



# Home Access Chronicle

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## Alert System Created for the Developmentally Disabled

Colorado Springs, CO

A bill was recently created, similar to the Amber Alert for children, to find developmentally disabled individuals who go missing. This alert system will help get information out to the public more quickly in the hopes of finding the missing person. [Read More >](#)



## Colours Launches the L Frame Series Wheelchair

Ferndale, WA

Colours N Motion has just announced the launch of its newest wheelchair, the L Frame Series which offers the disabled community a new sleek design. The L Frame chair is actually comprised of three separate wheelchairs which all rely heavily on technology. [Read More >](#)



## Wireless: GPS software promises hope for the disabled

Berlin, Germany

A new version of the already popular GPS system has been developed which is specifically geared towards helping the disabled navigate through non-accessible barriers. The new application will serve as a barrier-free guide to the world, helping to save time, reduce frustration and broaden horizons. [Read More >](#)



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## Featured

### Consultant:

Michael Chenail



Michael Chenail is the founder of Compliance Alliance – a Richmond, Virginia based facility management consulting company specializing in accessibility and the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA). He is a recognized leader in the disability community and dedicated to educating the business community regarding their responsibilities under the ADA while assisting the disability community to better understand their rights.

Four years post spinal cord injury resulting from a motorcycle accident in 1985, Mr. Chenail began his work in the disability field in western Massachusetts. During his years of service to the disability community he has worked with businesses, community organizations, and local government agencies to create an awareness of the social obstacles and unconscious discrimination of people with disabilities.

Today, Compliance Alliance is a leader in changing the way Virginia views accessibility through the development of the UF Rating System®. Due to the often misleading information brought on by the misuse of the international symbol of access, the UF (User-Friendly) Rating System® is a simple color system designed to accurately identify the level of accessibility that exists in commercial facilities. As its popularity in Virginia continues to grow its potential to become a national program is certain.

Given Michael's ongoing success as a commercial ADA compliance specialist, stepping into the Home Access Program was simply a matter of timing. As an accessibility specialist adding the residential market was a natural fit for Compliance Alliance. Aggressively working to incorporate the Home Access Program as an integral new aspect of his business Michael is networking with a variety of groups and organizations to develop creative new ideas in marketing, the promotion of modifiable, accessible housing in Virginia.

"Greater achievements become possible when we remove the obstacles to our true potential." If you would like to learn more about me or my work you can find Compliance Alliance on the web at [www.adahospitality.com](http://www.adahospitality.com) or you can reach me at 804-389-2479.

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## Home Access Program News

### Community Ramp Program

The Home Access Program has added a new page to our ever growing website! The Community Ramp Program is a listing of organizations that build ramps for individuals who may not be able to afford one on their own. Our goal is to have at least one group in each state that can provide this service. If you know of a non-profit organization that specializes in building ramps please email [atripicchio@handiramp.com](mailto:atripicchio@handiramp.com) so we can add them to the list.

### Trade Shows

Please keep the Home Access Program and Handi-Ramp in mind for any trade shows that you and your business may be attending. We have had two Home Access Program members who have attended or will be attending a trade show that we have supplied literature for. Whether you need a brochure or sign promoting the Home Access Program or showcasing Handi-Ramp's selection of accessibility products, we are here to help! Contact us at least two weeks before the show and we will supply you with everything you may need. The Home Access Program and Handi-Ramp would like to thank:

- Jim Erickson for his promotion of our program and products at the Harper Home Show this past month.
- Katie Banister for including us in her upcoming trade show in Colorado next month

### Member Submittal: Poetry

#### *Spring*

Spring has sprung and it's oh so green.  
Life is vibrant and awake, a living dream.  
It's been so cold, dreary and damp but  
now is the season to set up camp.  
We'll grab our canoes and float a steady stream,  
leave our troubles behind and just day dream.

*Katie Banister*  
Home Access Program Member

But it's different for me,  
floating isn't easily done.  
But that's OK,  
I can still have fun.  
I look to my friends  
who do this with ease,  
and I look towards God  
and I say, "Oh, please  
I know I can't do what I've done before  
but show me a life with an open door."



## Fun Facts

~ Abraham Lincoln faces to the right on a penny while all the other presidents face to the left on US coins.

~ Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

~ In Colombia, an individual can be fined up to \$90,000 for gossiping.

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