



# Home Access Chronicle

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## Parents Stop Disabled Child's Growth

*San Diego, CA*

The parents of a severely disabled girl who was treated with hormones to inhibit her growth and underwent surgery to remove her uterus, appendix and breast tissue, have recently come out with their story as a response to the outrage the procedures have caused.

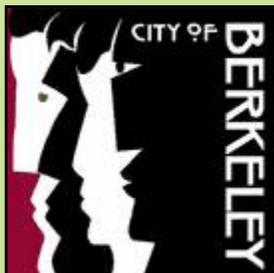
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## Berkeley Named Nation's Most Accessible City

*Berkeley, CA*

The city of Berkeley has been named the nation's most accessible city in recognition of its range of services to the disabled. Since 2000 the National Organization on Disability has sponsored the contest which awards \$25,000 to the winning city to help improve its disability services.



## X Games to feature disabled skiers

*Seattle, WA*

For the first time ever disabled skiers will have the chance to participate in this years Winter X Games. The games begin this Thursday at Aspen's Buttermilk Mountain.

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## Featured

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If you ask me why it is that I am so impassioned about working with individuals and/or families with special needs I would answer in one word, "David". My best friend and husband, David, has been in a wheelchair since 1988 when a blood clot in his spine left him paralyzed. We met and became fast friends in 1998, then married in 2000. Over the past nine years we have done much work on our house...not only to update it, but to make it a more workable home for David.

When you stop and look at all the homes available, finding a home that is universally-designed for wheelchair accessibility can be very difficult. As life would have it, more and more of my clients are individuals or families who have special needs. So now I specialize in working with individuals and families when finding an accessible home, making recommendations on modifications, acting as a liaison with builders, or selling your current home.

I've been a resident in the metro Kansas City area since 1968 and licensed Realtor (in both Kansas and Missouri) since 1990. My goal is to assist Buyers and Sellers in meeting their real estate needs through creating trust and an ongoing relationship.

If you or a family member has mobility limitations or are physically disabled and are considering buying or selling a home or would just like to have additional information about real estate in your area, please give me a call (913.647.7162), e-mail me (<http://mailto:ForSale@JacquelineElbert.net>) or visit either of my websites [www.JacquelineElbert.com](http://www.JacquelineElbert.com) or [www.RealEstateForSpecialNeeds.com](http://www.RealEstateForSpecialNeeds.com).

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## Home Access Program News

Recently we've made some changes to the Home Access Program website including a new enhanced navigation. Be sure to visit us on-line to experience all the new added features and resources including:

### Mortgage Partnership with Countrywide Home Loans

*Built into the Home Access Program is a unique mortgage partnership with Countrywide Home Loans. Individuals and families are able to roll the cost of modifications into a new mortgage. The program also features a reverse mortgage program which allows you to take out a new mortgage for home modifications if the existing mortgage has been paid in full. Countrywide is a national firm that can assist with mortgages in all 50 states. Please contact Nathan Gleason at Countrywide Home Loans for more information:*

**Nathan Gleason**

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### Database of Centers for Independent Living Nationwide

*The Home Access Program website now features a database of nationwide Centers for Independent Living. They provide services and advocacy by and for persons with all types of disabilities.*

### Bulletin Board / Blog

*Coming Soon! Place for members to post their news and upcoming events. Also a forum for discussing any topics related to accessible housing, disabilities, and related topics.*

### Accessible Home Listings

*Database of accessible home listings nationwide. Searchable by state. Realtors post your listings on this page for added exposure. Send your listing to [jyakapovich@handiramp.com](mailto:jyakapovich@handiramp.com).*

**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

~ About 1/3 of American adults are at least 20% above their recommended weight.

~ Sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100 miles (161 km) an hour.

~ The longest living cells in the body are brain cells which can live an entire lifetime.

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