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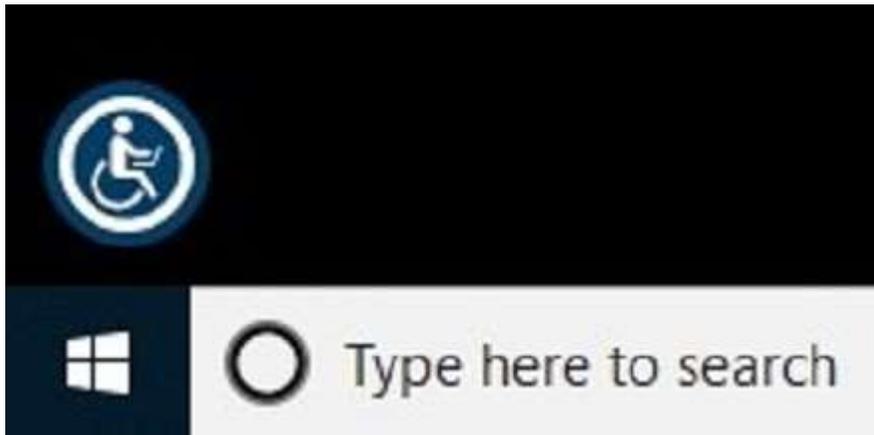
***HardisonInk.com* website becomes ADA compliant**

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JEMLANDS -- *HardisonInk.com*, the 9-year-old daily online news website, became compliant with the *Americans with Disabilities Act* requirements as of 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday (Aug. 12), website owner and publisher Jeff M. Hardison said.

Michael Vilches of Nature Coast Web Design & Marketing Inc. completed the upgrade within five hours on the seven pages of the website. During that time Tuesday, there were no updates to the pages.

Viewers will now see a small circle in the lower left corner of each page, and inside the circle is a small wheelchair. When a person clicks on that icon, a menu opens. Another way to make the menu appear is to hold the shift key and the Ctrl key and press the letter “U” on the keyboard.



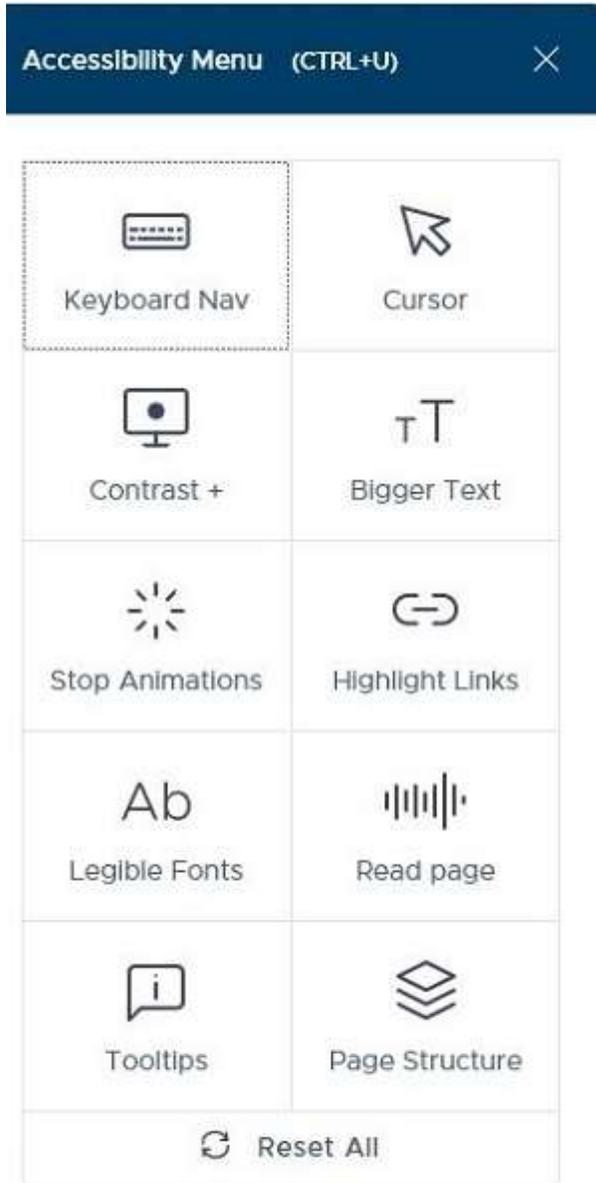
The menu provides options to help people see the screen better and to have the text read verbally.

People who are accustomed to using this type of program will know their preferences.

“I experimented with it,” Hardison said. “I became a little worried when the machine kept reading things to me. Then I discovered the reset button on the bottom of the menu and that stopped it.

“I also found that when I right click on the pages of the website,” Hardison continued, “there is an option to select ‘Read Aloud.’ I clicked that, and while the ADA voice was a female, this one was a male voice. The way I made that voice stop was by clicking the Esc key.”

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The multiple award-winning journalist said he was inspired to make the daily news website compliant with the federal law because he learned people with disabilities might need help reading or hearing things on the website's pages.

"The website is ADA compliant," he said. "I am Jeff M. Hardison, doing business as HardisonInk.com. I am a sole proprietor who has a few independent contractors. As for interviewing people with disabilities, that does not happen at my home office. I travel to a location where the person has whatever they need to overcome any restrictions they have from a disability. In nine years, fewer than 10 people have come to *The Ink Pad* (or our previous location) for business purposes, and none of them were disabled."

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