

Christina Gilmore

Ms. Wheelchair America 2000

Summit County Arena

Tallmadge, Ohio

August 6-7, 1999

7:30 p.m.

Price: \$5.00



Ms. Wheelchair America 1999, Christina Gilmore



Greetings, it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the 27th annual Ms. Wheelchair America Program. This year's program, "Peace, Love and Understanding" will give the women competing for the title, Ms. Wheelchair America 2000, the experience of a lifetime! Many new friendships will be formed, and the accomplishments of 16 talented women will inspire and amaze all of us.

Throughout my reign as Ms. Wheelchair America 1999, I have traveled the country from California to Florida and many states in between, spreading my message about the importance of education and positive mentoring. This experience, has allowed me to gain a true sense of what it means to be a strong, confident woman with a disability. I am excited at the opportunities in store for my successor as she too will inspire and be inspired!

It is my hope that all of you enjoy your time here in Akron while you help me celebrate the achievements of the wonderful women competing for the title Ms. Wheelchair America 2000!



Sincerely,

Christina Gilmore

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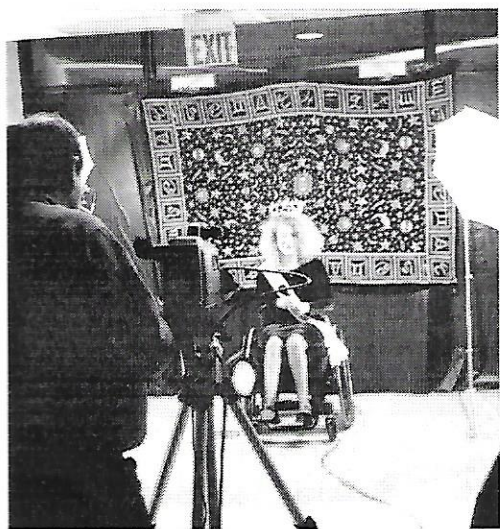
Ms. Wheelchair America 1999



First autograph after winning



Speaking with the Press



Back Stage At Ms. Wheelchair Ohio
Live Remote Broadcast!



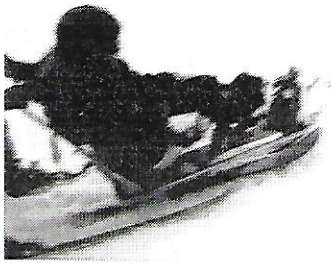
At the crowning of Ms. WC Ohio
Lena Smith with Jim O'Brien, WQMX



Autographs for the Project
Understanding kids!



After MWA with Ohio Representatives
Carole Bright, Lowery Lockard, and
Marlene Shepard



Ms. Wheelchair America
Skiing



With new friend at
Ski for Light



Christine at
Ms. Wheelchair Colorado



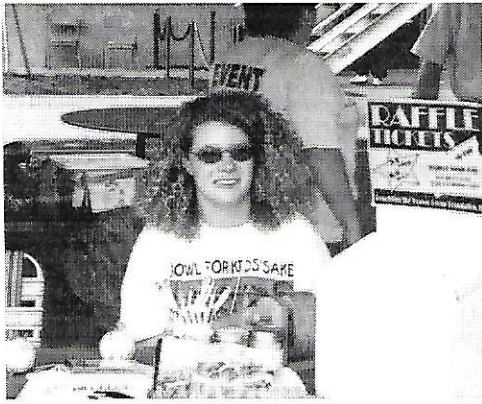
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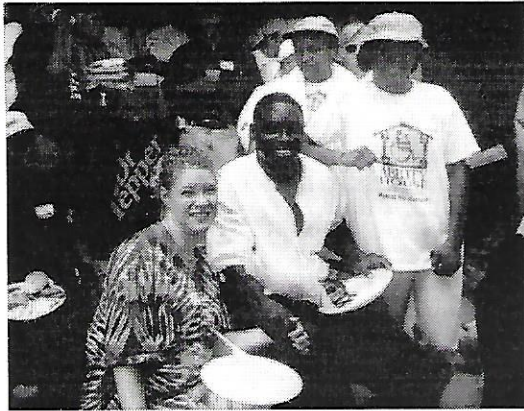
Presentation of Project Understanding
to high school students



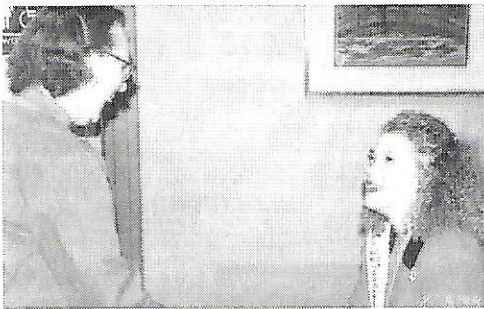
Miss New York State 1999
Deana Herrera



Working at
Weaver Music Fair



First Ability House owner
Chris Wright



Meeting with hospital
volunteers



Working with WQMX to
raise funds for people with
disabilities



At Cuyahoga Falls General
Hospital



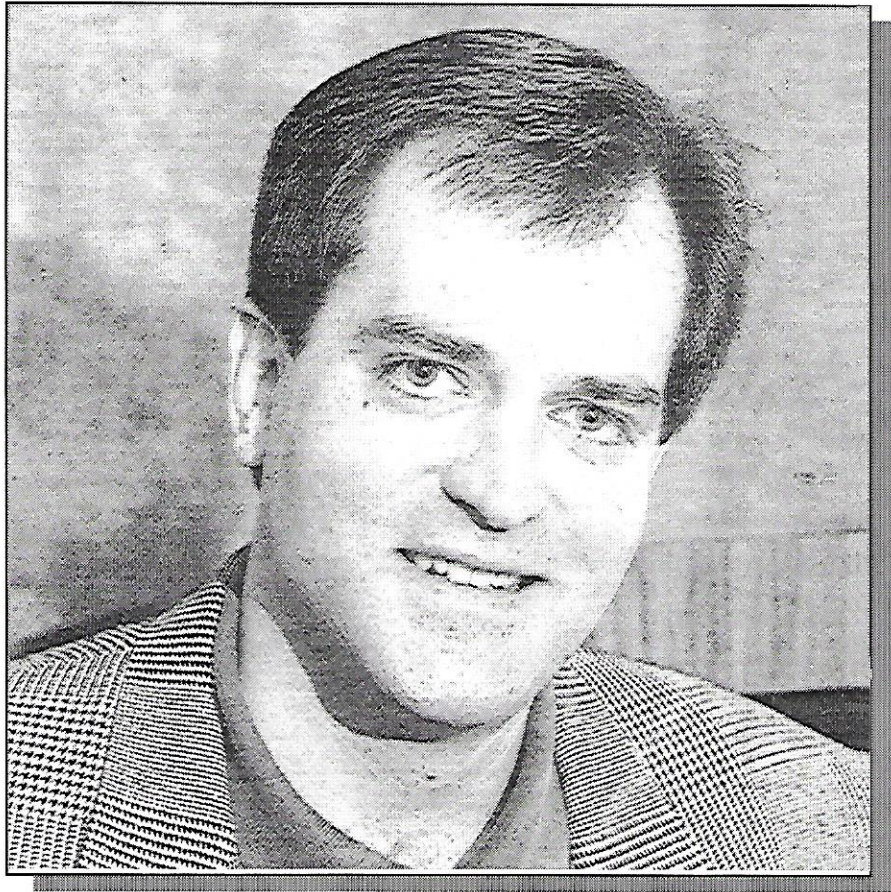
Miami Commissioner
Joe Sanchez and
Miss Miami Kelly Gaudet



Texas Govenor
George W. Bush

Ms. Wheelchair America 2000

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Mr. Jim O'Brien

Morning Drive Host, WQMX, FM 94.9

Thank you, Jim, for your continued support of the Ms. Wheelchair Program and for your continued support, advocacy and voice for people with disabilities in Summit County.

Ms. Wheelchair America 2000 Panel of Judges



Mark A. Davis, M.A., is no stranger to pageant judging having judged over 70 Miss America Local preliminaries including Miss Ohio 2000 this past June. He is a former director/producer of 4 preliminaries and has served as the Miss Ohio Field Director and Associate Producer. As a person living with two disabilities, he has been a consumer of services and long-term survivor. Mark's struggle to maintain independence and to empower himself were the motivating factors that have led him to be the Founding President of the

Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association, Founding Director of the Involved Consumer Action Network (I CAN) in Penn. He is also a grassroots advocate for people with disabilities. Currently, Mark is the Health Systems Coordinator for the AIDS Activities Coordinating Office of the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health.



Sandra Kidd has eighteen years of professional experience in service delivery to people with disabilities, twelve of which have been in management or administrative positions in human service organizations. She received her Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. Currently, she is the Assistant to the Executive Director of Evant, an organization which provides 22 homes in the Summit County area for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. She and husband Patrick are

the proud parents of 4 year old daughter, Madison.



Barry Alan McGhee comes to us from San Diego, California where he is currently pursuing a career in acting. He has appeared in "The Last Shot", "The Basics", "Butterfingers" and "Fear of Discovery" for film and television. He has also appeared at the St. James Theatre in "My Children, My Africa", and "Death of a Salesman". Barry is also the owner of Visual Concepts Advertising, and enjoys all type of sports, excelling in basketball, football and

swimming. He is the proud father of 3 year old Nicholas.

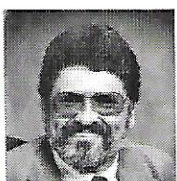
Bradley Morgan comes to us from South Dakota. A very busy man, he is currently a Board Member of the South Dakota Coalition of Citizens With Disabilities, a participant and Board Member of the Black Hills Regional Ski for Light, and has also participated in the Burnt Toast Toastmasters. He owns a business in manufacturing fertilizer with his family and partner Christopher. It was during a car crash that he was paralyzed, however, never during his rehab did he lose his lifelong conviction that anything was possible. He credits Craig

Hospital in Englewood, Colorado with providing him the tools and knowledge he needed to keep his attitude realistic.



Carrie Padgett is a kindergarten teacher from Old Hickory, Tennessee. She volunteers with the Easter Seal Spinal Cord Support Network as a peer counselor and has taught a G.E.D. class for adults with disabilities. She also enjoys working with the FRIST sports camp for children with disabilities, the Girl Scouts, the Ronald McDonald House and serves on the Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association Executive Board. Carrie has received the

Nashville Mayor's Award for enhancing the environment for people with disabilities and was recognized as an Outstanding Woman by the Otahki Girl Scout Council. She was Ms. Wheelchair Tennessee in 1997. She enjoys singing, water skiing, playing tennis, and scuba diving. Carrie uses a wheelchair as a result of an automobile accident in 1990.



Dick Sheppard recently retired from the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities where he served as Program Manager in the Office of Plans, Projects and Services. For the last few years, Dick has had program development responsibility for High School/HIGH TECH, a national program that has encouraged thousands of high school students with disabilities to pursue higher education and careers in science, engineering and high technology fields. Prior to joining the Committee, Dick served as a Division Chief for

Vocational Support Services in the D.C. Bureau of Rehabilitation, and as a school-to-work transition coordinator. He is an advisor to the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, as well as a member on many different Boards that deal with different disabilities.

MWA 2000 CONTESTANTS



Name: Angela Cook
Title: Ms. Wheelchair California
Platform: "Access with Dignity"



Angela Cook joins in the competition by representing sunny California. She is a licensed hairdresser and a respected journalist. She has written articles in local newspapers regarding wheelchair related issues, and also publishes a newsletter for her 4WD club. Angela believes that people need to be educated about disabilities so that discrimination does not occur, and she also speaks at functions on how to improve wheelchair accessibility.

Angela maintains a very active life. Along with water sports and off-roading, she is working on building her own rock-crawling jeep, and she also got married less than three months ago.



Name: Tracy Charlton

Title: Ms. Wheelchair South Dakota

Platform: "Use Your Mind to Protect Your Body"

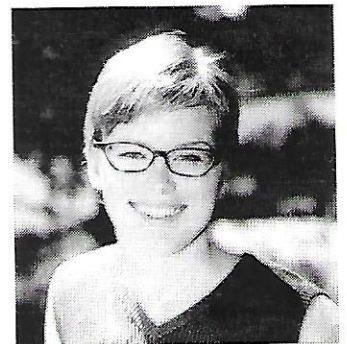
Tracy Charlton is the coordinator and only presenter for the "Think First" program; is involved in Friends of Rehab, and counsels patients with spinal cord injuries. She is also involved in Big Brother/Big Sister and speaks to young people about courage and other related topics. Tracy has spoken to over 8,000 people in the last four years on the prevention of spinal cord injuries, and just keeps on going. The Girl Scouts of America voted her "Woman of Distinction of the Year". Tracy hopes to someday write a book about her experiences and also open a ranch for handicapped kids.

Tracy enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, fishing and riding horses. She is also employed at the Rapid City Regional Hospital, and builds spec homes on the side.

Name: Jennifer Gasner

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin

Platform: "Volunteerism is something individuals with disabilities can involve themselves in. It does not need to involve a lot of energy or time, and can benefit every person involved."



Jennifer Gasner is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a Bachelor of Arts in English and also has a Master of Science degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. She has been involved in Habitat for Humanity and also participated in the Midwest Special Recreation Society ADA workshop as a panel member. In college, Jennifer participated in several committees including The Student Activities Board, The National Association for Campus Activities and also the campus radio station. In 1994, Jennifer won the UWP Foundation Award and in 1996 was nominated for the Class Valedictory Speech.

Jennifer is an avid music enthusiast, and has seen over sixty concerts. She has also had the privilege of meeting some of her favorite artists, which includes 10,000 Maniacs, The Bodeans, The Freddy Jones Band, and is a friend of Dave Matthews.



Name: Robbin Wagner-Head

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Kentucky

Platform: "Courage of self in mettle, spirit, resolution and tenacity."

Robbin Wagner-Head is a student at the University of Louisville studying towards a degree in sociology, and will end up graduating the same year as her daughter. She is a peer mentor for people with disabilities, and also a member of the Derby City chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Robbin has achieved eligibility to participate in the National Student Exchange due to her academic accomplishments.

Robbin enjoys handmade ceramic pottery and also collects porcelain dolls. She is currently learning American Sign Language as a second language, and is also learning how to modify swimming strokes in order to enable her to swim.

Name: Katie Phemister Kirkham

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Colorado

Platform: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

—Theodore Roosevelt



Katie Phemister Kirkham is a licensed child psychologist, and uses one of her pet cockatoo birds as a therapy tool. She is involved in several community services and committees, some of which include being the President of The Front Range Avian Society, a member of the Multiple Sclerosis Advisory Board, Front Range Avian Society Junior Division Sponsor, United Day Care Center Board of Directors and a Parent Educator with a variety of programs. Katie also announces high school basketball games, advertises regional fund raising events on KPAW radio station and calls bingo for the Eyestone Parent Teacher Organization. She has spoken to many school children and community leaders about disabilities, including the Governor of Colorado.

Tennis, water skiing and snow skiing are only some of the activities Katie enjoys. She would someday like to try using a racing wheelchair or a hand-cycle, and would like to be able to add a cruise onto the long list of places she has traveled.



Name: Christina Martin

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Florida

Platform: "Fighting Underage Drinking"

Christina Martin is the National Spokesperson for Alcohol Free Kids, Inc. She warns kids about how dangerous underage drinking is, and she has a good reason to. Christina was paralyzed in a car accident, which was caused by her drinking and driving. She speaks very strongly on the subject to young people in schools across the country. Christina, along with her mother, formed the Alibi's Racing Team and has been competing in NASCAR races for the last five years. She is the Goodwill Ambassador for Jazzy Power Chairs, who is also one of the major sponsors for her racing company. She participates in the Florida Disabled Outdoor Association, and also in the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology, Inc. (FAAST).

Christina hopes to continue touring and speaking to young people, and would also like to continue her modeling career. She enjoys being outdoors, going to the beach, scuba diving, and playing pool, golf, and target shooting. She also enjoys being a marketing representative for the magazine, "Disabled Dealer".

Name: Carol McClure

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Iowa

Platform: "There is a shining star within us all, disabled or not, if we only believe."



Carol McClure is a student at Kirkwood Community College working on an Associates degree in Computer Programming. She has worked with the March for Dimes, and also at Camp Courageous in Iowa. She strives to motivate people to realize their potential, disabled or not.

This former poster child was not supposed to live past two days of birth, and when she did, her parents were told she would never speak, hear or see. Carol pulled through all the doctors' predictions, and joins our competition as an optimistic woman who claims, she always smiles.



Name: Andreena Patton

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Georgia

Platform: "Educate people without disabilities about people with disabilities stressing the importance of independence."

Andreena Patton is a senior this year at Mercer University, studying for a degree in Early Childhood Development. She is the President of Alpha Gamma Delta at her school, and was awarded the Outstanding Organizational Member and Model Sister for the sorority. She is currently involved in a special project to make Mercer University more accessible for students and faculty with disabilities. Andreena is also involved in several organizations, which include Student Government Association and also Order of Omega, a Greek Honor Society.

Andreena claims that her greatest achievement was learning to live with a disability, and says she wouldn't be at the point she is in her life today without each member of her unusually large, intermediate family (three sets of parents, two biological brothers, three brothers, two sisters, three sister-in-laws, one brother-in-law and several nephews and nieces!!!!)

Name: Lena Christine Smith

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Ohio

Platform: "The Power of a Smile"



Lena Christine Smith is a member of the Canton/ Dover/ Wooster Local Consumer Advisory Council of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission's Southeast Area Advisory Council, and also a member of her church's Taskforce on Building Accessibility. She is a licensed social worker and hopes to someday become a licensed independent social worker.

Lena believes that being disabled does not mean that a person cannot be successful or live a fulfilling life, and she definitely lives up to that. She enjoys playing sports, reading, traveling and going to the movies. Lena also claims she will try anything at least once just for the experience and challenge.



Name: Diana Stewart

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Maryland

Platform: "Make people aware of the lost potential to employers when adequate nursing and personal care services are not available to those able and willing to work outside the home."

This Dallas Cowboys fan and professed "Wizard of Oz" fanatic, joins the competition in high spirits. Diana Stewart has a BA degree in Mass Communications from the University of Maryland, and is working on a Masters degree from Bowie State University in Organizational Communications. She has had several articles related to disability issues published, along with some of her own poetry.

Diane had a tracheotomy in 1998, which made it very hard for her to talk, and she said ironically, that was when she acquired her passion for public speaking. She has spoken at functions for parents of children with disabilities, and also to the Food and Drug Administration regarding the role of folic acid in the prevention of neural tube defects.

Becoming an executive member of the Ms. Wheelchair Maryland organization, and writing for radio and television to improve perceptions of people with disabilities in the media, are only some of the plans Diane has for the future.

Name: Jill Street

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Missouri

Platform: "Specializing in disability travel and speaking for the 'Think First' program designed on safety and prevention for kids and adults."



Jill Street is a volunteer for the Steve Palermo chapter helping raise money for SCI; she is also a volunteer for the wheelchair bowling association along with the Deron Cherry's golf tournament. As a certified travel agent, Jill helps people with disabilities travel all over the world, and has also traveled several places herself.

As of December of 1998, Jill is the only one in Kentucky to be a wheelchair fencer, and after training for only one month, she captured third place in the national competition. She believes a disability is only in the eyes of that person and how they will accomplish what they set out to do.

Jill gives all the credit to God for getting her through a coma after the accident that left her paralyzed, and keeps striving for more faith in Him. She has several goals for the future, but her ultimate goal is to someday walk again.



Name: Jaci Sweet

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Washington

Platform: "Service Dogs: the role they play in their disabled partner's life."

Jaci Sweet is a registered nurse, and pursuing a career in oncology. She is a volunteer at the local food bank as a secretary, and is also a triage nurse at the Community Health Care Center. Along with being the NW Coordinator for the New Life Mobility Assistance Dog School, Jaci speaks to businesses and public functions about assistance dogs and partners. She is also a participant in the Society for Creative Anachronism, which is a historical re-creational group.

Jaci's motto is "God puts us in different places, times and situations to learn, grow and help others through our own growth and achievements." She believes that a disabled person has a greater inner strength that comes from attitudinal barriers and public opinion, not only outward physical obstacles. In the future, Jaci would like to help disabled people accomplish their dreams and goals, such as having a family or finishing their education, and pursuing a career.

Name: Dawn Teresa Parkot

Title: Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey

Platform: "To demand a solid education, not a watered down facsimile, to equip the disabled to be fully integrated in the workforce."



Dawn Parkot is a student at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana working on a Masters degree in Computer Science and Engineering. She is a volunteer at the Juvenile Diabetes Association, works on developing wheelchair access information for Broadway shows and is also a tester and developer of computer equipment for the disabled.

Dawn was the first student with multiple disabilities in the history of the university. After she graduated, she was invited into the graduate program, and became the first disabled student in that program as well. Her fellow students founded an award in her name to be given to future students who succeed in life despite unthinkable odds. "Work hard, play hard and don't let life pass you by!" is Dawn's motto. She says that disabled people have to be better than the best to make it in this world.



Name: Theresa Crockett

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Tennessee

Platform: "To educate doctors as well as insurance companies on the necessities that the disabled are in need of."

Theresa Crockett is a student at MTSU pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. She travels throughout her community promoting disability awareness, and has also attended several schools and churches to speak on the same topic.

Theresa credits herself with being a very positive person, and says that when you talk to an individual using a positive attitude, it can make a world of difference in how that person will handle situations in the future. A positive attitude is contagious!

Name: Angela Nix

Title: Ms. Wheelchair South Carolina

Platform: "The importance of education in society about persons with disabilities"



Angela Nix is a Board Member for the Meyers Center for Special Children, a Participant in the Local Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, a Member of the National Association of Social Work, and involved in various outreach programs through her church.

Through out her childhood and teen years, Angela received several recognitions including, Queen of Shrine Bowl Races, 1989 Greenville County Student of the Year, 1989 South Carolina Student of the Year, and earned various full scholarships to different colleges. In recent years, Angela was the first wheelchair bound person to go to the top of the Statue of Liberty, and is also playing on South Carolina's first wheelchair softball team.



Name: Lisa Ann Kirk

Title: Ms. Wheelchair Michigan

Platform: "I'm In With the Kids"

This Michigan State Spartan is an aspiring author and also a big fan of public speaking. Lisa Ann Kirk is working on a book right now and hopes to be published some day. She has also had the opportunity to speak to high school students across the state about the dangers of drunk driving. Lisa has also been interviewed on two different local stations and was featured in an article in YM Magazine.

Currently, Lisa is working at Freedom Driving Aras, a company that specializes in conversion vans with adaptive equipment for the disabled, and is also putting together a group of her peers to do speaking engagements at elementary and middle schools. They will be speaking on disability awareness to students across Michigan.

MWA ITINERARY 2000

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1999

- 8:30 am ***WELCOME BREAKFAST @ RADISSON***
Citi View North - Contestant & Companion Briefing Only
- 10:00am ***NATIONAL PRESS DAY / SEA WORLD OF CLEVELAND***
Additional guests are ***encouraged*** to join us for Press Day at Sea World! Additional guests can purchase tickets at the park. Guests must provide their own transportation.
- 7:30-9:30pm ***CASUAL GET ACQUAINTED PARTY @ RADISSON***
Citi View North – Guests Welcome – No Charge/Cash Bar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1999

- 8:00am ***BREAKFAST AND BRIEFING @ RADISSON***
Citi View North - Contestants, Companion & Staff Only
- 8:30am ***PRIVATE INTERVIEW SESSION ONE***
Citi View South – Private No Guests
- 9:00-10:30am ***CONTESTANT LEARNING WORKSHOPS I***
Citi View East – Contestants, Companions Only
Lois' Something Special will present fashion tips for today's woman
- 10:30-12noon ***CONTESTANT LEARNING WORKSHOP II***
Citi View East – Contestants, Companions Only
Dr. Collin Myers will present "Dynamics of Impression"
- 12 NOON ***MWA 2000 LUNCHEON***
Citi View North – Guests Welcome - \$15 each
Featuring Jim O'Brien from WQMX, MWA Christina Gilmore, and Tim Harrington.
- 2:00pm ***PRIVATE INTERVIEW SESSION TWO***
Citi View South – Private No Guests
- 2:30-3:30pm ***CONTESTANT LEARNING WORKSHOP III***
Citi View East - Contestants, Companions Only
Patti Noussias will present presentation tips for women with disabilities
- 7:15pm ***OHIO RACERS -vs- GEORGIA PRIDE***

Contestants will go to Firestone Stadium as special guests of the Racers, fast pitch professional women's softball game. Contestants will be introduced during the game, Ms. Wheelchair California, Angela Cook will perform the national anthem and MWA Christina Gilmore will throw out the first pitch. Additional guests can purchase tickets for the game at the gate.

MWA ITINERARY 2000

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1999

- 8:30am ***PRIVATE INTERVIEW SESSION III***
Citi View South – Private No Guests
- 10:00am ***NATIONAL BOARD MEETING***
Citi View East – National Board Members & State Coordinators/Staff
- 2:30PM ***FRIDAY COMPETITION REHEARSAL***
Contestants will learn the production numbers & rehearse platform speeches.
Contestants WILL NOT RETURN TO THE RADISSON prior to show time.
- 7:30pm ***PRELIMINARY ON-STAGE COMPETITION***
Summit County Fairgrounds Arena - \$5 each (all ages) and available at the door.
- 9:30-10:00pm ***CONTESTANT MEET & GREET***
Contestants will sign autographs and mingle with the public & press.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1999

- 8:30am ***PRIVATE INTERVIEW SESSION IV***
Citi View South – Private No Guests
- 1:00pm ***FINAL SHOW REHEARSAL – CLOSED REHEARSAL***
contestants, one companion, & staff only – NO GUESTS
Contestants **WILL NOT** RETURN TO THE RADISSON prior to show time.
- 7:30pm ***FINAL NIGHT ON-STAGE COMPETITION***
Summit County Fairgrounds Arena - \$15 each (all ages) and available at the door.
Announcement of Top 8 finalists, competition & Crowning of MWA 2000
- 9:30-11:00pm ***CORONATIONAL BALL***
Immediately following the crowning – no charge with Saturday show ticket

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1999

- 10:30am ***CONTESTANT FAREWELL WITH NEW MWA 2000***
Board Room – to left of main lobby
- 11:00am ***PLANNING MEETING WITH NEW MWA 2000 & MWA BOARD***

***For Information during MWA week... PAGEANT CENTRAL
located in the main lobby & on the 19th floor***



Mo' Shambo (named after two hippie friends of the band) is a good time, hippie jam band in the tradition of the Grateful Dead. This seven piece group rocks out a wide range of the kind of tunes that make you want to get up and move. With the help of a drummer and two percussionists that ignite the band's infectious rhythms. Mo' Shambo is rounded out by three more rhythm instruments, guitar, keyboard, bass and the passion provoking flute of Josh Markle.

We are pleased to have Mo' Shambo here to bring us the sounds of the late 60's, early 70's as they set the mood for "Peace, Love and Understanding!" Members of Mo' Shambo are: Josh Markle – flute & vocals; Ruth Markle – percussion & vocals; Bob Hosnik bass guitar; Bill Roth – percussion, congas and vocals; Will Roth – guitar and vocals; Denise Brown – drums and vocals; and Scott "Tippy" Myers – keyboards.

Lowery Lockard and Alan Irvin have been singing together for the past 4 years. Initially, they spent time singing with Troupe Du Jour, and now they are part of the country music band LOWERY & Suede, which have been prime performers in the Northeast Ohio area for the past three years. Lowery has been singing country music her whole life and enjoys live performing. Alan has been singing in church choirs, community choirs and local



theater productions since his 20's. Together, these two have a beautiful mix and are well known in the area for their harmonies. Currently, Lowery is recording her first cd in Nashville under the watchful eye of producer Randy Boudreaux. Alan made the trip to Nashville to add his talents to some of the songs on the CD. The cd release is set for early 2000. We are pleased to have these two fine performers provide a special treat for this years Ms. Wheelchair America Contestants!

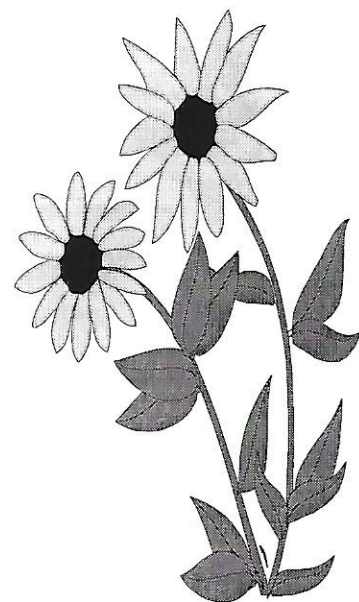


Many thanks to the seventeen
Women who have volunteered to
Chaperone this year's
Ms. Wheelchair America
Contestants!



Amy Balazowich
Andrea Jacobson
Angela Koehler
Betty Skeans
Bonnie Long, Coord.
Diana Thomas
Jean Fish
Jennie Scott
Maggie Albright, Coord.

Patty Clemetson
Pearl Johnson
Phyllis Gauer
Robin Greene
Robin Perkins
Sarah Warren
Shirley Boldin
Tena Bauer
Tessa Krismer
Virginia Blomgren-Lawrence



Many thanks to these following gentlemen acting as:

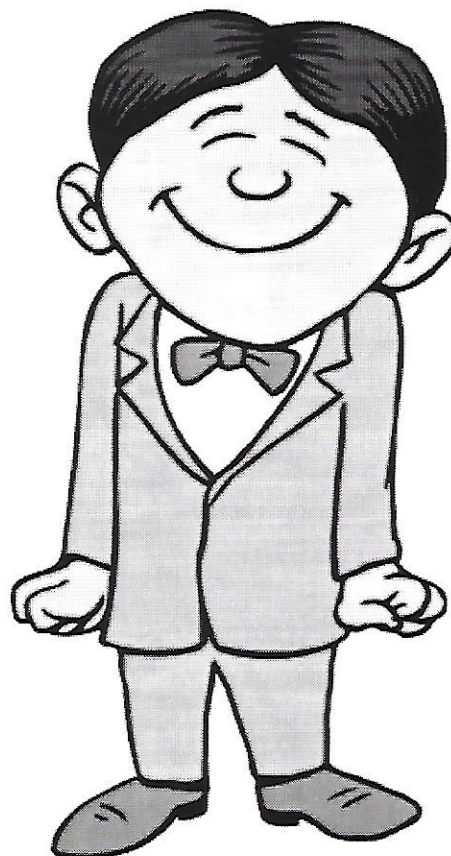


CONTESTANT ESCORTS

Alan Irvin
Brett Berger
Christopher Long
D.J. Diebold
Jake Digman
Kevin Gilmore
Leonard Smith
Luther Hustson
Paul Auls
Robert Gooden
Tom Bilcze

CONTESTANT LITTLE BROTHERS

Andrew Walch
Brian Dowling
Cameron McAdory
Cedrick McAdory
Jacob Dowling
James Wallace White
Justin Delaney
Kane Fashbaugh
Morgan Ross Frye
Trent Gaither



WHO MAKES IT GROOVY

LOWERY D. LOCKARD,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

MWA COMMITTEE

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BLANE WHITE - FOOD/PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

BOB CRAVEN - CONTESTANT GIFTS

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LARRY CASSIDY - CORONATION BALL/FOOD

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MARY MENDOZA - WORKSHOP COORDINATOR/HOTEL

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TOM MORAN - TRANSPORTATION

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JOE HAYDEN - SECURITY/PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

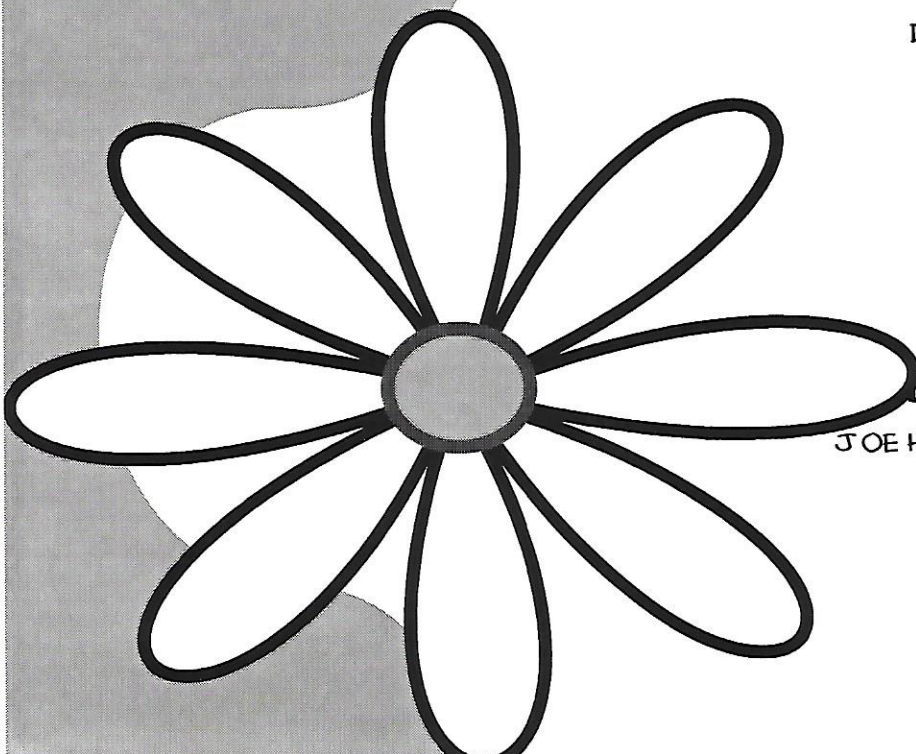
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PAUL REEVES - LIGHTING

TOM SEIBERT - SOUND ENGINEERING

BRAD HALM - SPOT OPERATOR

BECKY DUNLAP - SPOT OPERATOR





Ms. Wheelchair America Merchandise

T-Shirt	\$15
Back Pack	\$15
Tote Bag	\$10
Water Bottle	\$3
Rainbow Slinky	\$3
Bubbles	\$1
Key Chain	\$3
Goblet	\$5
Program Book	\$5
MWA 2000 Video	\$30
MWA Photo Package	\$40

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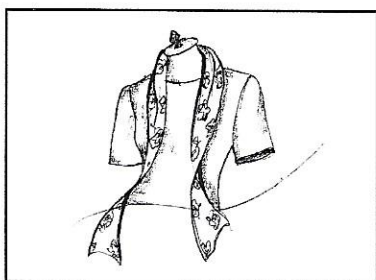
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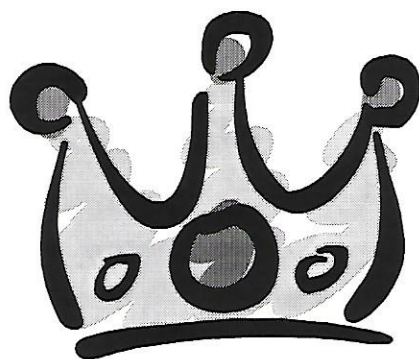
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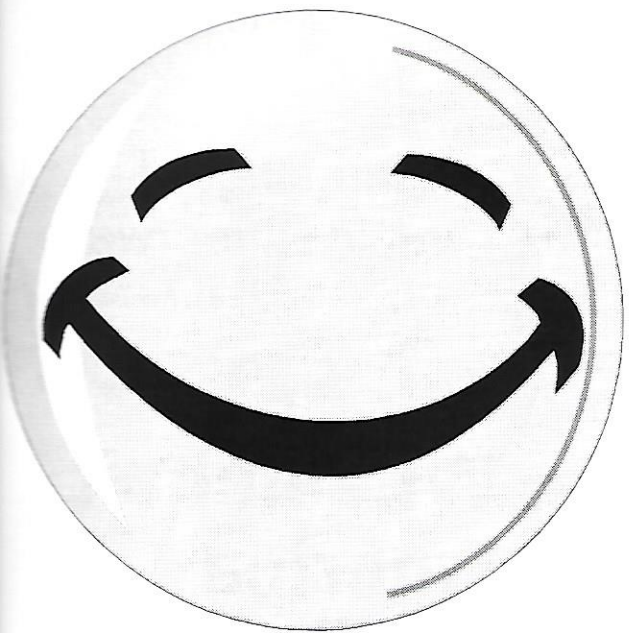


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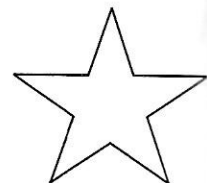
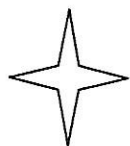
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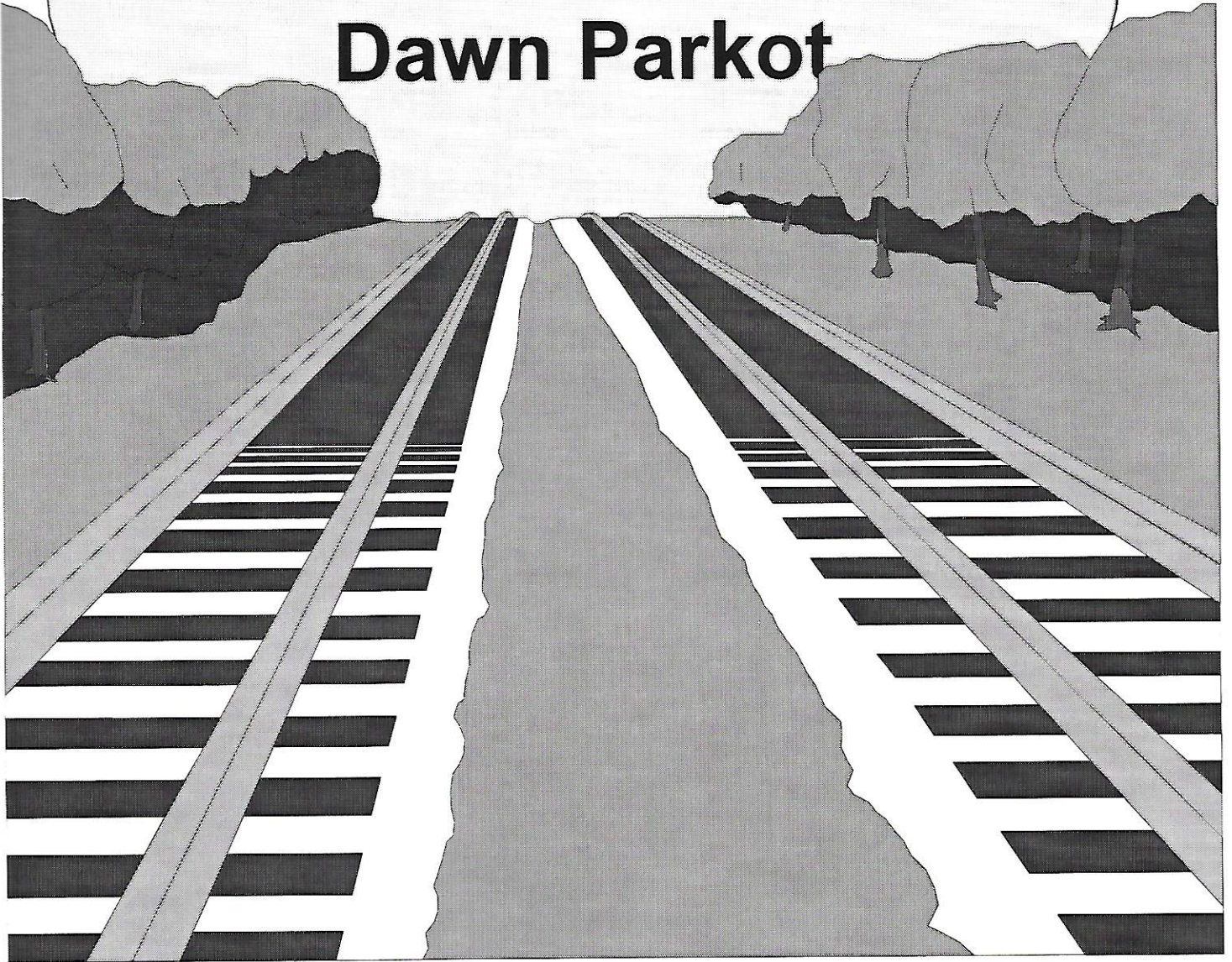
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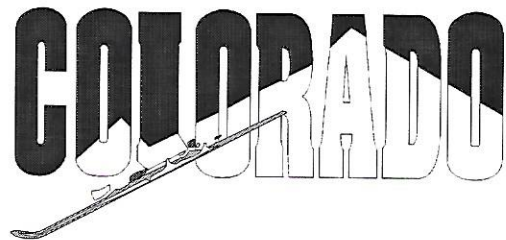
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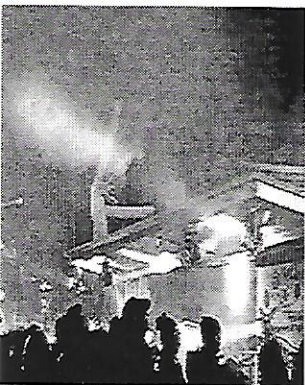
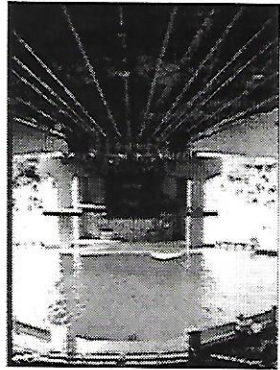


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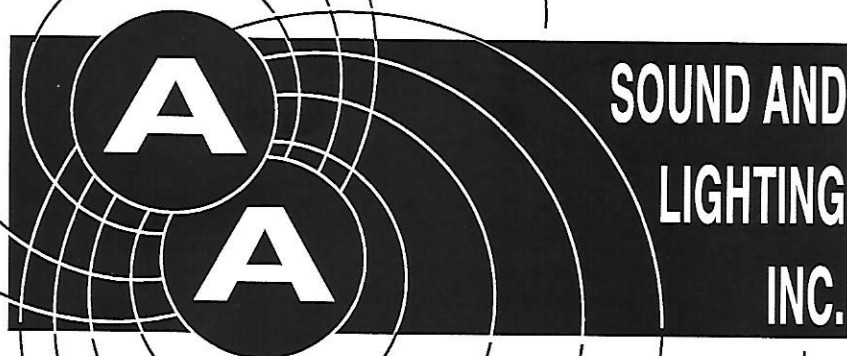


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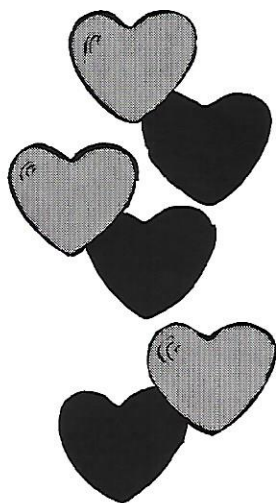
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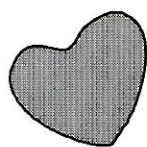
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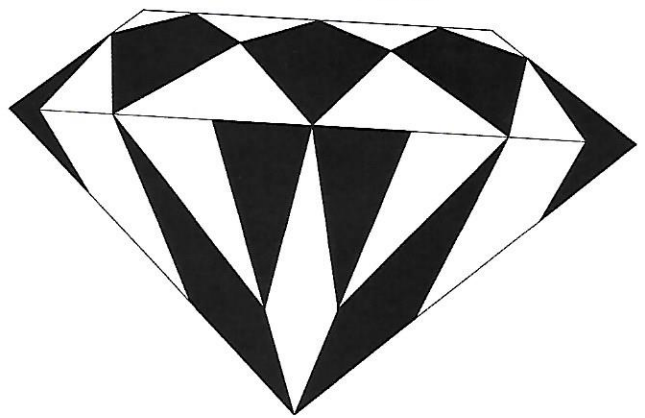
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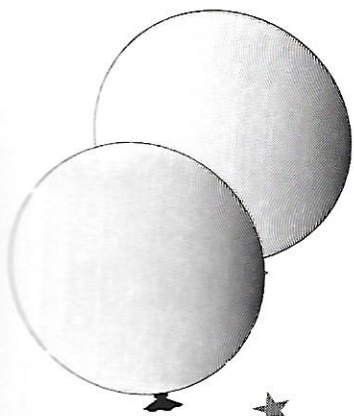
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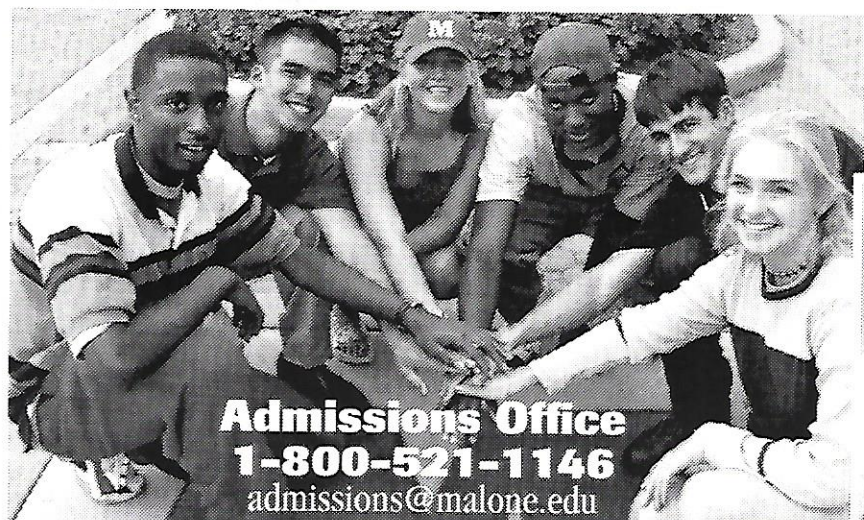
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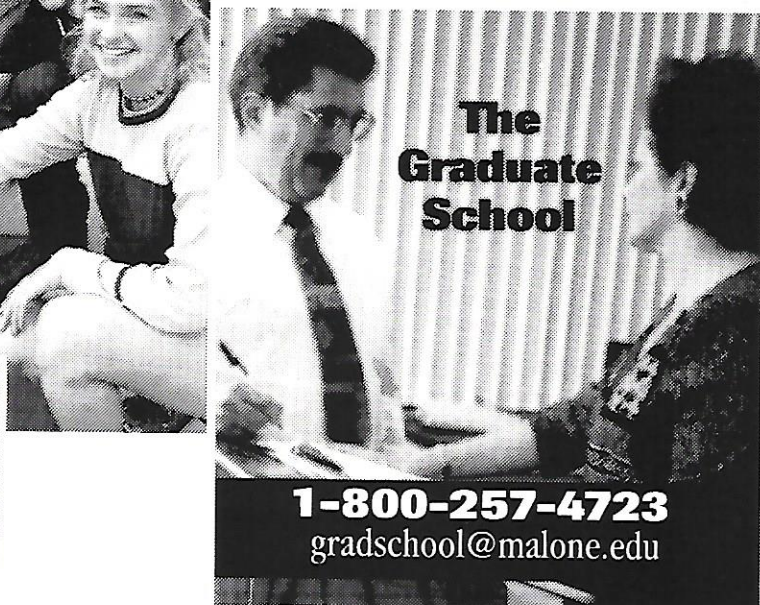
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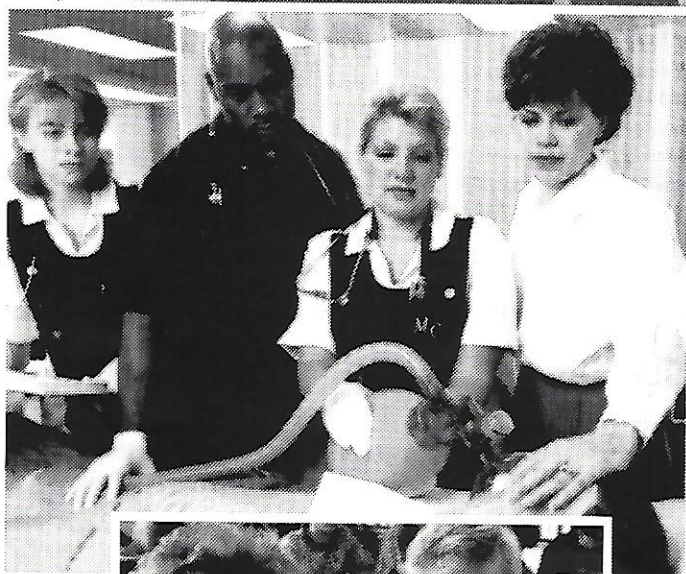


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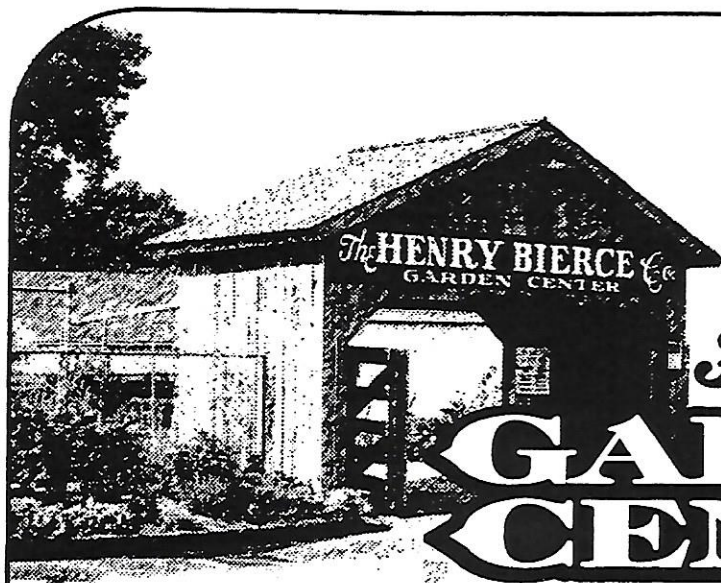
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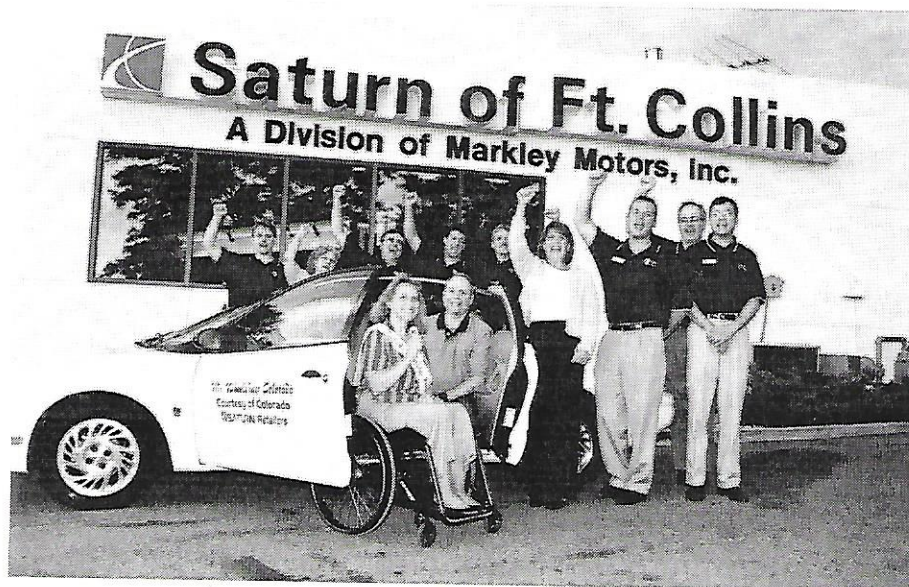
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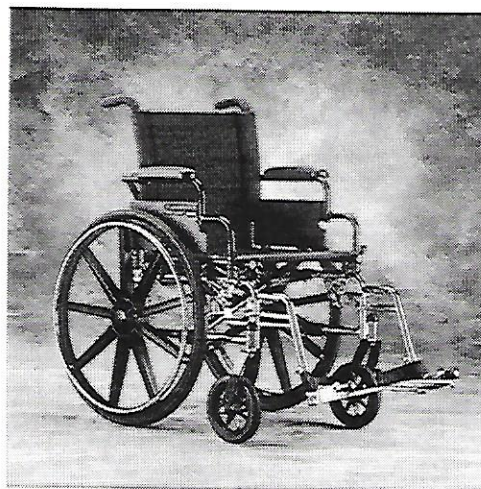
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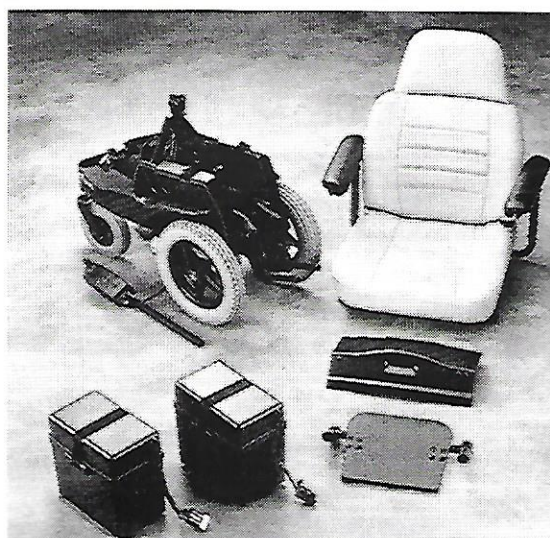
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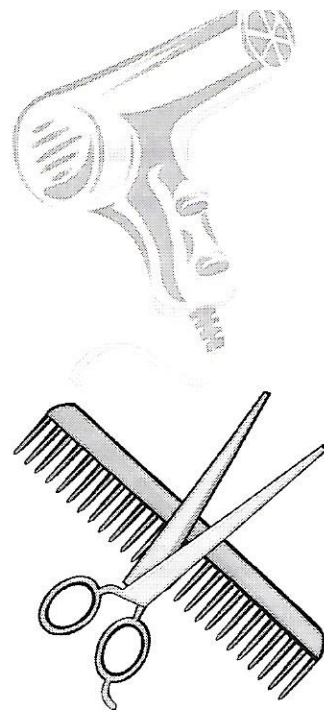
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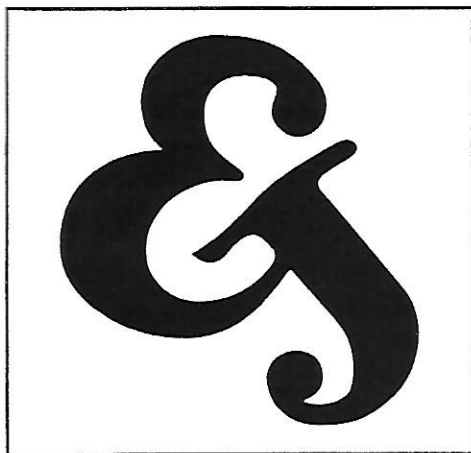
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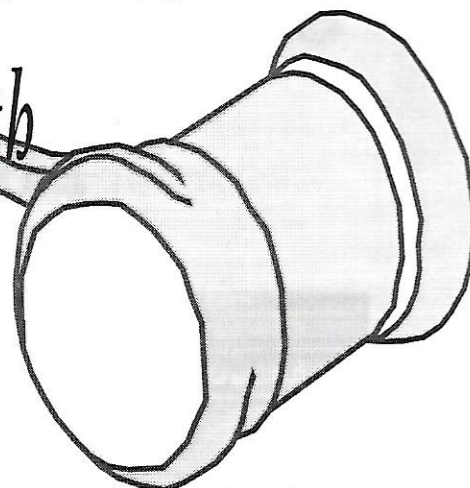
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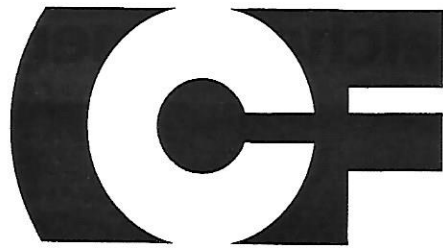
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