



Home Access Chronicle

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UN calls for standardizing accessibility technologies for the disabled

Manhasset, NY

In recognition of International Day of Persons with Disabilities the U.N. called for improving internet accessibility and technology standards for the disabled. The U.N. is also launching a Global Initiative for Inclusive Technologies which would help lower production costs of technology for the disabled. This in turn would make the inclusive technology easier to afford. Read more >



Making Change

Madison, WI

A United States District Court recently ruled that paper money is in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act because each bill is the same size and texture. The United States government has 10 days to appeal the decision. If they choose not to appeal the Treasury Department will have 30 days to begin working on a solution. Read more >



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Handicapped since birth with cerebral palsy, my childhood was not unlike most except for my annual summer vacation orthopedic surgeries. I never considered myself a handicapped child but rather a child with a disability.

My difference, challenged me to be the best and helped me make noteworthy differences while attending Smith College. After graduation, I had a horrific car accident, that should have killed me. My defining and definition of "ability" in my own terms became of paramount importance. I sought to make it clear to those around me that my limitations no longer defined me negatively. Instead, my disability and limitations needed to be considered my greatest asset.

With my Bryant MBA in hand, and my multiple surgeries behind me, I had an even bigger challenge ahead of me. I was a survivor of life and living and was not going to let others define the career path that was right for me.

As a Realtor, with a disability, I soon realized that my physical difference and disability was my greatest asset. Simply put, I could help the disabled better than the rest. I look forward to making positive differences servicing others like me and their family and friends with all their real estate needs throughout RI and beyond.

My long-term real estate goal is to create a diverse network of valuable resources statewide to help both home buyers and sellers alike with special needs make their purchase and transition period hassle-free and, in doing so, make their house much more of a home as quickly as possible! Access and accessibility within a home are fundamental concerns of mine. Simple solutions to eliminate any existing barriers and improve livability within a room or home in its totality are top priorities of mine. Experience has taught me well. A helping hand means a lot and a smile goes a long way.

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New Years Resolutions 2007

What are your resolutions for the new year? Check out our suggestions to start the year off right.

- 1) **Ditch the emails – write more letters**
<http://www.usps.com/>
- 2) **Learn a foreign language**
<http://www.berlitz.us/?gclid=CLb-8srxo4kCFRU3SAodOFfUQQ>
- 3) **Set aside a day in October to read up on electoral candidates**
<http://vote-smart.org/index.htm>
- 4) **Cut up a credit card**
<http://www.debtsteps.com/>
- 5) **Volunteer**
<http://www.volunteerdirectory.com/do/Home>
- 6) **Give blood**
<http://www.redcross.org/donate/give/>
- 7) **Write in a journal every day**
<http://www.journalforyou.com/>
- 8) **General random acts of kindness**
<http://www.actsofkindness.org/members/board/viewtopic.asp?t=196&f=13>
- 9) **Donate to a non-profit organization**
<http://www.handirampfoundation.org/>
<http://www.guidestar.org/>
- 10) **Start a phone chain – just to say hello**
http://de.essortment.com/keepingintouch_rrir.htm



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

Fun Facts:

- ~ All polar bears are left handed.
- ~ An earthquake on Dec. 16, 1811 caused parts of the Mississippi River to flow backwards!
- ~ 40 to 50 percent of body heat can be lost through the head (no hat) as a result of its extensive circulatory network.

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