



Home Access Chronicle

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New voting machines help disabled vote alone

Berlin, CT

Connecticut is joining the ranks of several other states across the US as it implements new accessible polling machines. The initiative is in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).

This November residents throughout the state will no longer need assistance to vote. The new machines include optical scan and phone/fax type. [read more >](#)



EEOC files class action against United Airlines

Seattle, WA

United Airlines is being sued by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for not providing reasonable accommodation to employees who had medical conditions that prevented them from working 30+ hours/week.



In 2003 the airline introduced a new 30-hour work week policy. After the policy took effect three women were terminated from their positions in United's Honolulu and Seattle offices. [read more >](#)

Suzuki unveils fuel cell wheelchair

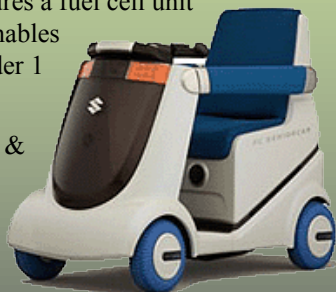
Japan

Never recharge your wheelchair again.

With the new technology developed by Suzuki, charging your wheelchair may be a thing of the past.

The new motorized wheelchair called MIO features a fuel cell unit that uses direct methanol. This form of fuel enables the chair to travel more than 25 miles, using under 1 gallon of fuel.

Watch for the MIO at the 33rd Home Care & Rehabilitation Exhibition in Tokyo. [read more >](#)



Featured Products:

Non-Skid Tread Strips

Non-Skid Tread Strips from Handi-Ramp® are a simple, inexpensive solution to increase traction anywhere inside or out! Their heavy-duty, all-aluminum construction ensures that the tread strips will remain corrosion free and last a lifetime. Rain and snow are no match for the non-skid material providing you with a safe surface great for all types of shoes. Three standard sizes are available including 3.75x12, 1.875x30, and 3.75x30. Custom lengths and widths are available call 1-800-876-RAMP.



Wheelchair and Scooter Lift


Handi-Ramp's Wheelchair Lifts are designed to be easy to operate and low maintenance. Several models are available in either 50" or 72" maximum lift heights. Safety features include: a low non-slip platform for easy roll-on/roll-off, safety barrier and railing, constant pressure switches, and rolled edges. The lifts are completely weatherized and support up to 500lbs. Call 800-876-7267 for more information.

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Featured Consultant: Nancy Makay


Live With Ease
Universal Design Consulting

Since 2001 Nancy Makay, owner of Live With Ease, has been designing homes using the universal design principles. She works with clients to help them create a home that maximizes comfort, functionality, and personal style.

Universal Design wasn't something Nancy had thought about as an undergraduate occupational therapy student at Gannon University. In 1995, after being diagnosed with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis her mobility and vision began to deteriorate. After 5 years accessing her condominium became complicated and Nancy was forced to move. But very few homes in the area were able to accommodate her needs. With help from family and friends she built a home using the basic principles of universal design.

Shortly after completing the house, Ms. Makay enrolled in the Executive Certificate Program in Home Modifications at University of Southern California. Upon receipt of the certificate Nancy started her consulting business in Erie, PA. To contact Nancy Makay visit her website at: <http://www.universaldesignconsulting.com>

Nancy is the area's only Universal Design Consultant. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Therapy from Gannon University, a certificate of completion in home modifications from the University of Southern California, Andrus Gerontology Center, and had continued her education at Abilities OT Services, Inc.

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What's New to the HAP

The Home Access Program is growing but we need your help. Please tell any friends, family or business contacts you know about the program.

Recently we've added a database of home listings. These home listings are current homes on the market that have modifications for accessibility. Please review the individual listing to see what modifications have been made to the property.



We encourage you to send in listings that you know of in your area that are accessible for inclusion on the site. There is no fee to posting or searching listings at this time.



We are constantly adding to our databases! So if you know of anyone that specializes in accessible housing, whether they're a realtor, design consultant, architect, handyman, or contractor, tell them about the Home Access Program.

We're looking to create a comprehensive resources that suits your needs. Please send your comments to the webmaster or atripicchio@handiramp.com.

For more information on the Home Access Program visit www.homeaccessprogram.org or call Handi-Ramp at (800) 876-RAMP.

Fun Facts:

~ In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

~All US Presidents have worn glasses. Some just didn't like being seen wearing them in public.

~Nearly 91% of all senior citizens rely on prescription drugs on a regular basis.

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