

Workstream

Texas Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons



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*Paul Roth,
chairperson, greets
members at early
morning meeting of
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President's Committee comes to Dallas

May 22 - 24, 1991, Dallas, is your chance to have it all. From the pre-conference orientation for new attendees through the colorful opening session to the final closing ovations, the 1991 annual meeting and Training Conference of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities promises three days of challenge and celebration. In this, the first

annual meeting held by the President's Committee since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, workshops and plenary sessions are brimful of awareness of this new American phenomena. The challenge of fulfilling the promise of ADA and strategies for empowering people with disabilities form the backdrop of the program's educational content. Conference participants can choose from a wide selection of workshops including

several that will present essential information on the implementation of the ADA. In addition to three general sessions, there will be over 40 workshops that provide something for everyone -- employers, service providers, and consumers. A dozen workshops will focus on employment related needs of persons with various functional limitations such as visual impairments,

learning disabilities, mental retardation, traumatic brain injury, hearing impairments and others. Four major concurrent sessions will focus on minorities with disabilities, organized labor issues, employer issues, and the legislative process.

Sign in please!

Register early! The May 22 - 24, 1991 President's Committee conference in Dallas would be a bargain at any price. But with no registration fee, and many of the nation's foremost business and labor leaders as well as advocates and disability professionals on the program, this conference is one you can't afford to miss. The advance program with registration information included will be available soon. If you don't receive one, call the Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons, 512-483-4380, or Conference Headquarters, 214-464-6507. ■

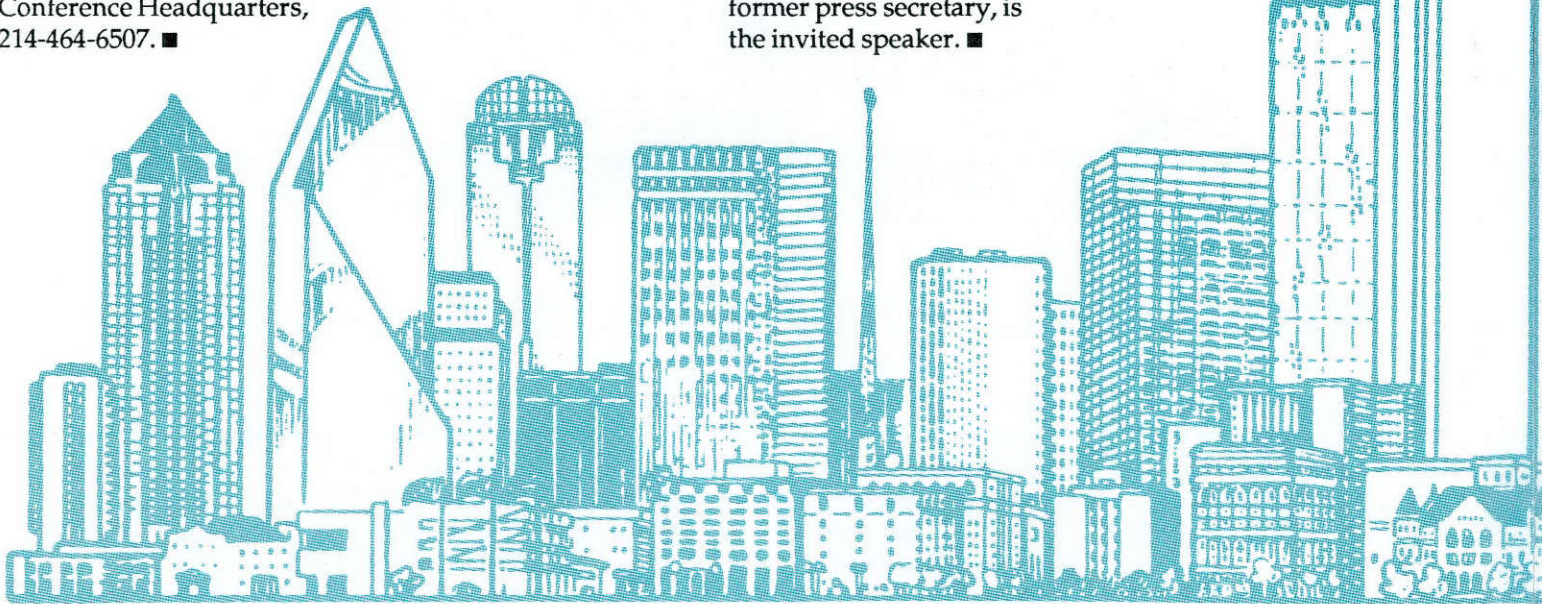
Icebreaker

Whether you are coming from near or far, don't miss the Tuesday night, May 21, icebreaker. It's going to be "cool!" A little Texas hospitality treat . . . this event is planned so you can say "Howdy, Partner" to a few hundred of your old and new friends. ■

Media Kudos

The esteemed Barbara Jordan Awards for excellence in public communication about people with disabilities will be presented this year in conjunction with the President's Committee national media awards. The eight media awards honor work produced by Texans or in Texas and will be presented at a luncheon on Thursday, May 23. James Brady, President Reagan's former press secretary, is the invited speaker. ■

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Coming and going

American Airlines is offering a special rate to persons attending the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities meeting in

Dallas. The special rate is available for flights as early as May 20 and extending to May 26. Call 1-800-433-1790 and ask for STAR File #S-0251FT. American Airlines' home base is the Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport. Wheelchair accessible transportation

will be available from the airport to the conference hotels (Loews and Stouffer). Southwest Airlines is based at Dallas Love Field. Wheelchair accessible transportation to the conference hotels (Loews and Stouffer) will be available from Love Field. ■

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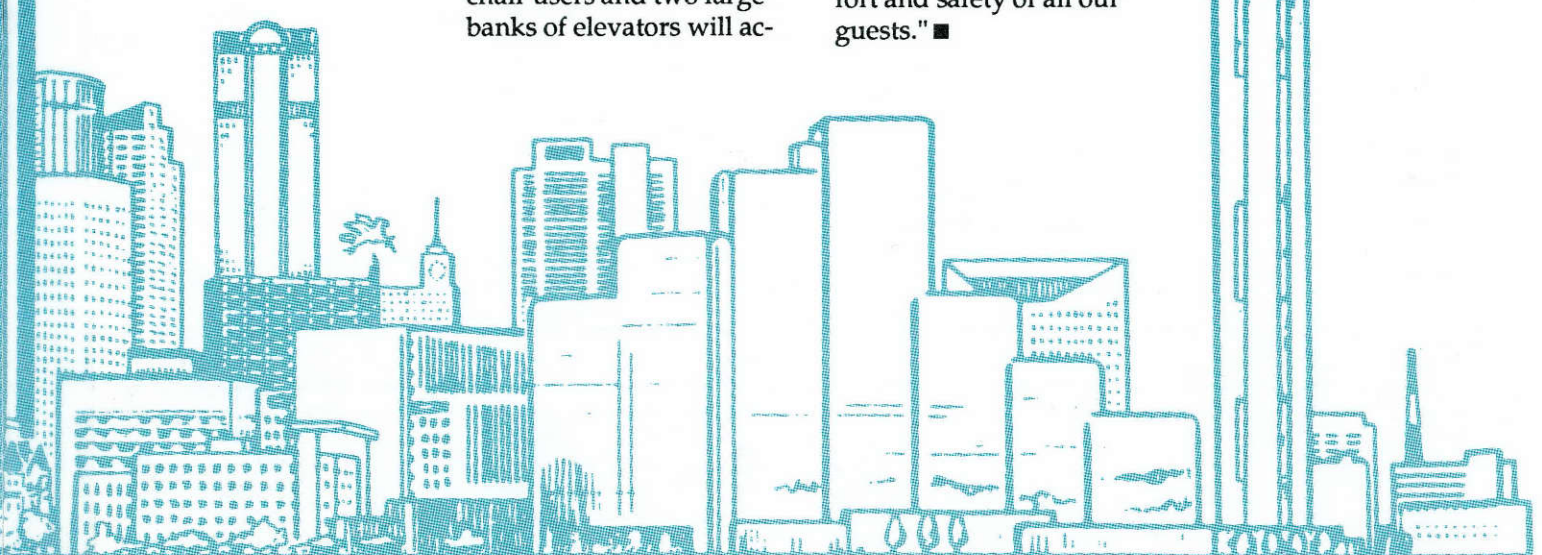
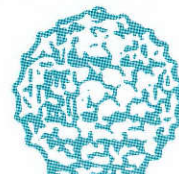
Hang your hat at the Anatole

Loews Anatole -- it may not sound Texan to the uninitiated but it has become not only a Texas favorite but a worldwide favorite place to hang your hat. With 1,620 rooms and 165 suites, the hotel and its courteous, friendly staff are ready for our group. The hotel houses 9 restaurants, 9 bars, two nightclubs, as well as 5 major ballrooms, 8 boardrooms, 6 theaters, and 58 meeting rooms. In addition, there is a world class health spa and a seven acre private park. Most of the hotel is accessible to wheelchair users and two large banks of elevators will ac-

commodate the traffic during the President's Committee conference. Elevators in the Tower are equipped with voice signals; others will have braille markings. Guest rooms will have braille markings installed on the basis of individual need. Emergency strobe lights will be placed in guest rooms used by people who are deaf and hearing impaired. John Thacker, regional vice president for Loews Hotels and a member of the conference planning committee, said, "We are very pleased to be the primary conference hotel for the President's Committee on its third trip out of Washington, D.C. and we will do whatever we can to assure the comfort and safety of all our guests." ■

Planning ahead

The closing program of the 1991 conference is a grand finale. The program is devoted entirely to implementation of the ADA. You will hear from the nation's leading authorities on the implementation process, including representatives of the disability and employer communities, the Congress and the agencies mandated to write the ADA regulations. This session will give you up to the minute facts from those who know. ■



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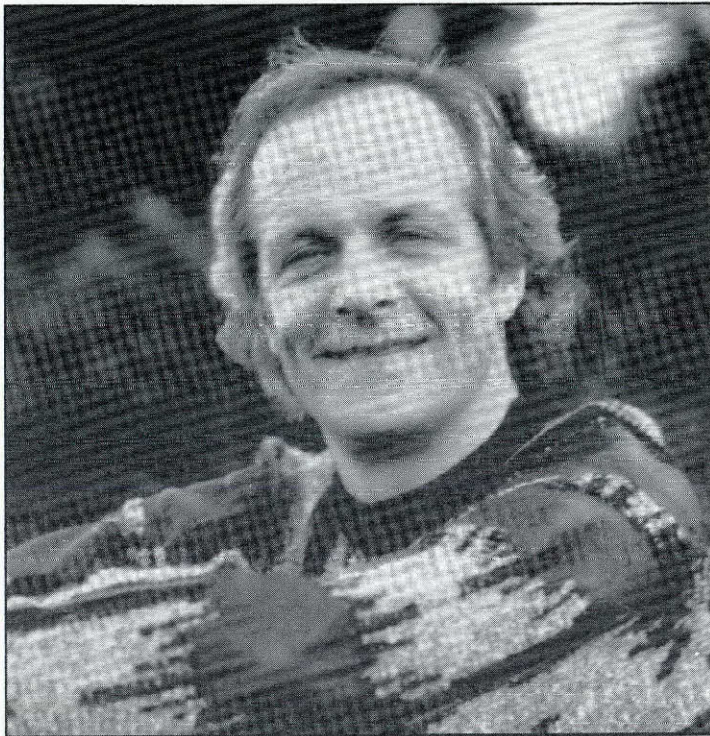
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Shop 'til you drop

Dallas has 4.8 kilometers of sophisticated walkways connecting over 250 retailers and restaurants downtown and 3.2

kilometers of this system is built under the city streets. The West End Historic District, a fabulous restoration area, features 83 shops and 55 restaurants. Over 5 million people visit it annually. There is more shopping space per shopper in Dallas

than any other city in the country. You'll find more restaurants per capita in Dallas than in New York City! ■



Ken Medema

Medema takes the stage

Ken Medema will top off an evening extravaganza of top quality entertainment, free food and fun on Wednesday, May 22. An internationally recognized composer, keyboardist, recording star, storyteller and concert artist, Medema has performed around the world. Medema shines as he

blends keyboard skills and storytelling, carrying his audiences to the heights of laughter and tears. With ease, Ken uses musical styles including classical, rock, ballads, blues and more. Blind from birth, Medema understands the importance of being included and being sensitive.

He seeks to challenge his listeners to dream and work for a world of justice and peace. Now residing in San Francisco, Medema is involved in a full time performance schedule that has taken him from the North American continent and Australia to Africa and Europe.

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