverview Drive
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
May 1, 1993

Mr. Joseph Ciccone, Principal
Belleville Senior High School
100 Passaic Avenue
Belleville, New Jersey 07109

Dear Mr. Ciccone:

On Thursday evening, April 29, 1993, I had the opportunity (and extreme pleasure) to be at the Phi Delta Kappa meeting where one of your teachers, Mr. Richard Ruffalo, was the main speaker.

To say the least, Mr. Ruffalo was one of the best speakers I have ever heard at a PDK meeting, and I have been a member for over 25 years ! His speech was both timely and inspirational, not to mention, extremely entertaining.

We are extremely lucky to have an individual like Mr. Ruffalo in the field of education, and Belleville High School is fortunate to have him as a teacher.

Mr. Ruffalo has no idea that I am writing this letter. I just felt that I wanted to write it so that I could express I how felt after his speech the other night.

Sincerely yours,

Bertram C. Lindemann
Bertram C. Lindemann, PhD

CC: Mr. Richard Ruffalo

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY 07052
TELEPHONE: (201) 669-5373

ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

36 GILBERT PLACE

March 26, 1993

Dr. Joe Ciccone
c/o Belleville High School
100 Passaic Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07019

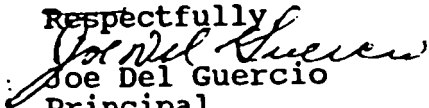
Dear Dr. Ciccone:

Allow me to convey to you what a fabulous inspiration Mr. Rich Ruffalo was to the students and staff of Roosevelt Middle School. His moving presentation left my student body in awe. The accolades have been coming into my office at a rate of 5 per minute.

I know you recognize Rich's talents but I thought you should know how his neighbors to the west feel about him.

You are fortunate to have an educator of his caliber in your employ. Please express my appreciation to Richard for a job well done.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank you for your continued cooperation with any request that I make.

Respectfully

Joe Del Guercio
Principal

c: Rich Ruffalo

JDG/jt

72 Riverview Avenue
Neptune City, NJ 07753

March 30, 1993

Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Dear Mr. Ruffalo:

A million thanks for having visited us at Point Pleasant Beach High School on Friday, March 26, 1993. My students and I found your talk not only enjoyable but also inspirational - so inspirational, in fact, that my students requested permission to write you letters of thanks!

Enclosed are various letters from my eighth grade class at Antrim Elementary School, Point Pleasant Beach. Each of these letters reflects a side of my students which is very different from the side they had presented to me prior to hearing you speak. For instance, I sense in these letters enthusiasm, optimism, pride. Thanks to you, these qualities are beginning to surface in my students' every day classroom performances in that they are continuing to demonstrate enthusiasm for learning, optimism in their outlooks, pride in their accomplishments.

Thank you again, Mr. Ruffalo, for having shared so much of yourself with each and every one of us. The impact of your personal beliefs, your attitude, and your tenacity has left an everlasting impression.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri M. King". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Terri M. King



THE
EQUITABLE

Fred A. Folco
Agency Manager
Daniel Li-De Tai, CLU, ChFC
Agency Manager
(201) 712-4700
Fax: (201) 712-4610

FOLCO/TAI AGENCY

August 10, 1993

Mr. Rich Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, N.J. 07003

Dear Rich:

To say your amazing is not enough. You are a very unique person who has gone from the depths of despair to the heights of exhilaration (not for what you have accomplished for yourself, but for the message you are able to deliver to adults and children alike.)

Rich, your message was very well received at our Agency Kickoff meeting last Friday, August 6th. Our associates have not stopped talking about you and your presentation. As a matter of fact, I was to give another presentation after yours regarding our Fall Sales Campaign, but after listening to your message, our staff was on such a "high" that I didn't want to break that mood and decided to end the meeting right then.

What more can I say, your an inspiration to us all. Your message of self-belief, self-discipline, and giving one's best was well received and will be remembered for quite some time.

I want to wish you the best and thank you for touching our lives and our hearts.

Sincerely,

Fred A. Folco
Agency Manager

Cantiague Elementary School
Cantiague Rock Road
Jericho, N.Y. 11753
June 16, 1993

Mr. Ralph Marcino
Winners Walk Program
7 Fairway Ct. E.
W. Bay Shore, N.Y. 11706

Dear Mr. Marcino,

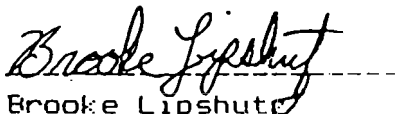
We would like to thank you for the assembly you conducted on May 28, 1993. We would also like to thank you for the Winners Walk. It was a big success. Now the kids really understand that all people are the same and do the same things regardless of any handicap. Enclosed, please find all of the sponsor sheets that we collected from the participants of the Walk.

Once again, we would like to thank you again for all of your efforts. It was truly a learning experience for all of us.

Sincerely,



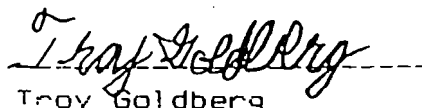
Brett Pearlman
Cantiague Student Council
President



Brooke Lipshutz
Cantiague Student Council
Secretary



Ross Cooper
Cantiague Student Council
Vice President



Troy Goldberg
Cantiague Student Council
Treasurer

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OCEAN AVENUE, EAST ROCKAWAY, N.Y. 11518
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOANNE MORGAN
DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES
(516) 887-8306

April 3, 1992

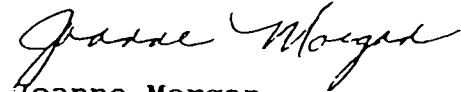
Mr. Ralph Marchese
USO Da
143 California Avenue
Uniondale, New York 11553

Dear Mr. Marchese:

Thank you for your talk and demonstration to the students at the Centre Avenue and Rhame Avenue Schools.

You presented an interesting program that was well received by students and staff.

Sincerely,



Joanne Morgan
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

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Our 75th Anniversary
"Celebration Of Our Commitment To Education"

Ridgewood Intermediate School
No. 93 Queens

66-56 FOREST AVENUE

RIDGEWOOD, NEW YORK 11385

(718) 821-4882

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GEORGE FOLEY (I.A.)
STEVEN MOFSHIN (I.A.)
EMILY TOM

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Tina Josinsky(I.A.)

June 23, 1993

Mr. Ralph Marchese
27 Bridge Lane
Hicksville, N.Y. 11801

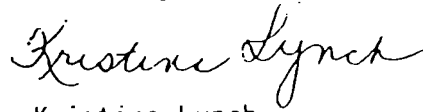
Dear Mr. Marchese:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assembly presentation this past school year. You have helped to educate and enrich the students of I.S. 93.

It would be my pleasure to have you return to I.S. 93 during the 1993-1994 school year. If you are interested in making a presentation, please contact me by phone during the month of September at (718)-821-4882.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRINCIPAL

8 April 1992

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143 California Ave.
Uniondale, N.Y. 11553

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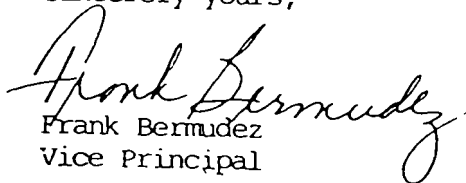
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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11-2765283

Contact Person:
JOSEPH J BELPULSI

Contact Telephone Number:
(718) 780-6160

U S ORGANIZATION FOR DISABLED
ATHLETES INC
143 CALIFORNIA AVE
UNIONDALE, NY 11553

Our Letter Dated:
January 30, 1987
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization which is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

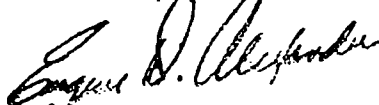
Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



Eugene D. Alexander
District Director



THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

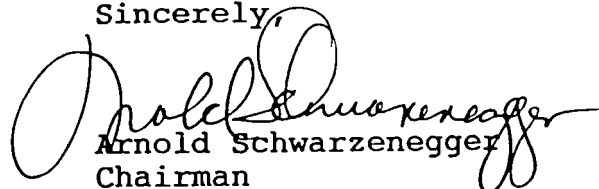
February 4, 1993

Dear Richard:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts at the Paralympic Games in Barcelona. All of us at the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports are extremely proud of your accomplishments.

Please accept our best wishes for continued success and congratulations on representing our country in such a wonderful way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Chairman

Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Office of the Commissioner
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



March 1, 1993

Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Dear Baby Buff:

It was great to see you! The Ruffalo family has always been so special. I take great delight in all your successes. I know your parents are so proud of you.

I'll look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard Coleman, Jr." with a stylized flourish.

Leonard Coleman, Jr.
Executive Director
Market Development

Point Pleasant Beach High School

700 TRENTON AVENUE
POINT PLEASANT BEACH, NEW JERSEY 08742

RAYMOND D. ELLIS
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April 2, 1993

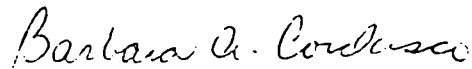
Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Dear Rich:

I have nothing but compliments and sincere thanks for your presentation to our school. Rather than me write my feelings, I have included letters from one of our teachers and her students.

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,



Barbara A. Cordasco
Assistant Principal

BAC:lg

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL NUMBER THREE

320 JORALEMON STREET

BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY 07109

Raffaella Saulino
PRINCIPAL

June 18, 1993

TO: Dr. Ciccone
FROM: Mrs. Saulino *R.A.*
RE: Richard Ruffalo

Thank you very much for allowing Richard Ruffalo the opportunity to address the sixth grade students at School Three.

They were attentive and inspired by his message. We are truly fortunate to have a "Richard Ruffalo" among us.

RS/dmb

xc: Mr. Nardiello
Mr. Lally
Mr. Ruffalo

27 Riverview Drive
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043
May 1, 1993

Mr. Joseph Ciccone, Principal
Belleville Senior High School
100 Passaic Avenue
Belleville, New Jersey 07109

Dear Mr. Ciccone:

On Thursday evening, April 29, 1993, I had the opportunity (and extreme pleasure) to be at the Phi Delta Kappa meeting where one of your teachers, Mr. Richard Ruffalo, was the main speaker.

To say the least, Mr. Ruffalo was one of the best speakers I have ever heard at a PDK meeting, and I have been a member for over 25 years ! His speech was both timely and inspirational, not to mention, extremely entertaining.

We are extremely lucky to have an individual like Mr. Ruffalo in the field of education, and Belleville High School is fortunate to have him as a teacher.

Mr. Ruffalo has no idea that I am writing this letter. I just felt that I wanted to write it so that I could express I how felt after his speech the other night.

Sincerely yours,

Bertram C. Lindemann
Bertram C. Lindemann, PhD

CC: Mr. Richard Ruffalo

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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TELEPHONE: (201) 669-5373

ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

36 GILBERT PLACE

March 26, 1993

Dr. Joe Ciccone
c/o Belleville High School
100 Passaic Avenue
Belleville, NJ 07019

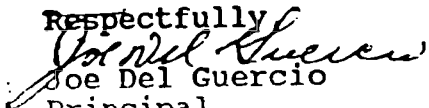
Dear Dr. Ciccone:

Allow me to convey to you what a fabulous inspiration Mr. Rich Ruffalo was to the students and staff of Roosevelt Middle School. His moving presentation left my student body in awe. The accolades have been coming into my office at a rate of 5 per minute.

I know you recognize Rich's talents but I thought you should know how his neighbors to the west feel about him.

You are fortunate to have an educator of his caliber in your employ. Please express my appreciation to Richard for a job well done.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank you for your continued cooperation with any request that I make.

Respectfully

Joe Del Guercio
Principal

c: Rich Ruffalo

JDG/jt

72 Riverview Avenue
Neptune City, NJ 07753

March 30, 1993

Mr. Richard Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Dear Mr. Ruffalo:

A million thanks for having visited us at Point Pleasant Beach High School on Friday, March 26, 1993. My students and I found your talk not only enjoyable but also inspirational - so inspirational, in fact, that my students requested permission to write you letters of thanks!

Enclosed are various letters from my eighth grade class at Antrim Elementary School, Point Pleasant Beach. Each of these letters reflects a side of my students which is very different from the side they had presented to me prior to hearing you speak. For instance, I sense in these letters enthusiasm, optimism, pride. Thanks to you, these qualities are beginning to surface in my students' every day classroom performances in that they are continuing to demonstrate enthusiasm for learning, optimism in their outlooks, pride in their accomplishments.

Thank you again, Mr. Ruffalo, for having shared so much of yourself with each and every one of us. The impact of your personal beliefs, your attitude, and your tenacity has left an everlasting impression.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri M. King". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Terri M. King



THE
EQUITABLE

Fred A. Folco

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FOLCO/TAI AGENCY

August 10, 1993

Mr. Rich Ruffalo
115 Evans Road
Bloomfield, N.J. 07003

Dear Rich:

To say your amazing is not enough. You are a very unique person who has gone from the depths of despair to the heights of exhilaration (not for what you have accomplished for yourself, but for the message you are able to deliver to adults and children alike.)

Rich, your message was very well received at our Agency Kickoff meeting last Friday, August 6th. Our associates have not stopped talking about you and your presentation. As a matter of fact, I was to give another presentation after yours regarding our Fall Sales Campaign, but after listening to your message, our staff was on such a "high" that I didn't want to break that mood and decided to end the meeting right then.

What more can I say, your an inspiration to us all. Your message of self-belief, self-discipline, and giving one's best was well received and will be remembered for quite some time.

I want to wish you the best and thank you for touching our lives and our hearts.

Sincerely,

Fred A. Folco
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Cantiague Elementary School
Cantiague Rock Road
Jericho, N.Y. 11753
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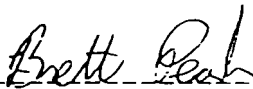
Mr. Ralph Marcino
Winners Walk Program
7 Fairway Ct. E.
W. Bay Shore, N.Y. 11726

Dear Mr. Marcino,

We would like to thank you for the assembly you conducted on May 28, 1993. We would also like to thank you for the Winners Walk. It was a big success. Now the kids really understand that all people are the same and do the same things regardless of any handicap. Enclosed, please find all of the sponsor sheets that we collected from the participants of the Walk.

Once again, we would like to thank you again for all of your efforts. It was truly a learning experience for all of us.

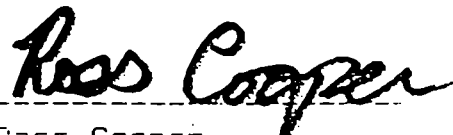
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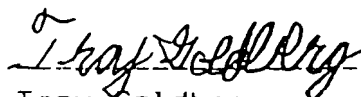
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOANNE MORGAN
DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES
(516) 887-8308

April 3, 1992

Mr. Ralph Marchese
USO Da
143 California Avenue
Uniondale, New York 11553

Dear Mr. Marchese:

Thank you for your talk and demonstration to the students at the Centre Avenue and Rhame Avenue Schools.

You presented an interesting program that was well received by students and staff.

Sincerely,



Joanne Morgan
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

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Our 75th Anniversary
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No. 93 Queens

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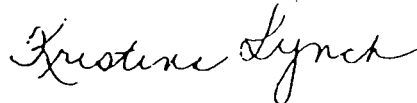
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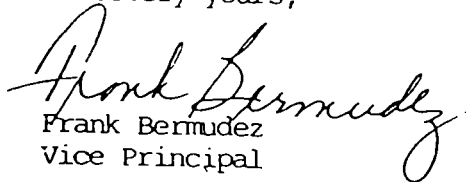
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We are hopeful that with your help over the next three years we can recruit and train the best of the best to again represent the United States in the largest disabled games the world has ever seen--the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games.

We have great aspirations for our disabled athletes. Please help USODA offer the challenges which will create personal growth and allow all of our athletes to compete in sports events at every level of competition. Help us to help these athletes by adding your name to our Honorary Board. Please sign your name on the statement below and return it to USODA in the enclosed envelope by June 1, 1994.

Sincerely,

David R. Williamson

David R. Williamson, President

Enclosures

I agree to be a member of the USODA Honorary Board.

Signature

Date

Please print name and title:

Final Report to the Vice President

GEORGE A. COVINGTON
Special Assistant to the Vice President
for Disability Policy



Participation In Disability
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Dan Quayle
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

December 1, 1992

Dear Mr. Vice President,

In the past four years you have visited, or been visited by, more than three thousand disabled individuals. You have listened to their concerns and expressed your support for dozens of organizations representing people with disabilities. You have attended gatherings, served as honorary chairman, written letters and taped video presentations that have raised money for disability related causes.

No Vice President in the history of this country has done more to help people with disabilities. You are the first Vice President to have a Special Assistant to work full time on disability issues. You are the first Vice President to visit an Independent Living Center. You are the first Vice President to actively support and promote the Paralympics, and national sports and recreation activities for Americans with disabilities.

Your early and public support of the Americans with Disabilities Act was appreciated throughout the disability community. Your commitment to our cause has helped America's 43 million citizens with disabilities to fight back against the myths, negative images and stereotypes that have blocked our way into the mainstream of society.

I hope your support for our issues will set a precedent that future administrations will follow. Americans with disabilities should never lose the access they have gained through the office of the Vice President.

I am proud to have served you and come to know you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

George A. Covington

PUBLICATION SUMMARY JULY 1992- DECEMBER 1992

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
<i>Moving Forward</i>	25,000
<i>The Telephone Pioneer</i>	800,000
<i>The Press Telegram, Long Beach, CA</i>	122,716
<i>Pratt University Folio</i>	26,000
<i>The Marker</i>	40,000
<i>Bridges</i>	5,000
<i>Paraplegia News</i>	27,000
<i>NRA Newsletter</i>	20,000
<i>The National Focus</i>	25,000
<i>News - Banner</i>	21,000
<i>Times Union</i>	21,000
<i>Arvada Jefferson Sentinel</i>	8,700
<i>Advertiser</i>	7,800
<i>Index - Journal</i>	16,800
<i>Ability</i>	25,000
<i>Metropolis</i>	35,000
TOTAL:	1,226,016

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**FIRST REPORT
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TOTAL: 1,916,000

**SECOND REPORT
JULY 1990 - DECEMBER 1991**

TOTAL: 5,097,669

**THIRD REPORT
JANUARY 1992 - JUNE 1992
TOTAL: 3,795,524**

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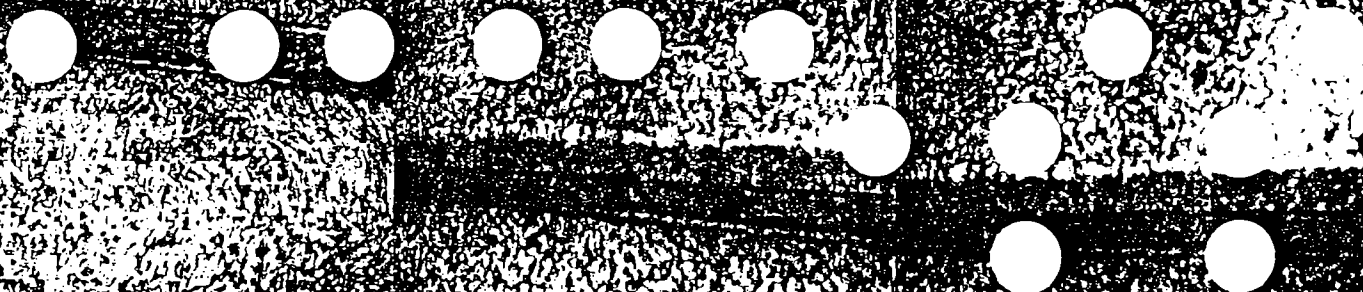
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access



"The first barrier to Universal Design is the human mind. If we could put a ramp into the mind, the first thing down the ramp would be the understanding that all barriers are the result of narrow thinking. The criteria for making a facility accessible and creating a universally designed product are the same. Like any other project, accessibility is possible when imagination and creativity combine with the will to accomplish a well-defined goal."

George A. Covington, Special Assistant to the Vice President of the United States for Disability Policy

Universal Design Conference 'Went Spectacularly Well'

Universal Design took a step closer to becoming, well, universal and Pratt Institute took a giant step toward being on the cutting edge of an idea whose time has come, with the Pratt-sponsored conference "Universal Design: Access to Daily Living," held during the summer in New York City.

The conference "went spectacularly well," says *Bruce Hannah* '63AD, chairman of industrial design, who devised the conference with Dr. Daniel Fechtner of Columbia medical school. "It was a good educational forum, but most useful were the products that came out of the conference—the transcript, audio tapes of the sessions, and a 40-page primer. A conference isn't worth much unless you do something with it. It's exactly the kind of thing Pratt should be doing."

"Tons of press came out. They all sent someone, and that will help get the word out. Pretty good for a first shot."

Arnold Wasserman, then dean of the school of art and design, agreed. He said the conference enabled Pratt "to establish itself as an authoritative leader in an emerging field of great importance to the role of design in American society."

Hannah says he's looking forward to another conference on universal design, as well as conferences on ecology and design ("life on a small planet") and "design for kids—how kids feel about design." He explains, "We'll look at it all—an umbrella approach. That's been the philosophy of design at Pratt for the past 50 years."

The premise of Universal Design is that products should be accessible to all—including persons with disabilities. As *Business Week* put it, "The principle is simple: Products designed to be easily used by disabled individuals also work better for the rest of us."

Close to 400 designers, manufacturers, rehabilitation professionals, journalists and others interested in the subject attended the two-day event at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Subjects addressed at conference sessions included Universal Design applications in the home, the workplace, and over a person's lifespan as the U. S. population ages. Other sessions addressed the particular challenges of transportation and the role of education in advancing Universal Design.

Pratt Institute Universal Design



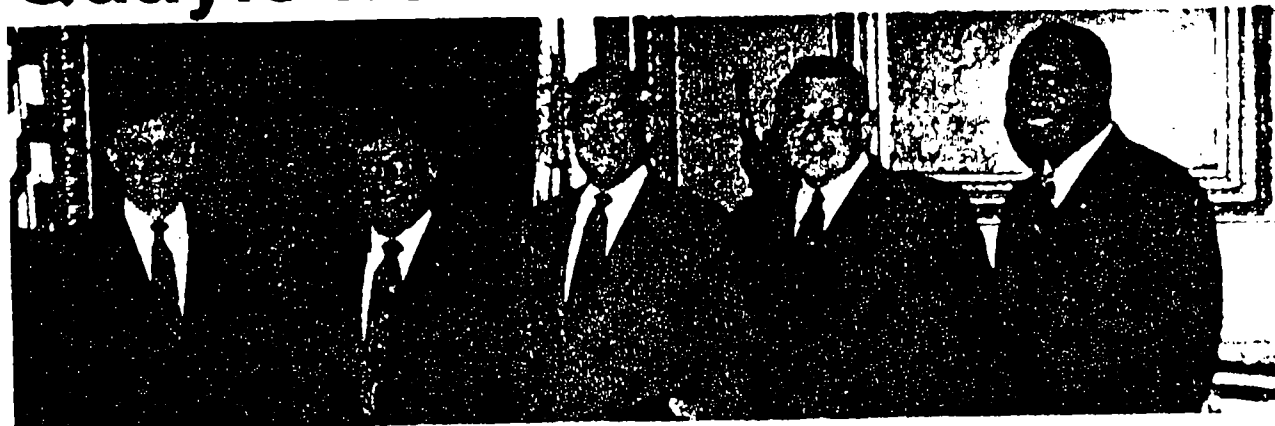
George Covington, vice president Dan Quayle's liaison with the disabled community, talks at Universal Design Conference Opening Reception with Diane Pilgrim, director of the Cooper-Hewitt Museum. Lawrence Muller is at the center. Above: U.S. ...

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Quayle hosts Pioneer officers



Association officers met with vice president Dan Quayle to discuss progress in the Easy Access program and to present him with a Hug-a-Bear and a complete set of past issues of the Telephone Pioneer. Meeting with the vice president were, left to right, Ray Green, past Region 2 vice president; Bill Jermain, Association executive director; Jerry Blatherwick, Association president; and Walt Chambers, Region 8 vice president.

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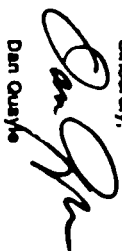
Dear Mr. Atiz,

I would like to commend you and your publication for the outstanding work you are doing to help implement the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). I join with you in celebrating the second anniversary of the signing of this landmark civil rights law. July 26th will always be remembered as Independence Day for America's citizens with disabilities.

Although we have come a long way, there is still much work to do to guarantee every disabled American access to employment, education, transportation, and housing. We must not rest until every aspect of the American mainstream is accessible to people with disabilities. Working together, all goals are possible.

Moving Forward is helping to eliminate the negative images, myths, and stereotypes that hinder the progress of disabled people. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,


Dan Quayle

ABILITY

CRIPPLING IMAGES: EDUCATING THE VICE PRESIDENT

BY GEORGE A. COVINGTON

As Special Assistant to the Vice President, I spend a great deal of my time fighting myths, negative images, and stereotypes. Not his, but ours. "Ours" refers to myself and the 43 million other Americans with disabilities.

Two weeks after the 1988 Presidential election, I called David Beckwith, who had just been appointed Press Secretary for Vice President-Elect Quayle. Dave and I met in law school and had remained friends over the years.

"Dave," I said, "it has taken the American media 200 years to create the negative images and stereotypes they use to describe Americans with disabilities. It took them two months to do the same job on your boss. Do you think Dan Quayle would like to help us change our image if we help him change his?"

Quayle thought it was a great idea. The Monday after the Inauguration I became the first White House staffer to work full time on disability issues.

For most of my adult life, I've explained disability issues in a style that has often been called "brisk or blunt". Education is a never-ending task, but Dan Quayle proved to be the quickest learning student I've ever had.

The first thing I told the Vice President was that disabled people were tired of hearing politicians talk. We were more interested in finding a politician who would listen.

"Mr. Vice President," I explained, "we're tired of being treated like a charity. We want to be treated like any other constituency."

Long before I wrote his first speech, we discussed the two principles that I have used for more than a decade to explain disability issues to groups of able-bodied people.

The first principle is: People with disabilities can lie, cheat, and steal just like able-bodied people. Disabled people can be fools, fakes, and frauds just like able-bodied people. If you cannot accept these statements, you cannot truly accept the concept that disabled people are just like everyone else, except they have a disability. A disability becomes a handicap only when structural or attitudinal barriers make it so.

Some of us with disabilities are charming, witty, and highly intelligent; some of us are not. The disability didn't determine which of us would be sexy and which of us would be sexist. A disability gives us a different perspective, not a different personality.

Some of us get married, have children, live happily ever after, or some of us get divorced (not necessarily in that order). Some of us never leave home; most of us do.

Some of us have reached a comfort level that allows us to debate semantics and determine that "cripple" and

"handicapped" are no longer acceptable. Others are still debating whether "disabled people" should be replaced with "people with disabilities". This later debate is generally restricted to the disabled gurus living inside the Washington, DC beltway. Yes, some of us are disabled gurus, or gurus with disabilities, if you choose. Many of us feel that we are not "visually challenged", "physically challenged", or, if you're short, "vertically challenged". When the obstacles are removed so are the "challenges".

We are as different and diverse as everyone else in the world. We simply have a disability.

The second principle is: The road to Hell is paved with good intentions. The media has always approached disability issues with the best of intentions, but good intentions are not enough. The power of the media is such that its descriptions of disabled people and our issues can be devastating.

Dan Quayle is more acutely aware of the effects of media than any Vice President in history. He easily understood the media's power to create and shape images.

When I introduced the Vice President during the swearing in ceremony of Justin Dart as Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, I told the 125 disabled

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people present. "Few able-bodied people can better understand the problems we disabled people face by a negative portrayal in the media."

Although the news articles and feature stories about disabled people and our issues are well-intentioned, in many cases they have served to perpetuate stereotypes and negative attitudes held by the general public.

Recent news articles and features have tended to divide disabled individuals into two categories: the poor, pitiable, pathetic creature of charity or the heroic, undefeated "super cripp." It is not uncommon to find stories that begin with the first image and culminate in the second.

The disabled individual as an object of charity is an image as old as recorded history. Until recently, the news media often wrote of disabled individuals as though they were characters from a Gothic horror novel. Disabled individuals were "struck down in their prime", "afflicted with...", "a victim of...", "confined or bound to a wheelchair...", or "doomed to a life of..."

Part of the modern image of the disabled person as an object of charity was created by organizations attempting to raise money for their causes. These organizations, with the assistance of the news media, have caused generations of Americans to see the disabled as poor, defenseless children in need of pity and charity. Most of these organizations were directed and managed by able-bodied individuals. While they raised hundreds of millions of dollars over the past decade, they did little to improve the image of people with disabilities. Recently a number of these organizations have begun to bring disabled people into decision making positions.

"Super cripp" has been around since the penny newspaper, but in recent years this image has been the favorite of the

mass media. "Super cripp" is a character, usually "struck down in the prime of life" who fights to overcome insurmountable odds to succeed as a meaningful member of society. Through strength of will, perseverance and hard work, the disabled individual achieves a "normal" life. Depending on the news organization, this scenario might also include mother, God, country and the active intervention of UFO's or Bigfoot.

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of the "super cripp" character is that the news media herald as "super human" the achievement in a disabled person's life that would be considered normal, routine and completely unnewsworthy in the life of an able-bodied person. Too often, the news media treat a disabled individual who has attained success in his field of profession as though he were one of a kind. While this one-of-a-kind aspect might make for a better story angle, it perpetuates in the mind of the general public how rare it is for the disabled citizen to succeed.

Another problem we have with the media is the "I have a handicapped friend" syndrome. It sometimes appears that every member of the media has one disabled acquaintance who, by virtue of their disability, is the sole authority on all matters of disability. This "friend" is quoted as an authority on any matter that involves a disability issue. A person with a mobility impairment may not, however, be an expert on mobility and access problems. One blind person may be an expert on technology, while another blind person may have no interest in the subject, and thus no knowledge of the issue.

The problem is a circular one. It is as young members of the general public that men and women of the news media derive their attitudes about people with disabilities. As a former journalism professor, I know the images and stereotypes of disabled people are not left at

the front door of the journalism school but remain to become a part of the psyche of the working reporter. With the appearance of these reporters' news stories, the cycle begins again.

Good intentions with bad results are not restricted to the press. Too often in the past, able-bodied individuals and groups came up with projects and products that they knew "would be great for handicapped people." They never bothered to ask disabled people for input. Their enthusiasm was great, but their idea or product was a disaster. They were more interested in a "warm and fuzzy" concept than they were in a substantive idea. Often their feelings were hurt when disabled people threw the cold water of reality on what had been the warm glow of poorly directed good intentions. It is too late to ask for our input after the concrete has been poured and the last nail driven. Tens of millions of dollars have been wasted on projects for disabled people that had little or no input from disabled people. Able-bodied people must learn to ask us if we need it, want it, or can afford it. Ask us, then listen.

In his first two years in office, the Vice President met one-on-one and listened to more disabled people than all the previous Vice Presidents in history. Through his speeches, meetings, and visits he has raised the disability issue to a level of national interest never before achieved by an elected official.

In the past three-and-a-half years Dan Quayle has become familiar with disabled people and their issues. He knows that a middle class, white male in a wheelchair is not the "average" disabled person. He knows we are male and female, that we come in all sizes and ages, and that our skin has many hues. Although Dan Quayle has known disabled individuals and their issues all of his public and private life, he continues to listen and to learn about us.

Bridging the gap

Ability Magazine hopes to build understanding of issues facing the disabled

By Wendy Lee
Staff writer

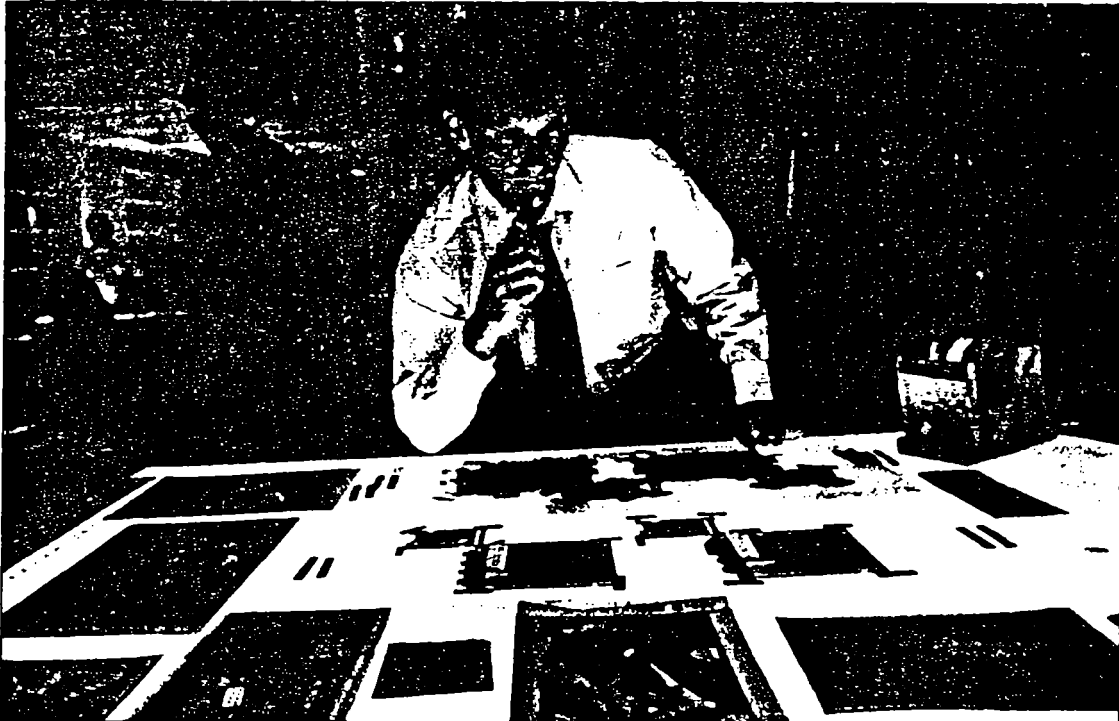
George Covington remembers the cold winter night the ambitious young magazine publisher came to see him.

The call from Chet Cooper had intrigued Covington, special assistant to the vice president for disability policy. Cooper was in town and had asked for a meeting but had no references — which typically clear the way for an outsider to reach Washington's inner sanctum — and Covington really didn't have the time. But Cooper "sounded like a nice guy," so he agreed.

Cooper, based in Irvine, had an idea for a new magazine that would address issues concerning people with disabilities and wanted Covington's input. He showed him a prototype, and the two talked for two hours in Covington's office. Over dinner, they talked for two more.

"He was an energetic young man with a lot of great ideas who needed a lot of help and direction," Covington recalls. "I told him folks to talk to and see."

Several months later the magazine Cooper envisioned has evolved from an enterprising idea to a glossy national publication that is wending its way to newsstands around the country. The premier issue of *Ability Magazine*, off the presses in June, featured deaf actress Marlee Matlin on the cover. Cooper says the bimonthly magazine, written in an "upbeat, positive style," will regularly showcase human interest stories, interviews with celebrities with disabilities, reports on new technologies and advances for disabled people, support



Publisher Chet Cooper reviews the color separations and color keys for *Ability Magazine*.

Photo-Telegram photo / Curt Johnson

center listings, and other resources.

But just as important, it is designed to increase understanding of disability issues — in part by helping readers to interpret the new Americans with Disabilities Act — and appeal to a broader audience. As Cooper puts it: "Our goal is to bring *Ability Magazine* to mainstream America."

And that has been an ambitious undertaking for the 37-year-old Cooper, who acknowledges he was venturing into what for him was unfamiliar territory (He is not disabled). Publisher of another publication, an Orange County lifestyle magazine known as *Style Newport*, he studied biology in college and has a background that includes developing a line of children's clothing, creating a line of greeting cards, owning health clubs, and modeling. So he began to educate himself in disability issues, attending conferences, talking and meeting with disability advocates, seeking advice from established organizations, assembling a staff. This has meant a hectic schedule that sometimes keeps him in the office as late (or early) as 5 a.m. "When I jump into something, I jump in," he says.

All the while, Cooper talks about what he sees as the mag-

azine's vast potential. He notes that there are 43 million Americans with disabilities and that statistics show that 85 percent of Americans will have a disability at some point in their lives. "Yet we live in denial," he says. "We shut people out. We segregate them." *Ability Magazine*, he says, will provide information and updates on how businesses are complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which took effect in July and is designed to protect the disabled from discrimination in employment, public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications.

Another hope is that the magazine can help match people with disabilities with employers who want to hire them. *Ability* is sponsoring JOBS (Job Opportunity Business Service), a nonprofit system scheduled to begin next month in which employers, for a fee, can place job listings in "electronic classified ads."

The first issue of *Ability* featured a cover story on Matlin, who co-stars as an assistant district attorney in the NBC series "Reasonable Doubts," and included an article on stand-up comedians with disabilities, a story on a youth with a spinal injury who uses a computer to simulate flight in aircraft, and a piece on the 1993 Special Olym-

pics World Winter Games to be held in Austria. Also in the first issue was a story on software that assists in rehabilitating people with cognitive impairments, a piece on a theater organization that trains and employs disabled people, a review of the ADA, and a yellow pages section that lists national and regional support centers for people with disabilities.

The next issue, behind schedule but due out "soon," Cooper says, will feature a cover story on Andrea Friedman, who has Down's syndrome and appears on the ABC series "Life Goes On." The third will spotlight Cher, who has dyslexia.

Most of the stories are done by free-lance writers, Cooper says. One of the newest to sign up is actress and stand-up comedienne Geri Jewell, who appeared in the NBC sitcom "The Facts of Life" and has cerebral palsy. Another free-lancer has myasthenia gravis, another a "hearing problem," Cooper says. One staff member has dyslexia.

The bulk of staff members do not have a disability, although Cooper says the magazine is "expanding" and that if interested people with disabilities think they "can help, we're always looking."

Ability Magazine, published in Irvine, was launched on less than

\$150,000, and Cooper says he has been able to keep expenses down with the help of individuals and businesses he has worked with who helped offset some of the costs. "I owned a printing business and a small ad agency," he says. "I know how to cut my costs."

"This is such a major goal to bring this thing to fruition," he adds. "I'm lucky enough to be creative in finding people who can help."

Local reaction to the new magazine — which sells for \$3.95 — has been difficult to gauge because many Long Beach-area advocates for the disabled say they have not yet seen it. But Cathy DeMello, program director for the Santa Ana clubhouse of the Davie McIntosh Center for the Disabled in Arcadia, has and is impressed. "It made me feel really good," says DeMello, a former program director for the Betty Crooney Center in Long Beach. "It looks like it can compete with any magazine or a magazine rack."

Covington believes *Ability* distinguishes itself because other magazines that address disability issues are geared more specifically to the "disabled community."

"*Ability Magazine* appears to me to be a bridge between the disabled community and the able-bodied community," says Covington, who is legally blind.

Wheels in Action



Vice President Dan Quayle hands flags to Paralympian swimmers Linda Mastandrea (Chicago) and Brenda Smith (Rockville, MD).

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PARAPLEGIA NEWS

VEEP RECEIVES AWARDS

In an August 5 ceremony at the White House, Vice President Dan Quayle presented an American flag to representatives of the team participating in the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics. The gesture recognized the integrity and intensity of America's top athletes with disabilities. In return, the Vice President received two separate awards for his leadership in the disability community.

Bill Nichols, president of the American Disability Channel, gave Quayle a plaque for bringing about positive change in the media. The award was inscribed, "For your outstanding leadership in communicating the message of freedom on behalf of people with disabilities."

The second plaque, from Dr. Len Sawisch, president of the US Organization of Disabled Athletes (USODA), read, "In great appreciation for your continuing efforts to bring attention to the disabled-sports movement in America, and for your continued support for the consensus of 42 million Americans with disabilities. You are a true friend."

President George Bush and Quayle supported the enactment of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

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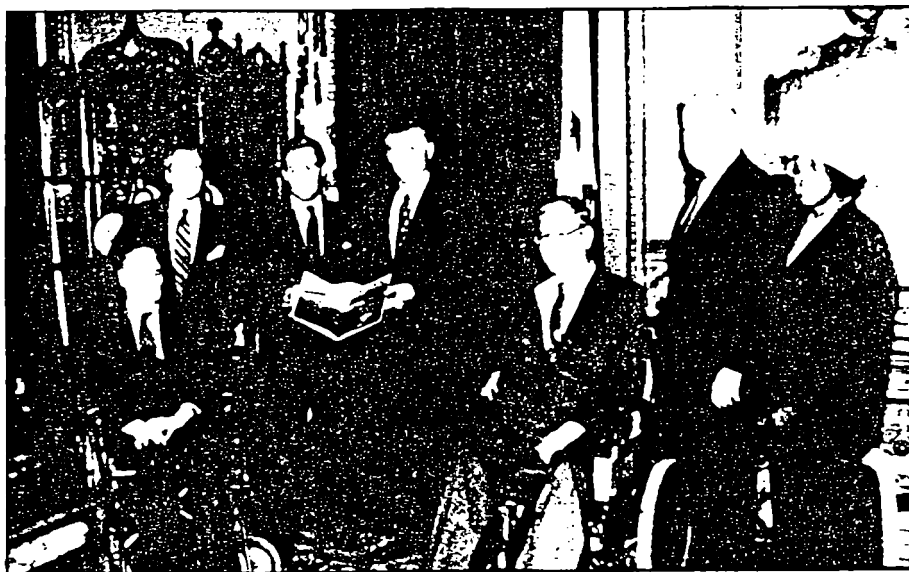
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Howard University Research and Training Center
The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

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CENTER PERSPECTIVES



American Business Community Called to Action

The business community was called to action through the publication of a special Business Week supplement (October 28, 1991) titled, "Willing and Able: Americans with Disabilities in the New Work Force." Pictured above, along with Vice President Dan Quayle (fourth from left) who received a leather-bound edition of the Business Week supplement, are Dr. Sylvia Walker, Director of the Howard University Research and Training Center; Alan Reich, President of the National Organization on Disability; William DeGraff, Director of Sales for Business Week; Harold W. McGraw, III, Executive Director of McGraw-Hill; Evan Kemp, Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and John W. Patten, Business Week publisher. The 37-page special insert provided vital information and insights (Continued on page 2).

George Covington (right) of the Vice President's office receives recognition.



George Covington Makes a Real Difference

George A. Covington, the first White House person to deal solely with disability and policy issues, was given recognition by the Howard University Research and Training Center (HURTC) on May 12, 1992 at the Third Annual "Bridges to Leadership 2000" Youth Career Day Conference, held at Howard University's Blackburn Center. Mr. Covington, who is Special Assistant for Disability Policy to Vice President Dan Quayle, is the first person to serve in this position on the White House staff. He has served as advisor to the Vice President since January of 1989. Mr. Covington is an attorney who's career has included the fields of journalism, education, government, and disability civil rights. He is a former journalism college (Continued on page 3)



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HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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Summer 1992

PITTSBURGH TO HOST SEVENTH ANNUAL HDSA CONVENTION

The Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America will host the Seventh Annual HDSA Convention in Pittsburgh, July 31-August 2.

An array of presentations and work-shops will feature professionals and scientists representing a broad range of HD-related expertise. The emphasis on research in this year's convention is reflected in the theme of the event, "It's Time to Cure Huntington's Disease."

Keynote speaker at the traditional Saturday Research Luncheon, August 1, will be **Dr. Michael Hayden**, Professor of Medical Genetics at the University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver. Dr. Hayden heads the

predictive testing program for Huntington's Disease at UBC, and was elected last year to the post of Secretary-General of the World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Huntington's Disease. He is currently directing a study of the effectiveness of a new drug in slowing the rate of progression in HD.

Dr. Hayden will talk about recent developments in genetics and other areas of HD research.

A Friday afternoon research panel discussion will be moderated by **Dr. P. Michael Conneally**, Distinguished Professor of Medical Genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Conneally will be joined by
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Keynote speaker Dr. Michael Hayden

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETS WITH VICE PRESIDENT



HDSA Executive Director Stephen Bajardi met with Vice president Dan Quayle in Washington, DC, April 14. Bajardi led a delegation of Long Island business leaders who support the annual George G. Powell Golf Classic, a fundraiser to benefit the Greater New York/Long Island Chapter of HDSA. Vice President Quayle has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman for this year's event. Bajardi thanked Mr. Quayle for his involvement and his support of the HD cause.

ON THE INSIDE

This finding questions the conventional belief... that nerve cell growth does not occur in the brains of adult mammals.

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SECOND ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING COURSE**

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I know how difficult it can be to take care of someone with HD. I'm a caregiver myself.

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Maybe next time I'll take a golf cart from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC.

WALK ON WASHINGTON

**TAKES ON NEW
DIMENSIONS**

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**National
Rehabilitation
Association**

Newsletter

Committed to Enhancing the Lives of Persons with Disabilities

July 1992

Special Assistant to Dan Quayle to Speak in San Diego



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George Covington, Special Assistant for Disability Policy to Vice President Quayle, will favor NRA members with a keynote address at the '92 Annual Conference. He is the first person to serve in this position on the White House Staff, and has served as advisor to the Vice President since January of 1989.

Mr. Covington is an attorney whose career has included the fields of journalism, education, government, and disability civil rights. He is a former journalism college professor and federal regulation writer.

He was born legally blind, with less than 10 percent functional vision, in 1943 in east Texas. He attended public schools and graduated with degrees in both journalism and law from the University of Texas at Austin

George Covington first received national media attention for his work in developing techniques that allowed individuals with severe visual impairments to use photography as a tool for seeing. He has given numerous workshops and lectures in photography at the Smithsonian Institution and college campuses. His photography manual *"Let Your Camera Do The Seeing: The World's First Photography Manual for the Legally Blind"* is available free to the blind and physically disabled through the Library of Congress.

For the past fifteen years Covington's primary interest has focused on the elimination of negative stereotypes of disabled people within the mass media.



*George A. Covington, Special Assistant For
Disability Policy to Vice President Quayle*

America's Disability Channel hosts first awards

WASHINGTON D.C. — America's Disability Channel isn't available in every state — yet. According to ADC's president and CEO, Bill Nichols, the timing is right for ADC and ADC is right for the time — and for a full-service network for people with disabilities.

America's Disability Channel, based in San Antonio, is carried on 25 per cent of the nation's cable TV homes. Nichols is preparing to expand programming to 18 hours per day, premiering new shows, including former anchorwoman Donna Cline, with the Donna Cline Show.

Featuring entertainment and information programming on all disabilities, the Silent Network (TSN) program service is part of ADC's programming schedule featuring cultural programming for the deaf and hearing impaired.

ADC has been hard at work to premier expanded disabilities programming and air time. Its first annual ADC television awards presentation awards on May 26, will be featured, with other announcements by ADC in a one-hour, produced-for-television special in a special premiere this Fall.

Award-winners honored on May 26 at the Washington Hilton were Justin Dart, receiving the first Justin Dart Award; ADC's newly-formed Congressional Advisory Board was presented with the Eagle Spirit Award.

Mattel Toys, The Rainbow Award; Jim Brady for the first Jim Brady Television Award; The ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens), the Golden Apple Award;

Harold Russell for the first Harold

Russell Award; Cox Cable of Omaha received the Affiliate of the Year Award. McDonald's and the Mike Sewell Family were the recipients of the Mike Sewell Award; Special Olympics International received the Pinnacle Award.

Kal Kan received the T.J. O'Rourke Award, and Disney World, Red Lobster and Delta Airlines were the recipients of the Destinations Unlimited Award.

The Torch of Freedom Award was presented to the United States Ski Team George Covington, Special Advisor to the Vice President on Disabilities Issues accepted a special award for Vice President Dan Quayle, for his Public Service Announcement. The PSA was a message of freedom and the Barcelona Special Olympics in which the Vice President appeared. "I don't think you've ever seen a PSA that the Vice President of the United States had a hand in writing," said Covington. The wording was the Vice President's.

ADC provides full access by cablecasting in four communications forms simultaneously. Sign Language by performing artists, open-captioning, with all programming having on-screen subtitles assisting people who are deaf, bilingual and learning to read, audio descriptive narration, and full sound.

Its primary formats are lifestyle, travel, entertainment, variety, docu-dramas, movies, interaction, magazine, children, and sports. 96 per cent of ADC programming is original and cable-exclusive.

For information contact America's Disability Channel, 1777 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 1401, San Antonio, Tx 78217.



Donna Cline will premiere her show on the American Disabilities Channel this fall.



George Covington, special assistant to Vice President Dan Quayle on disabilities issues.

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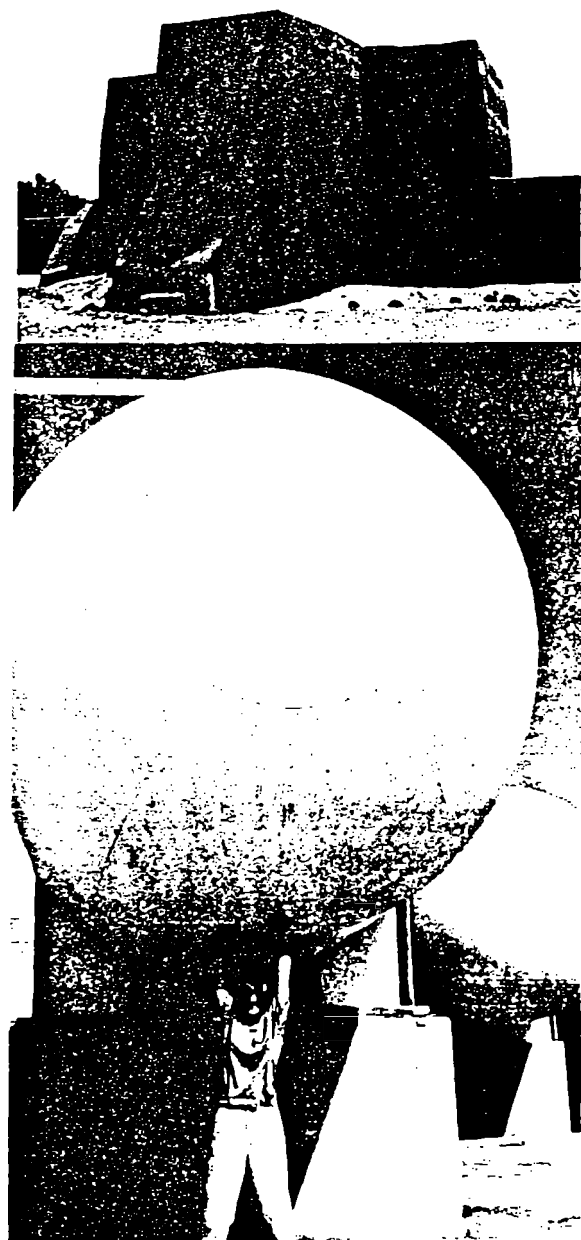


Christine Lynn George of Golden was recently awarded \$10,00 and met with Vice President Dan Quayle as one of the nine students nationwide to win a Discover Card tribute Award Scholarships. George was the bronze medal recipient in the vocational/technical studies category.

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METROPOLIS

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a tool for seeing.

MOST PEOPLE SEE to photograph; I photograph to see. I was born legally blind with 20/400 vision in both eyes. Because of a combination of astigmatism, nystagmus, eccentric fixation, and myopia (all acute), my eyesight was not optically correctable. Over the past 20 years, I have lost most of this vision due to a retina degeneration problem. Presently, I function with less than five percent of normal vision on the periphery of my right eye.

Shortly after my retina loss began, I discovered that photography allowed me to keep this priceless channel of perception open. It was startling to look at a self-portrait and realize that I had stopped seeing myself in a mirror. It was equally startling to realize I had stopped seeing the faces of my friends and relatives. If I had not become seriously interested in photography at that point in my life, I would today consider myself blind. As it is, as long as I can photograph, I will not be blind.

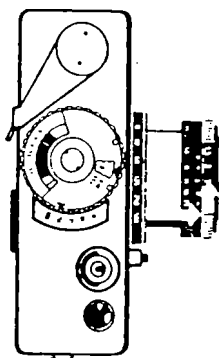
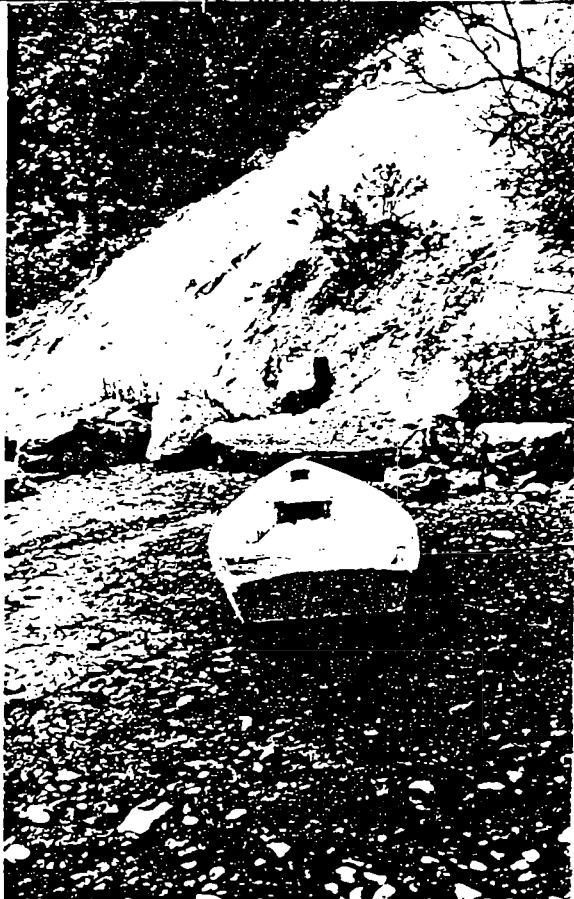
Photography allows me to see what I otherwise would not be able to see.

"How?" is most people's first reaction. The answer is simple: a photograph is not reality, but an abstraction of it. A black-and-white print transforms the millions of colors, shades, and tones of reality to a few shades of gray between black and white. Confusing three-dimensional shapes and forms are reduced to simple two-dimensional representations. The black-and-white print allows individuals with diminished vision to hold the world in their hands and view it from their own best perspective.

I started to study photography seriously 20 years ago when three seemingly unrelated events came together: I began to lose my sight, I was dating a woman who studied photography, and I discovered a camera that could be focused without perfect vision.

The design features of the Rollei B 35 seemed intended for a person with impaired vision. The light meter was built into the top of the camera and was easily visible through the handheld 10-power magnifier I used for reading. The F-stops and shutter-speed controls were on the lens barrel of the camera and easy to see. Also, the F-stops and shutter speeds could be determined by the number of clicks as the controls were turned.

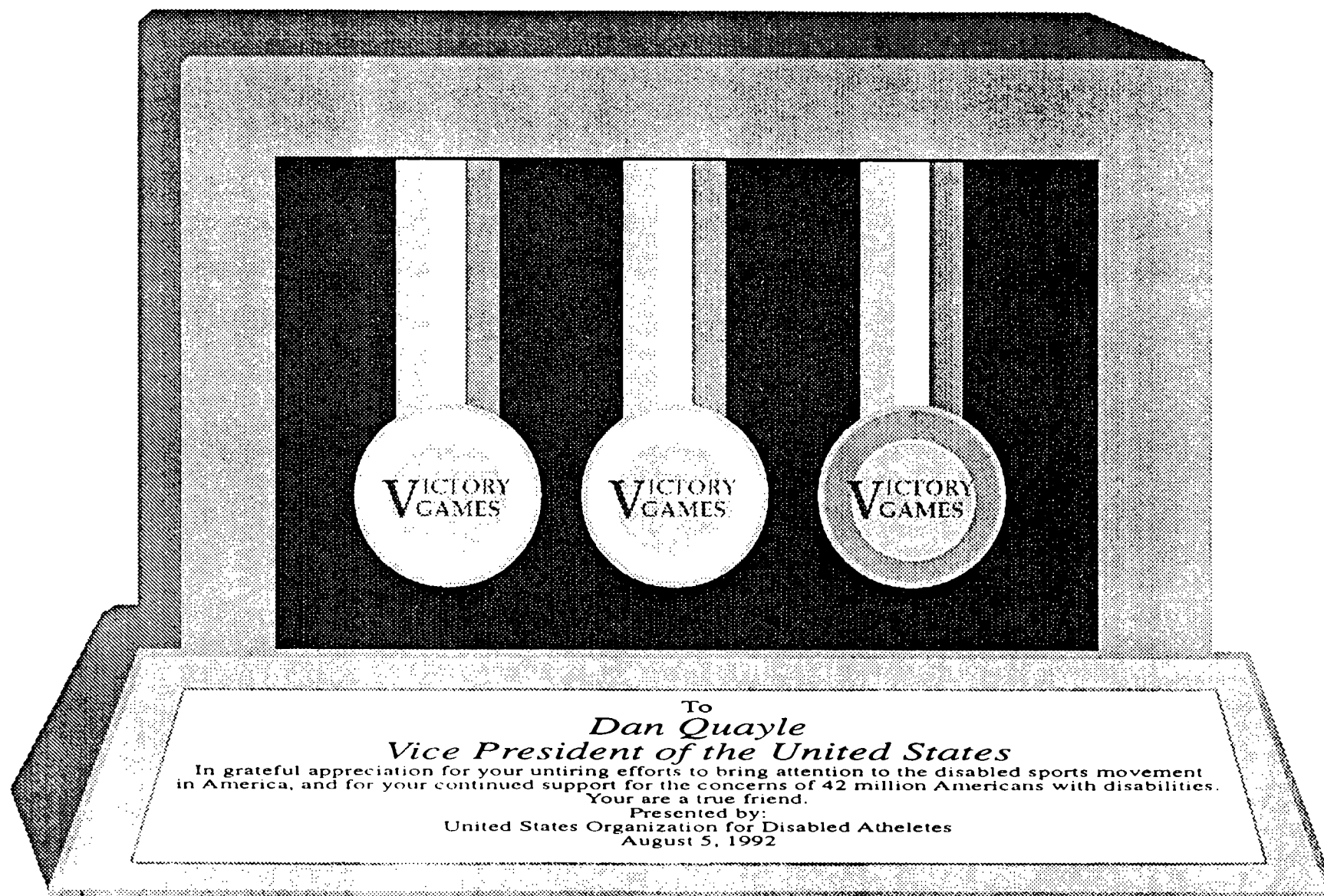
The camera used a "scale functioning system," meaning that the photographer set the distance from the camera to the subject by dialing a scale on the lens barrel in feet or meters. By controlling the F-stop, the photographer knew what would be in focus. Those were the days when the brains were in the photographer, not in the camera.



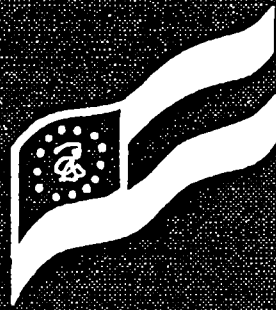
The Rolleiflex B35's most unusual design feature was that the flash attached to the bottom of the camera. If, as on other cameras, the "hot-shoe" had been on the top, I would not have been able to set the controls while using a flash. Unfortunately, Rolleiflex no longer makes the camera, and today I work with a Nikon and a Hasselblad.

—GEORGE COVINGTON

Awards



Rendition of Award



**PRESENTED BY
THE PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**

NOVEMBER 15, 1991

**TO
VICE PRESIDENT J. DANFORTH QUAYLE**

**IN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR STEADFAST DEVOTION TO
IMPROVING THE DIGNITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**YOU HAVE OPENED YOUR DOORS AND WELCOMED US IN - YOU HAVE
LISTENED TO US AND HAVE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS - YOU HAVE
ACCEPTED OUR CHALLENGES AND HAVE BEEN OUR ALLY - WHEN WE
HAVE REACHED OUT TO YOU, YOU HAVE WARMLY EMBRACED
OUR CAUSE**

**YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY AND
YOUR SINCERE CONCERN FOR THE MANY DIFFICULT ISSUES CONFRONTING
US HAVE PROVIDED A COMPELLING ENERGY UPON WHICH TRUE
INTEGRATION CAN BE REALIZED FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**THE MEMBERS OF PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA ARE DEEPLY
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP AND FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP - WITH YOUR
CONTINUED COMMITMENT AND ASSISTANCE, WE SHALL PERSEVERE**



DAN QUAYLE

Vice President of the United States

**FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN
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ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**1992 ADC TELEVISION AWARDS
Dr. Bill Nichols, President**

The Americans with Disabilities Act Award

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On His Support for the Enactment of
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DAN QUAYLE
vice-president of the united states

NOVEMBER 15, 1991

FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION
TO THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS
AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Douglas J. Sato". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Douglas J. Sato
President
National Handicapped Sports



DAN QUAYLE

VICE PRESIDENT

**WHO TREATS THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY
AS A
CONSTITUENCY NOT A CHARITY**

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY
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***VICE PRESIDENT
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***FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
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AND TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES.***

November 15, 1991



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1992 LEGISLATURE AWARD

Presented to

VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE

IN RECOGNITION OF CREATING THE OFFICE OF
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISABILITY POLICY
ESTABLISHING THIS IMPORTANT PRECEDENT, DEMONSTRATES THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND
ALLOWS FOR FURTHER REALIZATION OF POTENTIALS AND
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Dan Quayle
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

December 1, 1992

Dear Mr. Vice President,

In the past four years you have visited, or been visited by, more than three thousand disabled individuals. You have listened to their concerns and expressed your support for dozens of organizations representing people with disabilities. You have attended gatherings, served as honorary chairman, written letters and taped video presentations that have raised money for disability related causes.

No Vice President in the history of this country has done more to help people with disabilities. You are the first Vice President to have a Special Assistant to work full time on disability issues. You are the first Vice President to visit an Independent Living Center. You are the first Vice President to actively support and promote the Paralympics, and national sports and recreation activities for Americans with disabilities.

Your early and public support of the Americans with Disabilities Act was appreciated throughout the disability community. Your commitment to our cause has helped America's 43 million citizens with disabilities to fight back against the myths, negative images and stereotypes that have blocked our way into the mainstream of society.

I hope your support for our issues will set a precedent that future administrations will follow. Americans with disabilities should never lose the access they have gained through the office of the Vice President.

I am proud to have served you and come to know you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George".

George A. Covington

After January 15, 1993

On January 15, 1993, my detail to the Office of the Vice President will end. I will be working in the Special Programs and Populations Branch of the National Park Service. I can be reached at the following address:

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