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Website Accessibility Audit Report

A large, well-known news website (name withheld)

Tested against WCAG 2.2 Level AA

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Tools: axe-core automated engine (Playwright) at desktop and mobile widths, plus automated keyboard, accessible-name and reflow probes

Executive summary

This report lists the accessibility issues found on the pages in scope, ordered by severity, with a plain-English fix for each. Issues are stated against the WCAG 2.2 Level AA standard, the reference standard used by US ADA website case law and the European Accessibility Act (EN 301 549).

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CRITICAL	SERIOUS	MODERATE	MINOR

6 distinct issues across 3 pages in scope (deduplicated per rule and page; the number of affected elements can be larger).

Scope and tools

Page	Tested at	Automated issues	Lighthouse accessibility score
Page in scope	desktop, mobile	3	95/100
Page in scope	desktop, mobile	2	95/100
Page in scope	desktop, mobile	1	99/100

Standard: WCAG 2.2 Level AA (includes all of 2.1 AA). **Automated engine:** axe-core, run at desktop (1280 px) and mobile (390 px) widths. **Manual testing:** automated keyboard/name/reflow probes (findings below). A full NVDA screen-reader pass by hand is included in every paid audit.

> **Scope limitation:** automated tools do not catch everything. Industry testing shows automated engines detect roughly a third to a half of real accessibility problems. Keyboard, screen-reader and user-flow issues require manual testing and are recorded in the manual findings section of this report. This report is a point-in-time test of the pages and date listed above.

Issues and fixes, by page

Page in scope

Severity	Issue and fix
CRITICAL	**Buttons must have discernible text** (button-name · WCAG 4.1.2) **Fix:** Give the button visible text or an accessible name (aria-label, or aria-labelledby pointing to visible text). `.AccountButtons-styles__AccountMobileToggleButtonStyled-sc-32916240-0`
SERIOUS	**Frames must have an accessible name** (frame-title · WCAG 4.1.2) **Fix:** Add a descriptive title attribute to the iframe. `iframe[name="edr_l_first"]`
SERIOUS	**Elements must have their visible text as part of their accessible name** (label-content-name-mismatch · WCAG see rule) **Fix:** Elements must have their visible text as part of their accessible name. See the axe rule page for the recommended fix. `a[href$="w3ct8md0"]` `a[href="/audio/play/p0pnc231"]` `a[href$="w3ct99jh"]` *(+45 more)*

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	`#edr_l_first` `iframe[name="edr_l_first"]`

Manual testing findings

Manual keyboard and accessible-name checks were run on the same three pages (Tab-order walk, accessible-name audit of every focusable element, reflow at 320px, tabindex review). Findings below are prefixed with the page they were found on. A full screen-reader (NVDA) pass is performed by hand on every paid audit and its findings are added to the delivered report.
[home page] Keyboard/screen reader: a focusable <a> element has no accessible name (<a href="https://[site]/..." data-testid="external-anchor" target="_self" class="Anchor-styles__AnchorStyled-sc-651d33db). A screen reader announces it with no context, so a blind user cannot tell what it does.

[home page] Keyboard/screen reader: a focusable <a> element has no accessible name (<a href="/[internal-link]" data-testid="internal-link" class="Anchor-styles__AnchorStyled-sc-651d33db-0 hygVWX"><div class="Image-styles__ImageCardSty). A screen reader announces it with no context, so a blind user cannot tell what it does.

[home page] Keyboard/screen reader: a focusable <a> element has no accessible name (<a href="https://[site]/..."" â€” no skip link is reached first, so keyboard users must tab through the whole navigation on every page.

[home page] Zoom/reflow at 320px: the page scrolls horizontally (970px content in a 320px viewport), breaking for low-vision users at 400% zoom. Wide elements: div (645px wide), div#google_ads_iframe_/4817/[site]/home/index/top_0__container__ (970px wide), iframe#google_ads_iframe_/4817/[site]/home/index/top_0 (970px wide).

[news page] Keyboard/screen reader: a focusable <a> element has no accessible name (<a href="https://cloud.email.[site]/newsletter-signup?... A screen reader announces it with no context, so a blind user cannot tell what it does.

[news page] Keyboard: the first Tab stop is <iframe> "" â€” no skip link is reached first, so keyboard users must tab through the whole navigation on every page.

[news page] Zoom/reflow at 320px: the page scrolls horizontally (970px content in a 320px viewport), breaking for low-vision users at 400% zoom. Wide elements: div (645px wide), div#google_ads_iframe_/4817/[site]/news/index/top_0__container__ (970px wide), iframe#google_ads_iframe_/4817/[site]/news/index/top_0 (970px wide).

[sport page] Keyboard: the first Tab stop is <a> "[site] Homepage" â€” no skip link is reached first, so keyboard users must tab through the whole navigation on every page.

Recommended fix plan

1. **Fix all critical and serious issues first.** These block screen-reader or keyboard users outright and are the issues most often cited in complaints.

2. **Fix moderate issues** in the next development cycle.
3. **Schedule minor issues** with regular maintenance.
4. **Re-test after fixes.** Barrier-Free Web includes one re-check per fix batch for monitoring clients.

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