



# Home Access Chronicle

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## Disabled Students to Get Private School Voucher Program

Atlanta, GA

State tax money is now available for parents of students with disabilities to send their children to private school using a new law signed by Governor Perdue. The law gives over 186,000, special education, Georgia public school students the opportunity to apply for tuition funds. [Read More >](#)



## Wheelchair Safety Program Kicks Off

Nacogdoches, TX

Police in Nacogdoches have started a wheelchair safety program to increase awareness and reduce accidents. Some features include information, education and a reflector program, where police will place reflective tape and armbands to wheelchairs at no cost. [Read More >](#)



## Basketball star tries to change attitudes towards disabled athletes

Edmonton, Canada

A Canadian professional athlete is speaking out to the public about attitudes surrounding disabled athletes. Danielle Peers, 29, is a highly skilled and honored basketball player with a unique perspective. Until four years ago, Peers competed as an able-bodied athlete before being diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. [Read More >](#)



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## Featured Consultant:

**Jim Costello**



Jim Costello is the Manager of Accessible Design Services with Aardvark Adaptive Modifications, a Pittsburgh firm specializing in barrier free design and accessibility contracting. He has over 16 years experience as a hands on consultant/designer and has been a participant at regional as well as national forums on universal and barrier free design.

He is a member of the National and Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Associations, and is a past president of the Pittsburgh Assistive Technology Association. Mr. Costello is also strongly committed to advocacy for the independence of persons with disabilities and serves as a Board Director for several local organizations.

Aardvark Adaptive Modification is a privately held firm providing a broad range of services to a variety of clients. We pride ourselves on our ability to tailor our services to the need at hand. The scope of our involvement can range from a short private consultation with an individual with a disability to solve a specific problem they have in accessing their home or work environment, to a comprehensive contract covering an entire project from schematic design to move in.

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## Home Access Program News

### Upcoming Walks/Charitable Events Across the US

**Easter Seals - Walk with Me**  
<http://www.easterseals.com>

*East:* Veterans Park Manchester, New Hampshire: 6/7/2007

*South:* Municipal Stadium Daytona, Florida: 6/14/2007

*Midwest:* Lakeshore State Park Milwaukee, Wisconsin: 6/23/2007

**Walk for Multiple Sclerosis**  
<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/>

*East:* Central New England: Waltham, MA: 7/2/2007

*South:* Lone Star: Houston, TX: 6/23/2007

*Midwest:* Hartland, WI: 6/23/2007

*West:* Inland Northwest: Spokane, WA: 7/7/2007  
Salt Lake City, UT: 7/28/2007

**2007 Arthritis Walk®**  
<http://www.arthritis.org/events/arthritiswalk/default.asp>

*East:* Blair County, PA: 6/2/2007

Butler, PA: 6/2/2007

Collegeville, PA: 6/2/2007

Wakefield, RI: 6/2/2007

Waynesburg, PA: 6/2/2007

Lehigh Valley, PA: 6/3/2007

Johnstown, PA: 6/9/2007

Dover, DE Date: 6/9/2007

Philadelphia, PA: 6/30/2007

*South:* Fernandina Beach, FL: 6/02/2007

Tallahassee, FL: 6/9/2007

Dade City, FL: 6/16/2007

*Midwest:* Green Bay, WI: 6/2/2007

Manhattan, KS: 6/2/2007

Watertown, WI: 6/2/2007

West Bend, WI: 6/2/2007

Waterloo, IA: 6/9/2007

Union, MO: 6/16/2007

*West:* Anchorage, AK: 6/3/2007  
Boise, ID: 6/2/2007

If you know of any upcoming events in your area please e-mail them to: [mktg@handiramp.com](mailto:mktg@handiramp.com) so we can post them to the site. Don't forget to tell your friends about the Home Access Program and all the great resources!!

## Fun Facts

~ The United States consumes more oil than any other country in the World. In 2001, the US consumed as much as the entire European Union and Japan.

~ Mosquito's are attracted to the color blue twice as much as to any other color.

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