



# Home Access Chronicle

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## Input Sought for Access Solutions

Dublin, CA

The City of Dublin, CA is conducting a study for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Surveys and information gathering are being performed to include in their 2006 ADA Transition Plan Update, which has a budget of \$30,000. Public facilities are being reviewed for their access including wheelchair ramps, public driveways, and trail access.



## Featured Products:

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## University Upgrades

Jackson, MS

State of Mississippi College Board officials have made Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades at Jackson State University a priority.



On August 16, 2006 the board approved a list of 16 projects to be completed across the state totaling \$100 million. The projects range from roof replacement to ADA access improvements. Jackson State University is slated to receive new entrances, ramps, access routes, elevators, parking, stairs, doors, roadways and restrooms.

## Utah DOT to Revamp Access

Salt Lake City, UT

For the next decade Utah Department of Transportation will spend \$1 million per year to build ramps to provide access on state roads. The initiative was brought upon by a class action lawsuit filed in 2001 by Ronald Decker, a Layton resident who uses a walker. Decker requested curb cuts to help him gain access to his street.



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My clientele consist of all types of buyers and sellers, but I specialize in providing real estate services for people with disabilities. I have Cerebral Palsy, which affects my gait. I have first-hand experience dealing with some of the limitations and fears that make the home buying process stressful for people with disabilities. My clients are confident in the knowledge that they are working with someone who knows what makes homes accessible and where to find accessible homes in our area. I am also a resource for my clients on issues around special financing, local community supports, and custom home renovations.

So whether you are buying or selling, dealing with disability, or just curious about the home buying process, I would be delighted to help. Please contact me at 510-364-6795.



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## What's New to the HAP

Handi-Ramp, a designer of accessibility products such as ramps and lifts, announces the creation of the "Home Access Program." ([www.homeaccessprogram.org](http://www.homeaccessprogram.org))

Designed to help individuals or families with disabilities locate and modify homes that can accommodate their special needs, the Home Access Program combines the services of a real estate agent with an in-depth understanding of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and guidelines.

Baird & Warner is the oldest and one of the largest independent real estate brokers in the country, has teamed with the Home Access Program to help home buyers find the right home in the neighborhood they want, and then Handi-Ramp's accessibility experts will provide free consultation and advice on how to turn that home into a fully accessible one.

"Working with the home buyers, we'll develop a plan to accommodate their specific needs that could include exterior or interior ramps, lifts or hand rails," said Thom Disch, Handi-Ramp's chief executive officer. "With a minimal amount of lead time, we can complete the installation prior to the move-in date."

"Once we know which modifications are needed, our agents can help the buyer find the right home and then build these costs into the mortgage, making accessibility truly affordable," said Karen Larsen of Baird & Warner. "As our population ages, more and more of us will need homes that are safe and accessible and we see the Home Access Program as a natural extension of the services we offer our customers."

For more information on the Home Access Program visit [www.homeaccessprogram.org](http://www.homeaccessprogram.org) or call Handi-Ramp at (800) 876-RAMP. Client Care for Baird & Warner can be reached at (866) 870-1855.

## Fun Facts:

- ~ The average person laughs 15 times a day.
- ~ Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.
- ~ No president of the United States was an only child.
- ~ A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

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