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***Ms. Wheelchair
America Pageant 1989***

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1989 - 8:00 P.M.
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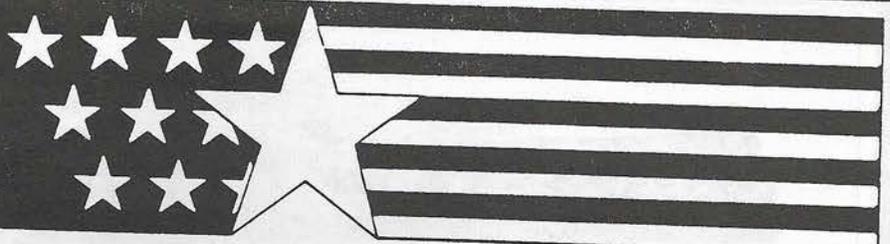
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*As Ms. Wheelchair, I promise to do my utmost
To promote public awareness of the disabled
And to give unstintingly of my time and effort to this purpose. . .
To strive to achieve the best that is within me. . .
To offer my hand in friendship to everyone I meet. . .
To be cheerful, honest and loving. . .
To give hope to the less fortunate. . .
To set an example by my attitude. . .
And to do all of this with grace, warmth and dignity.*



Mensaje Reina Saliente 1988-89 Jewell Massey

A hundred years ago, Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Our life is an apprenticeship to the truth that around every circle another can be drawn; that there is no end in nature, but every end is a beginning." Polio was the beginning of a whole new set of possibilities for my life, a circumstance around which new circles could be drawn. But I did not draw any of those circles alone. Numerous doctors, teachers and therapists encouraged me to reach beyond my own perceptions; and I could not help but be caught up in the enthusiasm of achieving friends. This year the circles of my life have overlapped with the circles of the lives of so many new and wonderful friends -- like stones cast upon still water to make ever widening circles that eventually overlap and become one.

For in fact, we are all an assortment of pegs in different colors, shapes and sizes - each looking for acceptance and a place to fit in. To find this place, we must develop our potential and not acquiesce to the limited expectations of others or to our own self-doubts. R.D. Laing put it this way:

We think much less than what we know.
We know much less than what we love.
We love much less than what there is.
And to this precise extent, we are much less than what we are.

Being Ms. Wheelchair America allowed me to be a role model and a spokesperson for 36,000,000 Americans with disabilities. This was an excellent opportunity to combine my experience as a disabled person and as a teacher to raise consciousness about architectural, attitudinal, transportation, and communication barriers that still exist in our society; and I could speak with the credibility of personal experience to teachers about why mainstreaming is of vital importance to the intellectual development and socialization of students with challenges. It is my hope that all the people who heard me speak also

saw the image of a successful, professional woman feeling good about who and where she was in life--a woman who just happened to use a wheelchair! Across the United States I carried the message that what is essential about us all is not visible to the eye. Wheelchairs, braces, and hearing aids are not the essence of us. We are so much more than the circumstances which require us to use this equipment. In addition, I carried Joni Eareckson Tada's invitation to:

Come Ride in my wheelchair.
Come walk in my braces.
Use my hands to discover a thousand new faces.
Hear with my eyes.
Speak with my hands.
Feel with your heart what my heart understands.

I am real; I'm alive!
I can feel; I can cry.
I can hurt; I can share.
I can reach out to you as you can reach back to me.

I have lived. . . Let me give. . .
I can love!

And so we touch each other's lives. As my life has been gently touched by other lives-- it follows that I have touched theirs too. Sometimes a single word will lift the spirit-- sometimes a smile will bridge the empty darkness-- sometimes just the nearness is the answer. From many lives I have gathered courage and strength. And so you must understand that your life is not completely your own -- it has become a part of mine by our meeting -- and it follows that my life does not belong to me -- it is yours!

With love to each of you,
Jewell Massey
Ms. Wheelchair America 1988-89



JEWELL MASSEY
MS. WHEELCHAIR AMERICA 1988-89



The Governor of Puerto Rico

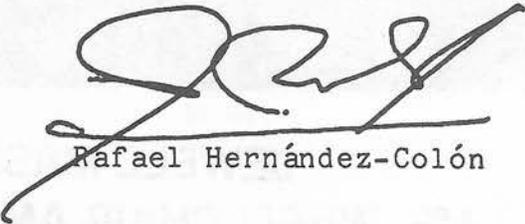
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Greetings!

Puerto Rico is honored to host the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant 1989. I welcome the contestants and sponsors of this unique pageant to our Island, The Shinning Star of the Caribbean.

The efforts and accomplishments of these ladies serve as a source of inspiration and motivation for many who firmly believe in overcoming any impediment for their self-realization. This demonstration of willpower is recognized by our Government's committment to offer the disabled the opportunity to use their skills and potential, thus contributing to the social and economic development of our country by means of different employment and training programs, which are now under way.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Puerto Rico. Receive our best wishes and appreciation for making this event such a success.



Rafael Hernández-Colón



Capital City of San Juan

Héctor Luis Acevedo
MAYOR



Greetings!

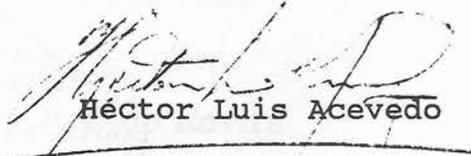
As Mayor and on behalf of the City of San Juan, I would like to welcome all of you distinguished contestants of the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant. We are honored in having San Juan chosen as site of the 1989 Pageant. We likewise welcome your families and all those who form part of this event.

We firmly support your courage and determination. It is an example for all people of the will to conquer adversity and to excel. Our welcome also entails a note of gratitude for your accomplishments and for the opportunity to educate our public regarding your capabilities.

San Juan is a modern city and it is also the second oldest city in the Western Hemisphere. We are very proud of our cultural and architectural heritage and invite you to visit the many historic landmarks of San Juan.

I would like to wish each of you the best of luck in this Pageant and offer all our assistance during your visit. You will always be welcome in San Juan!

Sincerely,


Héctor Luis Acevedo



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Mr. Mario Cruz Ortiz
President
Ms. Wheelchair Puerto Rico Pageant 1989
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Bayamon, Puerto Rico 00619

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

On behalf of President Bush, it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to you and all who participate in the Ms. Wheelchair Puerto Rico Pageant. I also congratulate Puerto Rico for hosting this year's Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant.

It is in all our interest to ensure that the disabled have the opportunity to share fully in the mainstream of American life --to contribute to their communities, to make fullest use of their abilities, and to achieve as much as their God-given talents permit. I commend the state representative for the impressive and important contributions each of them made in assisting with the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant.

Special congratulations to all the contestants in the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant. Each and everyone of you exemplify that character and determination can overcome any physical limitation.

I join the President in sending best wishes for the continuing success of the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant.

Sincerely,

Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.
Secretary



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Meet The Board of Directors of Ms. Wheelchair Puerto Rico Inc.

Mario Cruz Ortiz es el presidente de Ms. Silla de Ruedas de P.R. Inc. desde el 1980. El honorable Alcalde de la Ciudad de Bayamón Sr. Ramón Luis Rivera fue el padrino del Certamen el año 1980 y comisionó a Mario la dirección del Certamen y desde esta fecha está a cargo del mismo en la posición de Presidente. Mario Cruz Ortiz es natural de la ciudad de Mayagüez e hijo adoptivo de la ciudad de Bayamón. Es graduado de la Escuela Superior de Mayagüez, del Brooklyn Community College del Condado de Brooklyn, Ciudad de Nueva York. Grado Asociado en Comunicación, del New York Institute of Photography, Grado Asociado en Fotografía Profesional. También posee un Bachillerato de la Universidad Central de Bayamón en Sicología Social y Grado Asociado en Trabajo Social. Está casado con la Sra. Bélgica López de Cruz y tiene tres hijos; Mario Jr., Stanley y Lourdes.

Mario Cruz Ortiz is the President of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Inc. since 1980. The Honorable Mayor of the City of Bayamón Mr. Ramón Luis Rivera was the sponsor of the Pageant in 1980 and he commissioned Mario to be in charge of the pageant that year. Since 1980 Mario is the president of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Pageant. He registered the Pageant in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of P.R. as a non profitable organization. Mario Cruz Ortiz is from the City of Mayagüez, adoptive son of Bayamón. He is a graduate of Brooklyn Community College, Borough of Brooklyn City of New York. New York Institute of Photography, Bayamón Central University, Associate Degree in Social Work and a Bachelor Degree in Social Psychology. He is married to Mrs. Belgica Lopez de Cruz. He has three children: Mario Jr., Stanley and Lourdes.

MR. IVAN A. MARRERO Vice-President

Iván A. Marrero is the vice-president of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Inc. He was born in the City of Ciales, P.R. Graduate from the University of P.R. with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, the Metropolitan School of Commerce and the American Institute of Banking. Mr. Marrero is the auxiliary vice-president of the Mayagüez Commercial Bank. He is in charge of the supervision of the bank branches in the Metropolitan Area. Belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He is one of the past presidents of this organization. He belongs to numerous charitable organizations.

Iván A. Marrero es el vice-presidente de Ms. Silla de Ruedas Inc. Nació en la ciudad de Ciales, P.R. Graduado de la Universidad de P.R. con un Grado en Administración de Negocios. También es graduado del American Institute of Banking y la Metropolitan School of Commerce. Es vice-presidente auxiliar del Banco Comercial de Mayagüez. Supervisa las sucursales de dicho banco en la zona metropolitana. Pertenece a la Cámara de Comercio de Bayamón de la cual es pasado presidente. Es miembro de un sin número de organizaciones caritativas.

BELGICA LOPEZ DE CRUZ Secretary

Bélgica hails from the City of Mayagüez, The City of Pure Waters. She is the secretary of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Pageant Inc. She is a graduate of Mayagüez School High School, a housewife and mother of two sons, Mario Jr. and Stanley. Married for the past 47 years to Mr. Mario Cruz Ortiz, President of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Inc.

Bélgica es natural de la ciudad de Aguas Puras, Mayagüez. Doña Bélgica es la secretaria de Ms. Silla de Ruedas de P.R. graduada de la Escuela Superior de Mayagüez. Es ama de casa y tiene dos hijos Mario Jr. y Stanley. Lleva 47 años casada con Don Mario Ortiz, Presidente del Certamen Ms. Silla de Ruedas de P.R. Inc.

STANLEY CRUZ LOPEZ

Treasurer

Stanley is from Mayagüez, but was raised in New York City. He is a graduate of Boys High School in Brooklyn, New York. Bayamón Central University where he graduated with a Degree in Business Administration. He is the treasurer of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. He was employed at Timex Watches P.R. LTD. For ten years as an accountant and with Mitel Caribe in the same position. Our accounting is in good hands. He is married to Mrs. Carmen Rivera Román. They have four children, Carmen, Stanley Jr., Marcus and Alan and four lovely grandchildren.

Stanley nació en la ciudad de Mayagüez, pero se crió y se educó en la ciudad de Nueva York. Graduado de la Escuela Superior de Varones en Brooklyn New York (Boys High School of Brooklyn). También es graduado de la Universidad Central de Bayamón en Administración Comercial. Stanley es el tesorero de Ms. Silla de Ruedas de P.R. Trabajó como contable con la Timex en Bayamón por espacio de 10 años y más luego con Mitel Caribe. Nuestra contabilidad está en buenas manos. Es casado con la Sra. Carmen Rivera Román. Tienen cuatro hijos Carmen, Stanley Jr., Marcus y Alan y cuatro hermosos nietos.

BUD WALTERS

Professional Entertainer



Mr. Walters is an actor, master dancer, and a singer. He has appeared in numerous television commercials and industrial films. Most recently he appeared in the film BLUEGRASS, starring Cheryl Ladd, which was filmed in Lexington, Kentucky; FRESH HORSES, starring Molly Ringwald, was filmed in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has starred and/or appeared in the stage productions of CAMELOT, HELLO DOLLY, LION IN WINTER, MATCH MAKER, and

DR. LUIS J. FLORES VILAR

El Dr. Luis J. Flores Vilar es un famoso fisiatra de Hato Rey. Presidente fundador del Certamen Ms. Silla de Ruedas de P.R. El Dr. Flores Vilar asistió a una asamblea de médicos fisiatras en la ciudad de Columbus Ohio, donde se comentó sobre un certamen de jóvenes con impedimento en sillas de ruedas. Cuando vino a P.R. se dio a la tarea de organizar un certamen igual al de Columbus Ohio. En el año 1974 el Dr. Flores Vilar organizó el Certamen Ms. Silla de Ruedas de P.R. y desde esa fecha el Certamen se celebra en P.R. todos los años.

Dr. Luis J. Flores Vilar is a famous physiatrist of Hato Rey, P.R. President Organizer of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Inc. Dr. Flores Vilar was invited to a National Doctors Convention in Columbus Ohio. After the meeting he heard that in Columbus Ohio a Dr. had organized a wheelchair pageant. He copied the idea and organized one here in P.R. In 1974 Dr. Flores Vilar organized the Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Pageant. Since that date the Pageant is celebrated every year in P.R. Dr. Flores Vilar is a member of numerous charitable organizations.

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, to name but a few. Mr. Walters currently works with the Good Samaritan Hospital's Rehabilitation Center, in Cincinnati, in development of adaptive programs for the disabled. Mr. Walters also co-hosted in 1988 Ms. Wheelchair Ohio Pageant.

El Sr. Walter es actor, bailarín y cantante. El ha aparecido en numerosos comerciales de televisión y películas Industriales. Recientemente apareció en la película Blue Grass (Yerba Azul) donde la protagonista es Cheryl Ladd, la cual fue filmada en Lexington Kentucky. También participó en la película Caballos Frescos, protagonizando Molly Ringwald, la cual fue filmada en Cincinnati, Ohio. También ha participado en el Teatro en producciones como Camelot, Hello Dolly, Lion in Winter, Match Maker y el Diario de Ana Frank por mencionar algunas de ellas. El Walter en la actualidad trabaja en el Hospital del buen Samaritano en el Centro de Rehabilitación en Cincinnati, en el desarrollo de programas adaptados a los impedidos. El Sr. Walters también fue maestro de ceremonias de Ms. Wheelchair Ohio Pageant 1988.



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... About the Pageant

In 1974, a Columbus, Ohio physiatrist, Dr. Philip K. Wood, who had devoted his career to the treatment and rehabilitation of the functionally impaired individual was well aware of the capabilities, determination, talent and courage of the handicapped. This physician established Ms. Wheelchair America as a forum for the promotion of the achievements as well as the needs of mobility for the impaired person. The non-profit program is coordinated by volunteers throughout the nation who are dedicated to increasing public awareness so that the disabled citizens of our country will be able to lead productive and meaningful lives.

Similar to the Miss America Pageant, the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant is in no way a beauty contest. It is, instead, a competition to select the most accomplished and articulate spokesperson for more than 36 million disabled Americans. The selected representative must be able to communicate both the needs and the accomplishments of her constituency to the general public, the business community and the legislature. She is charged with a continuing effort to educate the public regarding the dignity, productiveness and basic value of handicapped people. She assumes responsibility for the ongoing effort to eliminate the architectural and attitudinal barriers, that prevent people with disabilities from assuming their rightful place in society.

As Ms. Wheelchair America, her duties are numerous. Each year she has the opportunity to travel, visiting advocacy groups, making public appearances and conducting television, radio and print interviews in the fulfillment of her major responsibilities. These include promoting awareness of the need to eliminate architectural and attitudinal barriers, informing the able-bodied public of the achievement of physically disabled people across the nation and promoting Ms. Wheelchair America, by assisting in the establishment of pageant committees in all states.



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BRENDA HAWLEY SMITH

Brenda is Ms. Wheelchair Florida 1989, married and mother of a ten year old daughter. She is graduate of Colonial High School of Orlando Florida in 1970. Orange County Vocational School 1972. She received a certificate in Practical Nursing. Licensed December 1972. Received an associate degree in nursing May 1978 from Community College of Denver-North Campus, Westminster, Colorado. University of Central Florida, Rose Medical Center Nursing continuing education courses. She is an active girl scout leader, cheerleading coach. Community volunteer, school volunteer.

Brenda es Ms. Silla de Ruedas de Florida. Casada y madre de una niña de 10 años de edad. Graduada de Colonial High School de Orlando Florida el 1970. De la Escuela Vocacional del Condado de Orange, en el 1972. Recibió un certificado de enfermera práctica y su licencia de enfermera en diciembre del 1972. También tiene un grado asociado como enfermera del Community College de Denver North Campus Westminster, Colorado. También tiene cursos de enfermería de la Universidad de Florida Central (University of Central Florida) Centro Médico Rose en cursos de Educación Continuada. Es muy activa con las niñas escuchas. Es una "Girl Scout Leader", "Cheerleader Coach", trabaja como voluntaria en la escuela y la comunidad.



REVA ELAINE SEWELL

Reva Elaine Sewell is Ms. Wheelchair Georgia 1989. She lives in her own home with a live-in attendant. She is a graduate of Mary Persons High School, Forsyth, Georgia in May 1972. Southern Illinois University in 1976 where she obtained a bachelors of arts degree in psychology. And an associate degree in rehabilitation administration and vocational evaluation from Southern Illinois. She also possesses eight certificates in different subjects such as programming language, cobol, structured query language etc. Her educational settings are too numerous to be mentioned in this little space.

Reva Elaine Sewell es Ms. Silla de Ruedas de Georgia. Ella vive en su propia casa con una acompañante que cuida de ella. Se graduó de la Escuela Superior Mary Persons en Forsyth, Georgia en mayo 1976. De Southern Illinois University en 1976 en donde obtuvo un bachillerato en artes con concentración en psicología. Un grado asociado en administración de rehabilitación y evaluación vocacional de la misma universidad. Posee ocho certificados universitarios en diferentes disciplinas tales como lenguaje de programación, cobol, lenguaje estructurado de interrogación, su récord académico es tan extenso que es imposible escribirlo todo en tan poco espacio.

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memorable one.

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beautiful moments that you will remember
as a treasure.

Good luck to all of you!

Sincerely,

Isabel M. Pardo

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PAT JOHNSON

Pat Johnson Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana 1989. She is married to Mr. Greg Johnson. She has had Spina Bifida since birth. She is a graduate of Martin Collegiate Institute and from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelors Degree in education in 1975. She has been a teacher for special educational groups, public relation officer for various disability group organizations. She is a member of various organizations of handicapped persons.

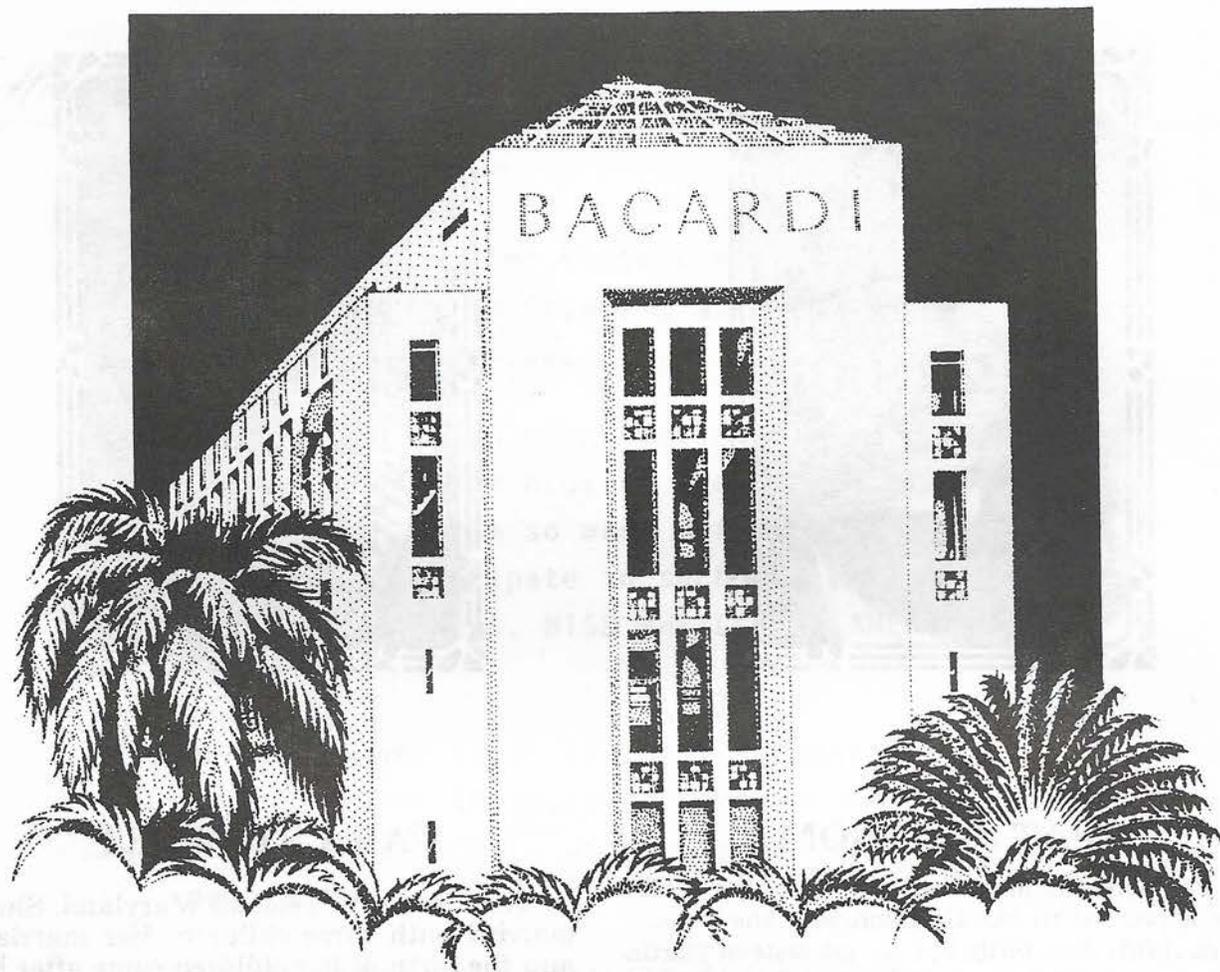
Pat Johnson es Ms. Silla de Ruedas del Estado de Lousiana 1989. Es casada con el Sr. Gregg Johnson. Su incapacidad es Espina Bifida de nacimiento. Ella es graduada del Instituto Colegial Martin y de la Universidad de Saskathcewan con un Bachillerato en Educación. Ella fue maestra de varios grupos en educación especial y oficial de relaciones públicas de varias organizaciones de grupos de impedidos. También pertenece a varias organizaciones de impedidos.



CARA STEWART

Cara is Ms. Wheelchair Maryland. She is married with three children. Her marriage and the birth of her children came after her disability. Graduated from Towson High School in 1976. A graduate of Virginia Medical College where she obtained a Bachelors Degree in occupational terapy. Cara has received numerous awards from organizations in Maryland her home town. She is married to Mr. Larry Stewart.

Cara es Ms. Silla de Ruedas del estado de Maryland. Casada y tiene tres niños. Se casó y dio a luz a sus niños después de haber quedado impedida. Cara es graduada de la Escuela Superior de Townson en el 1976. Graduada del Colegio de Medicina de Virginia. Obtuvo un Bachillerato en Terapia Ocupacional. Cara ha recibido numerosos reconocimientos por su gran labor en pro del impedido. Esta casada con el Sr. Larry Stewart.



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PAMELA MELTON

Pamela Melton is Ms. Wheelchair Michigan 1989-1990. She is from Detroit, Michigan. Pamela is graduated from Henry Ford High School in 1977. Pamela studied in Wayne Country Community College where she took 54 credits as a regular student. She has earned a lot of certificates and special citation in her native state of Michigan.

Pamela Melton es Ms. Silla de Ruedas de Michigan 1989-1990. Ella es de Detroit estado de Michigan. Graduada de la Escuela Superior Henry Ford de Detroit, Michigan en el año 1977. Pamela estudió en el Community College del Condado de Wayne donde aprobó 54 créditos como estudiante regular del colegio. Ella se ha ganado un sinnúmero de de colegio. Ella se ha ganado un sinnúmero de certificados de mérito y citaciones especiales en su ciudad natal de Michigan.

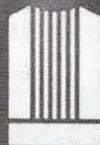


PAMELA LULL

Pamela Lull is Ms. Wheelchair North Carolina, married and a mother of a child named Tammy. Her husband is Mr. Jonathan Lull. She is a graduate of James Wilson Young High School in 1969. She is presently enrolled at Western Carolina University. She will graduate in the summer of 1990. With a degree in special education and Therapeutic Recreation.

Pamela Lull es Ms. Silla de Ruedas de Carolina del Norte, casada y madre de una niña que lleva el nombre de Tammy. Su esposo se llama Jonathan Lull. Pamela es graduada de la Escuela Superior James Wilson Young en el año 1969. En la actualidad está estudiando en la Universidad Western Carolina University y espera graduarse en Educación Especial y Recreación Terapéutica en el verano del 1990.

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LEANN KAYSER

Leann Kayser Ms. Wheelchair Ohio 1989. She is single and lives alone in her own apartment. She is a graduate of Big Walnut High School. In Sunbury Ohio. She graduated with a Major in Business in 1980. She is also a graduate of Columbus Technical Institute with an Associate Degree in Business Management. Leann has attended various seminars through out her career such as telephone techniques, assertiveness training and personal development programs.

Leann Kayser es Ms. Silla de Ruedas de Ohio 1989. Es soltera y vive sola en su propio apartamento. Ella es graduada de Big Walnut High School en Sunbury, Ohio. Se graduó con una Concentración en Negocios en el 1980. También es graduada del Instituto Tecnológico de Columbus con un grado asociado en Administración de Empresas. Leann ha participado en varios seminarios através de su carrera, tales como técnicas de teléfonos, entrenamiento de aserción y programas de desarrollo personal.



**EDNA MAE MENDEZ
VAZQUEZ**

Edna Mae Méndez Vázquez es Ms. Silla de Ruedas de P.R. 1989-1990. Casada con el Sr. José Miguel López Morales. Tiene un hijo estudiante de Universidad que lleva el nombre del padre José Miguel Jr. Edna es graduada de la Escuela Superior de Aguadilla su ciudad natal en el año 1958. Luego ingresó en la Universidad de P.R. donde se graduó en ciencias políticas y más luego continuó estudios en la misma universidad donde se graduó en matemáticas con un minor en sicología. Trabajó en diferentes oficinas del Gobierno hasta su retiro por incapacidad debido a un accidente ocurrido en la oficina donde trabajó por última vez. Vive retirada con su esposo e hijo.

Edna Mae Méndez Vázquez is Ms. Wheelchair P.R. 1989-90. Married to Jose Miguel Lopez Morales. Has a son named Jose Miguel Jr. a university student. Edna is a graduate of Aguadilla High School in 1958. She is graduated from the University of P.R. with a degree in political science, she continued her studies in the same university and finished with a Bachelor Degree in Mathematics and Psychology. Edna worked for the government in different offices until she retired. She suffered an accident in her office while on duty and was retired with government compensation. She is a housewife dedicated to her husband and son.

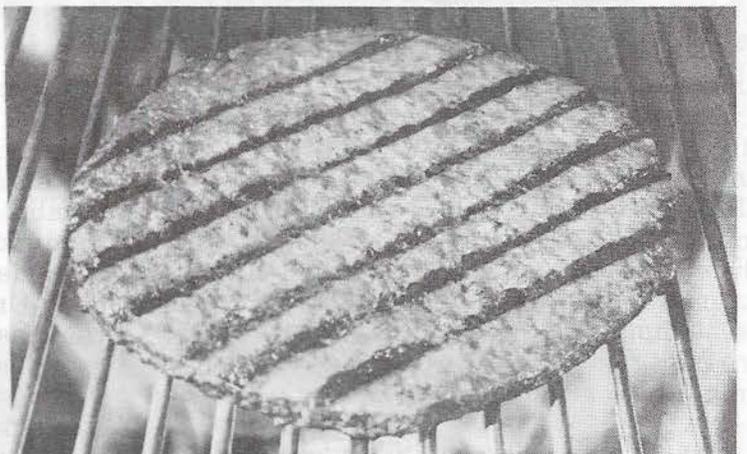


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SARAH VANESSA HEATH

Sarah Vanessa Heath is Ms. Wheelchair South Carolina 1989. She is single and a graduate of Chester High School in South Carolina in 1966. She is a full time student at York Technical School where she expects to graduate in 1990 with a Degree in Business Administration. A Member of Phi Beta Lambda, sings in the Antioch Baptist Church Choir and church secretary and commentator.

Sarah Vanessa Heath es Ms. Silla de Ruedas de Carolina del Sur 1989. Ella es soltera. Graduada de la Escuela Superior de Chester Carolina del Sur, estudia en el Instituto Tecnológico York y se gradua en el 1990 con un Grado Asociado en Administración de Empresas. Pertenece a Phi Beta Lambda, al Coro de la Iglesia Bautista es secretaria de la Junta Parroquial y Comentarista de la Iglesia.

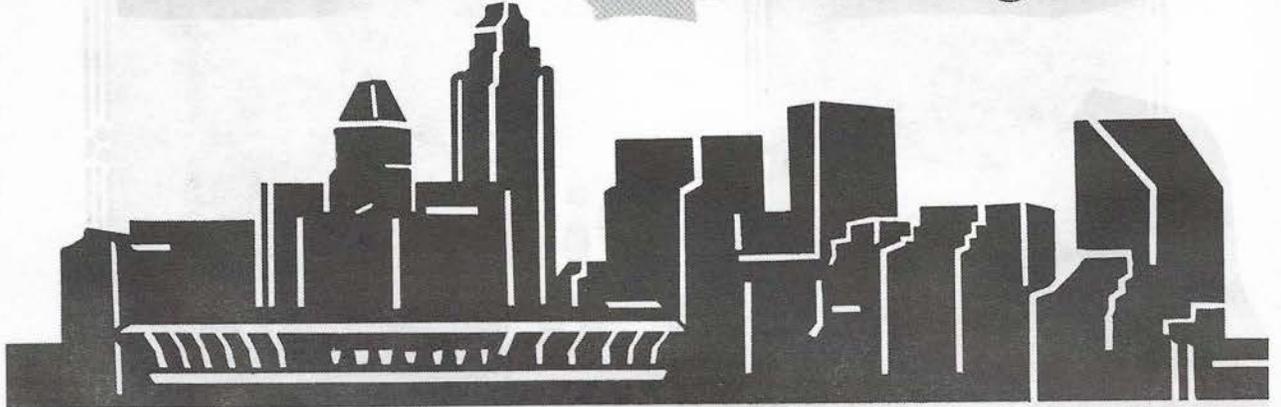


KATHY K. GARCIA

Kathy K. García Ms. Wheelchair Utah 1989-90. Kathy is a single parent and lives with her eight year old daughter Seneca. She is graduate from South High School in Salt Lake City in 1969. In 1972 she graduate from Salt Lake Community College with an Associated Degree. She took a course in Sign Language and other classes through Community Education.

Kathy K. García es Ms. Silla de Ruedas del Estado de Utah para el año 1989-90. Ella es una madre soltera y vive con su hija de ocho años llamada Seneca. Kathy es graduada de la Escuela Superior South High School de Salt Lake Community College con un Grado Asociado que obtuvo en el 1972. Cogió un curso de lenguaje por señas y otros cursos a través de programas de la comunidad.

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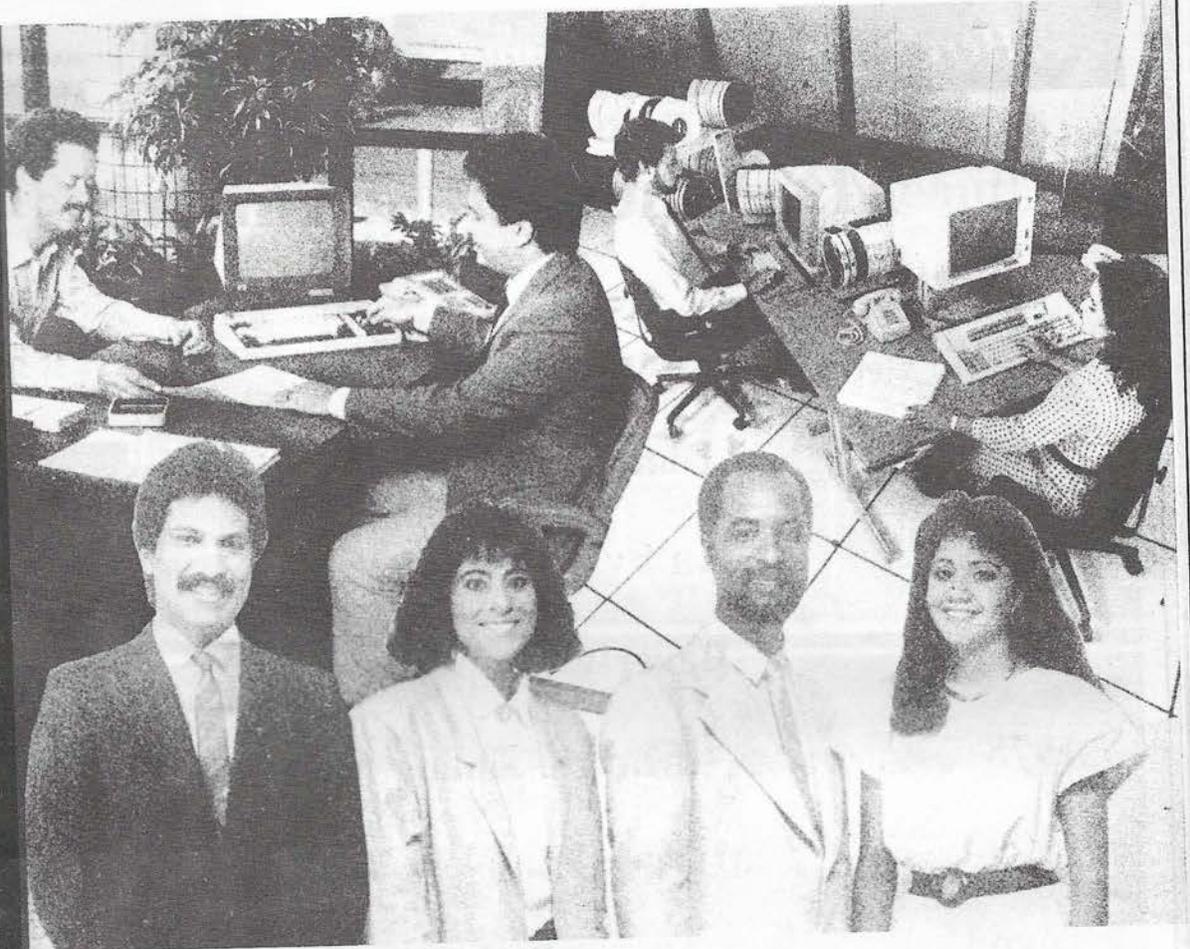
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... Here's to our Former Winners

Ms. Wheelchair Americas

1974	Janie Robinson	Texas
1975	Diana Kenderian	Massachusetts
1976	Kathy Smith Tiley	Alabama
1977	Beverly Chapman	Florida
1978	Margie Sloan	Georgia
1979	Marge Chmielewski	Michigan
1980	Nancy Pudvin	Georgia
1981	Vivian Thompson	Massachusetts
1982	Barbara Crozier	Alabama
1983	Lori Cottam	Utah
1984	Gaynell Colburn	Maryland
1985	Donna Cline	Nevada
1986	Sandra Honbaier	North Carolina
1987	Peggy Simpson	Alabama
1988	Jewell Massey	Georgia

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SHERRY REPSCHER
President

Sherry Repscher hails from the State of Utah. She is a graduate of Taylorville High School in 1966. And from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1970. An alumna of the University of Utah where she obtained a Bachelors Degree in Educational Psychology and Rehabilitation Counseling. She is the Executive Director of Utah Governors Committee on employment of people with disabilities. Sherry is a member of various organizations that works with the handicapped.

Sherry Repscher viene del Estado de Utah. Es graduada de la Escuela Superior Taylorville de Illinois en el 1966. Graduada de Illinois Wesleyan University en el 1970 donde obtuvo un Bachillerato en Educación Elemental. También estudió en la Universidad de Utah donde estudió Psicología Educativa y Consejería Educativa. Actualmente es Directora Ejecutiva en la Oficina del Gobernador de Utah en el Comité para el Empleo del Impedido. Sherry pertenece a un sinnúmero de organizaciones que tienen que ver con el impedido.

LAURIE C. CAUFIELD
Vice President

Laurie C. Caufield was elected to her present position of vice-president at last year Board of Directors meeting in Mobile Alabama. Laurie has a Masters Degree in Speech Pathology from the University of Virginia. A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She is certified in Speech Pathology by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and licensed in the State of Ohio. She is a member of at least ten professional organizations such as the American Congress of Rehabilitation, American Speech-Language Association and many more.

Laurie C. Caufield es la vice-presidenta de la Junta de Directores de Ms. Silla de Ruedas de América. Fue elegida a su posición en la reunión de la Junta de Directores celebrada en la ciudad de Mobile Alabama el año pasado. Laurie posee una maestría en Patología del Habla de la Universidad de Virginia, un Bachillerato en Arte con concentración en Patología del Habla y Audiología de la Universidad del Estado de Ohio. Posee licencia del Estado de Ohio en Patología y Audiología. Está certificada por la Asociación Americana de dicha disciplina. Pertenece a organizaciones tales como American Congress of Rehabilitation, American Speech-Language Hearing Association y muchas más.

DEANNA S. BUTLER SECRETARY

Deanna is the recording secretary of Ms. Wheelchair America elected to that position last year at the last Board of Directors meeting in the city of Mobile Alabama. Dee is a graduate of Stilesville High School in Indiana in 1959. In 1970 she graduated from Indiana Central Business College of Indianapolis, Indiana. She is an administrative assistant at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Deanna S. Butler es la secretaria de Ms. Silla de Ruedas de América. Fue elegida a esa posición en la última reunión de la Junta de Directores celebrada en la ciudad de Mobile Alabama en el año 1988. Dee es graduada de la Escuela Superior Stileviles del Estado de Indiana. Graduada del Indiana Central Business College de Indianapolis, Indiana. Ella es asistente administrativa del Good Samaritan Hospital (Hospital del Buen Samaritano) en Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOHN C. PEUSER, TREASURER

John Peuser, DTM, works as an Industrial Economist for the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. and lives with his wife, Louise, in Bowie, Prince George's County, Maryland. He has been very active in recent years with Toastmasters International, the public speaking organization, which awarded him his Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). He has been recognized for his work at the annual international convention. In 1987 he was named TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR for the entire Washington, D.C. area.

He has been kept busy the past two years as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ms. Wheelchair Maryland, Inc. and co-host of the pageant. He has attended the past two Ms. Wheelchair America programs that were held in Minneapolis and Mobile, as a state representative to the national business meeting.

John es el tesorero de Ms. Wheelchair America. Es un economista industrial, trabaja para el Departamento de Energía en Washington D.C. vive con su esposa Louise, en Bowie Condado de Prince George en el Estado de Maryland. John ha estado muy activo en los años recientes con la compañía Toastmasters International como conferenciante de la organización. Ha sido reconocido por su gran labor en Convención Internacional. En el 1987

fue nombrado Toastmaster del Año para el área de Washington. Se ha mantenido bien ocupado por los últimos dos años como director de Ms. Wheelchair Maryland Inc. y co-anfitrión del mismo. También ha representado a Maryland en los últimos dos programas de Ms. Wheelchair América en Minneapolis y Mobile como representante a la reunión de los hombres de empresas.

LOUISE GULYAS PEUSER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Louise Gulyas Peuser is employed by the International Franchise Association as the Assistant Director of Expositions. She is responsible for the logistical coordination, implementation and promotion of eight nationwide public trade shows and three private trade shows during the year.

At the national business meeting in 1988, she was selected as Executive Director of Ms. Wheelchair America, Inc. Her task was, and still is, to re-organize National Headquarters and to increase the public's knowledge of the Ms. Wheelchair America Program.

She graduated from Salisbury State University with a degree in Business Administration and attended Vanderbilt University's Nursing Program. Louise became involved in the Ms. Wheelchair program in 1985, when her sister Laura (Ms. Wheelchair Maryland 1986-87), entered as a contestant. She has been the State Coordinator for Ms. Wheelchair Maryland, Inc. since 1987.

Louise es empleada de la Asociación Internacional de Franquicias en calidad de asistente del director de exposiciones. Ella es la responsable de la coordinación logística, implementación y promoción de ocho exposiciones a nivel nacional y tres exposiciones privadas durante el año. Durante la reunión nacional de asuntos de Ms. Wheelchair America en el 1988 fue electa Directora Ejecutiva de dicha organización. Se la ha sido asignada la encomienda de reorganizar las oficinas centrales de Ms. Wheelchair America y promover el programa de la organización. Es graduada de Dalisbury State University con el grado de Administración de Negocios y cursó estudios en el programa de enfermería de Vandervilt University. Louise se interesó en el programa de Ms. Silla de Ruedas de Maryland 1986-87. El coordinador del Certamen por el estado de Maryland desde 1987.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant 1989 facilities to be used in the Hotel everyday from tuesday August 15 to Sunday August 20, 1989.

Tuesday	August 15	Breakfast & Dinner	Salón Real
Wednesday	August 17	Breakfast & Dinner	Salón Real
Thursday	August 17	Breakfast & Dinner	Salón Real
Friday	August 18	Breakfast & Banquet	Salón Real
Saturday	August 19	Breakfast & Dinner	Salón Real
Sunday	August 20	Breakfast	Salón Gobernador

MEETING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday	August 16	Executive Committee Meeting	Room 965
		Judges Interviews	Patio del Mar Room
Thursday	August 17	Executive Committee Meetings	Room 965
		Judges Interviews	Patio del Mar
Friday	August 18	Executive Committee Meetings	Room 965
Saturday	August 19	Rehearsal all day until 4:00 P.M. and Pageant	Patio del Fauno

MS. WHEELCHAIR AMERICA PAGEANT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 15 TO AUGUST 20

Tuesday	August 15	Arrival of Candidates
Wednesday	August 16	Visit to Bayamón City Hall, reception of City Hall, lunch, tour of the City of Bayamón (All day)
Thursday	August 17	Visit to Capital City San Juan. Visit to la Fortaleza (Governor Mansion). Reception in la Fortaleza. Visit to San Juan City Hall. Reception and Cocktail, lunch and tour of the City.
Friday	August 18	Visit to the Capitol, Reception and lunch in the Capitol. Visit to Luquillo Beach. 3:00 P.M. we return to the Hotel to prepare for the Banquet. Banquet will be at the Condado Beach Hotel in the Patio del Fauno Saloon.
Saturday	August 19	Rehearsal from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. we will serve snacks, lunch and refreshments. From 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 free time to get ready for the Pageant. Pageant will start at p.m. Sharp.

BREAKFAST SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	August 15	Dinner	Salón Real
Wednesday	August 16	Breakfast	Salón Real
Thursday	August 17	Breakfast	Salón Real
Friday	August 18	Breakfast	Salón Real
Saturday	August 19	Breakfast	Salón Real
Sunday	August 20	Breakfast	Salón Real

Lunches and dinners will be served in different restaurants everyday.

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... Introducing our Judges

***This is our pannel of judges for
Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant 1989***

- Mrs. Kathy Olson Judging Coordinator
Mrs. Sandra Honbaier Judge
(Ms. Wheelchair America 1986)
Mrs. Joan D. Peisher Judge
Mrs. Nancy Lillibridge Judge
Mr. Jose J. Alvarado Judge
Mrs. Nancy Blas Velez Judge
Miss Nancy Serrano Judge (Alternate Judge)
(Ms. Wheelchair P.R. 1979)

Judging Criteria

The Ms. Wheelchair America judging is based upon criteria established by the national committee of the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant. The following excerpts were taken from official judging guidelines:

A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS (40%)

1. Personal Achievements/Accomplishments since onset of disability only in the following areas:
 - Academic
 - Vocational
 - Personal
2. Adjustment to disability

B. COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS (40%)

1. Ability to deal with media, peers, civic groups, etc.
2. Public relations skills
3. Advocacy for persons with disabilities
4. Self-confidence/motivation/initiative/creativity

C. SELF-PERCEPTION/PROJECTION (20%)

1. Poise, demeanor
2. Appropriate attire, personal presentation



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CAPT. PAUL M. BLAYNEY,
C.O. OF U.S. COAST GUARD GREATER ANTILLES SECTION

The U.S. Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section, also referred to as GANTSEC, has a geographic area of responsibility of over 1.3 million square miles, stretching from Grand Turk Island to the north coast of South America. The numerous Coast Guard missions in the Caribbean include: search and rescue space (SAR), maritime law enforcement, aids to navigation, pollution control and merchant marine safety and inspection.

The focal point of all GANTSEC activities is the Operation Center located at Coast Guard Base San Juan. The Center is staffed to operate on a 24-hour per day basis and coordinates initial Coast Guard responses for the many incidents that transpire and reach the Center.

Among GANTSEC's varied missions conducted in the Caribbean, the Coast Guard receives considerable public recognition in the areas of search and rescue and law enforcement. In FY-1989, GANTSEC units responded to over 790 SAR cases, saving 203 lives while preserving property valued over \$4.5 million dollars. Since the beginning of FY-1987, GANTSEC Law Enforcement units were involved in seizing 47 vessels carrying a combined total of 189.38 tons of marijuana with a street value of \$1,883 million dollars and 6532 pounds of cocaine valued at \$50.4 million dollars. Several stolen boats were recovered and over 189 aliens were intercepted who were attempting to illegally enter the United States via Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

To accomplish these missions, GANTSEC has several resources upon which to call. Base San Juan provides logistic support to all GANTSEC units and operates several small boats used in search and rescue, law enforcement, boating safety and port security missions which occur in the San Juan area. The Base also acts as host for the Section Commander and his staff; a 110-foot Island class Patrol boat, USCGC ATTU; a Coast Guard Marine Safety Office; a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment, LEDET One; a Aids to Navigation Team, Aton San Juan; a reserve unit, Reserve Group San Juan; and a recruiting unit, Recruiting Office San Juan.

Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen, on the west coast of Puerto Rico has four HH-65A Dolphin helicopters which replaced the aging HH-3F aircraft. Assigned under the Air Station's fixed wing division are three HC-130 Hercules transports used for Search and rescue, law enforcement, logistical support and various other long-range aerial missions. Patrol Boat Squadron Two, headquartered at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads consists of five Island-class 110-foot patrol boats, each with a crew of 16. The Squadron's primary mission is to carry out enforcement of all U.S. maritime laws including those which prohibit contraband from entering the United States. Squadron Two vessels include: USCGC MONTHEGAN, USCGC NANTUCKET, USCGC NUNIVAK, USCGC OCRACOCKE and USCGC VASHON.

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands is homeport of the 82-foot patrol boat, USCGC POINT WHITEHORN and a Marine Safety Detachment.

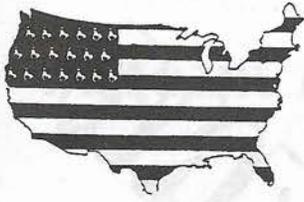
GANTSEC has increased efforts to assist and work with developing nations within the Caribbean area. Officers from several neighboring island nations have received training for their coast guard units and facilities aboard GANTSEC units. On several occasions joint training programs have been performed in host countries.

One of GANTSEC's most significant search and rescue cases began December 3rd, 1988, as an Illegal Aline interdiction operation the Mona Passage west of Puerto Rico when USCGC MONHEGAN discovered an 18-foot yola, a small open wooden boat, with 53 people on board. MONHEGAN stood by the yola until a vessel from the Dominican Republic Navy, CANOPUS, could arrive to return the people to the Dominican Republic. Well after dark and during the transfer to people to the CANOPUS, many of the people stood up in their boat causing it to capsize spilling approximately 38 people into the water. MONHEGAN's boarding party, already under way in their rigid hull inflatable, immediately began recovering people from the water, successfully recovering 22 of the people while CANOPUS recovered an additional eight survivors preventing a tremendous loss of life.

The 450 active duty military personnel and 55 civilians assigned to GANTSEC are continuing to carry out the traditions exemplified by the Coast Guard motto: "SEMPER PARATUS" (Always Ready).

RANK	NAME
1. LTJG	R. Garand
2. RMC	M. Ross
3. YNC	P.E. Pavlosky
4. RMI	S. Laney
5. TTI	I. Asencio
6. EM1	G.G. Rodríguez
7. MK2	J.E. Parilla
8. BM2	M. Silvey
9. SN	K.A. Aham
10. SN	L.A. Rivera
11. SN	R.L. Bailey
12. SN	R. García
13. FN	P.E. Campbell
14. SA	J. Gnerre
15. FA	T. Conkling

Captain Paul M. Blayney, Commander, Greater Antilles Section
 Commander Scott H. Smith, Deputy Commander, Greater Antilles Section
 Lieutenant David Hume III, Pageant Liaison Officer



MS. WHEELCHAIR PUERTO RICO PAGEANT

IN MY DEAR OLD SAN JUAN

*Words and Music by Noel Estrada
English Translation by Curtiss Long*

*In my dear Old San Juan
Precious dreams once were mine
In the days of my childhood
My first fleeting romance
And the pangs of young love
Now are memories treasured.*

*Then I parted one day
To a land far away
As my destiny called me
But my heart stayed behind
With the sea that was mine
In my dear Old San Juan.*

Chorus

*Good-bye, Borinquen, my homeland
Good-bye, my Queen of the Sea
I leave . . . but someday I shall return
To find love once again, to live once again
In my dear Old San Juan*

*But the years quickly passed
And cruel fate gayly laughed
At my terrible longing
How my heart calls to me
From my isle in the sea
There so small and enchanting*

*Silver covers my hair
And my life slips away
Now is death I must follow
But before I depart
I bequeath you my heart
Puerto Rico, I love you. . .*

Mr. Mario Cruz Ortiz, President of Ms. Wheelchair P.R. Inc. wrote this song honoring Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant and all the people that make possible the success of the Pageant at all levels. The music or the melody (Torna Sorrento) Come Back to Sorrento).

"WELCOME TO PUERTO RICO"

*Welcome, Welcome to Puerto Rico
The Pearl of the Caribbean
Where the sun is always shining
We have summer thru the year.*

*Welcome Ms. Wheelchair America
We are happy to have you here
We are proud to be your host
We want to see you every year.*

*Soon, the competition will be over
We hate to see you depart
Your memories will be remembered
We will keep you in our heart (Bis)*

*Ms. Wheelchair America. . .
Your memories will be remembered. . .
We. . . Keep you always. . .
Always. . . in our heart.*



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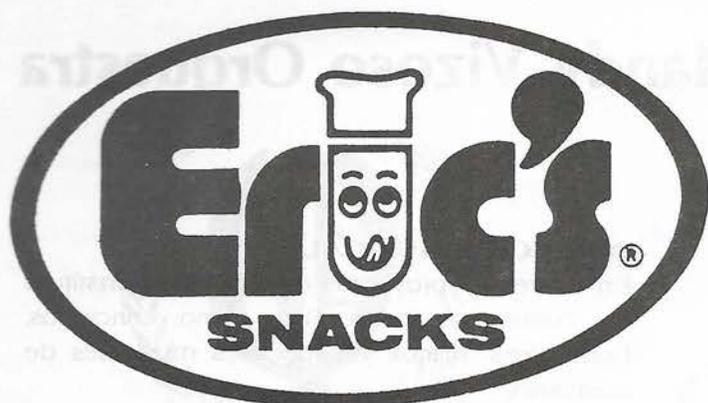
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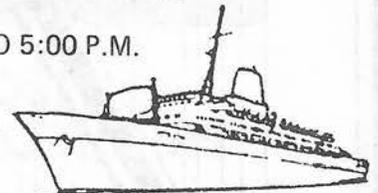
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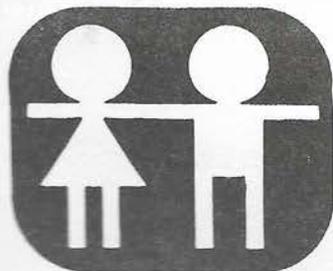
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