Ride On!



Looking good!

What a mind-expanding project for everyone involved... Megan Thompson reports on the fashion industry's move toward accessible fashion, from Parsons' Open Style Lab, which runs a training program for designers, to Tommy Hilfiger, the first major designer to launch a line for people with



disabilities. Watch the collaborative process of designing for specific needs play out <u>here</u>.

Sit tall, with confidence





Your right to vote

In the U.S., it's almost election time. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires state and local governments to ensure that people with disabilities have a **full and equal opportunity to vote**. Learn the facts <u>here</u>.

No endorsement implied, but one **gubernatorial candidate** is also a wheelchair user. Learn about Billie Sutton, recently featured in New Mobility magazine, <u>here</u>.



Fun Finds / Resources

• Happened in our backyard... "In 1978, 19 individuals tossed aside their wheelchairs and

blocked city buses deemed inaccessible for the physically disabled. Discover how this one act led to years of advocacy in Colorado and inspired the nation." Watch the Gang of 19 / ADA Movement documentary here.

- "Don't tell your child not to stare at disabled people -- we are already invisible enough," an interesting op-ed by Tanya Marlow, <u>here</u>.
- The Oxford Handbook of Disability History is the first global chronicle of disability history... In the introduction, the editors wrote, "By its very nature, an Oxford Handbook offers legitimacy to disability history, an indication of the field's growing import." Learn more about it here.

Thanks for reading! Your friends at Ride Designs



P.S. If you somehow missed the last newsletter... the most-read story was about the discontinuation of the Corbac Back Support—due to increased manufacturing costs and decreased reimbursement. Learn more here.

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