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“R-WORD” PSA RECEIVES YOUTUBE AWARD

A public service announcement featuring “Glee” star Jane Lynch decrying use of the word “retard” is being honored for its fearless take on the issue.

The ad in support of the “Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign is one of four winners of the YouTube-backed DoGooder Nonprofit Video Awards in the “Fearless Video” category, besting over 1,000 entrants for the title.



Dubbed “Not Acceptable,” the PSA includes Lynch alongside her “Glee” co-star Lauren Potter, who has Down syndrome. The two liken use of the r-word to other derogatory terms.

“The r-word is the same as every minority slur. Treat it that way and don’t use it,” says Lynch in the PSA, which debuted last spring with spots on network and cable television.

In naming the PSA as one of the top fearless videos of 2011, one of the award sponsors — The Case Foundation — said the ad shows that “sometimes taking big risks and experimenting in filmmaking can lead to big wins.”

The honor comes with a \$2,500 prize.

To view the video, go to:

http://youtu.be/T549VoLca_Q

-by Shaun Heasley, Disability Scoop

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*Man is
the most
extraordinary
computer
of all.*

*- John F.
Kennedy*

CAMPAIGN URGES GREATER HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY

Most single-family homes are not accessible to people with physical disabilities. Now, a public awareness campaign is looking to change that.

The effort launching this week is encouraging so-called “visitability,” the idea that all housing should be accessible to those with disabilities.

At a minimum, this would mean that homes have at least one entrance without any steps, a wheelchair-accessible bathroom on the first floor and doors that are at least 32 inches wide.

“The majority of families live in single-family homes, which are not federally required to adhere to any accessibility standards,” said Kat Taylor, disability rights manager at The Equal Rights Center, a national civil rights group which produced the campaign along with the Washington, D.C. Office of Human Rights.

“In the long run, these standards would not only guarantee more housing options for people with disabilities, but also assist individuals who acquire disabilities later in life to remain in their homes and age in place,” Taylor said.

Taylor and others behind the campaign are urging builders to integrate visitability standards in all new homes, arguing that such modifications are far cheaper to make when a home is built rather than waiting to retrofit it later. What’s more, they say the need for accessibility is going to increase exponentially in the coming years with 1 in 3 families expected to include an individual with a disability by 2050.

The campaign dubbed “what is WRONG with these pictures?” includes an online game where players are challenged to identify whether or not situations are accessible. The effort also includes a series of bus-stop advertisements in Washington, D.C.

To play the visitability game, go to the Equal Rights Center website:

<http://www.equalrightscenter.org/site/PageServer?pagename=DisabilityGame>

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Kitsap & Jefferson Counties



The Arc is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization incorporated in Washington State to work through education, advocacy and support to improve the quality of life for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc is a membership organization and memberships support advocacy at the local, state and national levels.

For more information, visit their website at www.arckj.org or contact Jenell DeMatteo, Parent to Parent Coordinator at (360) 377-3473.

DON'T FORGET

- **DDAC Meeting** — Thursday, May 3rd; 5:30 - 7:30 at the Sequim Prairie Garden Club in Sequim.
- **Mosaic Classes** — Snap offers a wonderful collection of classes and events this Spring for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Classes are open to everyone in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Spring quarter brochures are available now. Sign up early. Classes include: Healthy Eating & Cooking, Recreation Club, Outreach, Drumming with Dave, Exercise, Art-Exploration of Color, Voyager Traveler's. For more information contact Bonne Smith at 681-8642.
- **Mosaic Events** — Social & Dance events will be held May 19th (Mid Spring Dream) and June 9th (Last Dance-Strawberry Festival) from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Olympic Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 3415 S. Peabody St. in Port Angeles—come on and dance! \$3.00 cover charge.



AND AROUND TOWN



117th Sequim Irrigation Festival — May 4-13, downtown Sequim. For a list of events, go to their website at: www.irrigationfestival.com/events



Free Fishing Weekend—Statewide—May 9th & 10th. No license required, but you will need a catch card, available at your local sporting goods store.



Annual Peonies on Parade — May 23rd through June 30th, Wednesdays through Sundays, 11am-4pm, at the Peony Farm, 2204 Happy Valley Road, Sequim. Admission is free. Over 1,000 peonies planted. Come fill your senses.



Pre-Festival (Juan de Fuca) Kickoff Event—Concert featuring Baka Beyond — May 24th, 7pm at Vern Burton Community Center, 308 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles. Suggested donation of \$5-\$15 per person. African Rhythms and Celtic Soul music.



19th Annual Juan de Fuca Festival — May 25-28, Vern Burton Community Center, Port Angeles. Financial assistance packets for discounted tickets are available at Chase Bank (corner of Front & Oak Street, Port Angeles) or on their website at: www.jffa.org



Mosaic Spring Quarter Classes ~ 2012

Tuesday's

April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 8 classes Snap Classroom

Healthy Eating & Cooking ~ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ~ \$50

Includes ingredient fee

Cooking for a healthy lifestyle, prepare a delicious and nutritious meal every week and learn why eating food grown close to home builds a better community with Donna Morris and Bonne Smith

Recreation Club ~ 2 - 4 p.m. ~ \$40

Focus on having a great time and meeting old friends and making new friends. Enjoy hands-on activities like art, birthday bingo, games music, skits and other activities with Donna Morris

Wednesday's

April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 8 classes

Drumming with Dave ~ 3 - 4:30 p.m. ~ Snap Classroom ~ \$40

Join the drum circle with hand drums and rhythm instruments, Drums supplied, or bring your own.

Thursday's

April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 8 classes Snap Classroom

Exercise 10 - 11 a.m. ~ \$30

Wear loose fitting clothing

The class explores exercise and workouts for range of motion, balance, building stamina and flexibility led by Donna Morris with guest fitness experts.

Art ~ Exploration of color ~ Noon- 1:30 p.m. ~ \$45

Includes supplies fee

The world is filled with color. Light, minerals, rocks, natural illumination with some species of water creatures and birds using color as part of their life cycle led by Bonne Smith.

Voyager Traveler's ~ 2 - 4 p.m. ~ \$40

An Anthropology tour of the world, exploring world cultures; music, art, food, historic sites and religion learning how we fit into the world around us.

Friday's

April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 24, 31 8 classes Port Angeles

Outreach ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Port Angeles ~ \$35

Bring your lunch and dress in layers prepared for warm or cool days.

Meet at Hollywood beach April 11 alternating weeks with Salvation Army

Increasing awareness of personal responsibilities in our community led by Donna Morris

Where Mosaic Meets for classes

Snap Classroom ~ Art room in the Community School ~ Fir Street between 2nd and 3rd street in Sequim

Dances ~ Olympic Vineyard Christian Fellowship ~ 3415 South Peabody Street, Port Angeles

Outreach ~ Hollywood Beach and Salvation Army East 2nd & Peabody, Port Angeles

To register or for more information, contact Bonne Smith at (360) 681-8642

Mosaic, PO Box 3081, Sequim, WA 98382

FROM TIM'S DESK

Tim Bruce, Clallam County Health & Human Services Developmental Disabilities Planner

It is hard to believe it is May already and the days are getting longer! In honor of the sunny days ahead let's talk about good things.

We now have a state budget and many of the programs for individuals with developmental disabilities were not cut as badly as many feared. Change is coming but the funding is currently stable.

Another exciting event is the 13th Annual Transition Fair on May 9th at Vern Burton Center. This is a "must attend" event for parents and transition age students. There is life after school and we believe that EVERYONE is entitled to work and participate in the community. Come learn how the State Division of Developmental Disabilities, Clallam County Department of Health and Human Services and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) work together to provide employment services to individuals with disabilities. You will also have the opportunity to meet **employers, service providers and community agencies** that are a part of the team that is available to help you fully participate in your community after you leave school. Don't miss out!

Thanks,
Tim Bruce

13TH ANNUAL TRANSITION FAIR

The HHS-DD staff and community volunteers have been gearing up for the 13th Annual Transition High School Fair. This year's theme is "Passport to Your Future!". The fair offers graduating high school students and their families the chance to learn about local employment opportunities and the social/community services available to them upon transitioning to adulthood. Some of the vendors who have signed up include: WalMart, Mosaic, the Social Security Administration and WorkSource. Highlights of the fair include presentations from working students who want to talk about what it is like to have a job and presentations from employers who have had positive experiences hiring students with developmental disabilities. Students will be also be given "passport" cards to take around to each of the vendors. Once a student asks each vendor a question, the student's passport will be stamped. Once their passport has been stamped by all of the vendors, students can enter their passports in several drawings for fun prizes.

The Transition Fair will be held at the Vern Burton Center on Wednesday, May 9th from 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM. There will be snacks and refreshments available for the students and their parents.

For more information, contact Nancy Wiltshire at (360) 417-2407.

Ready, Set, Go Survivor Game
Connect the survival saying to the hazard about which it reminds you
how to stay safe in emergencies!

SURVIVAL SAYINGS.....

HAZARD SAFETY

Stay Low and GO

Tsunami Safety....always run away from the water and to higher ground when you have felt the ground shake and see the water recede.

Run to Higher Ground

Flood Safety... Never drive through flood waters across a street. Flood waters can rise very quickly. If you are a passenger in a car & see water overtopping a roadway, use this saying to remind the driver to stop and turn around.

Drop, Cover, and Hold

Tsunami Safety....If you are at the beach and hear the AHAB outdoor Siren sounds that there is a tsunami expected to arrive at the beach.

Turn Around...Don't Drown

Fire Safety....When you hear the fire alarm going off in your home, or you see smoke – remember this saying to get out of you home safely when there is a fire.

Run to Higher Ground

Health Safety...This saying reminds you to keep your germs from spreading but practicing respiratory etiquette.

Cover your Cough

Earthquake Safety...When you feel the ground or floor shaking and you may feel nauseous, this will keep your head safe from any injuries of falling debris.



**Clallam
County
Orcas**



Special Olympics
Washington

The Clallam County Orcas Special Olympics program is in the middle of Spring Season. We have participants in both Track and Field events and in Swimming. Athletes in either sport who receive(d) a gold medal at the Regional Meet, held on Saturday, April 28th will have the opportunity to compete at the Summer Games, which will be held the 1st week in June at Joint Base Lewis McChord.

Law Enforcement from many agencies in Clallam County will again participate in the Torch run that leads off the event for Summer Games and raises money for Special Olympics Washington. Watch for information in local newspapers or call Ron Cameron at the Clallam County Sheriff's Office at 417-2570 for more information.

The middle of June will be the beginning of our Summer Season. We are involved in Softball and Golf. If you have an interest in volunteering OR in participating as an athlete, please contact Wendy Bonham at 360-477-4134 for information.

"If you hear a voice within you say "you cannot paint," then by all means paint,
and that voice will be silenced."

-Vincent Van Gogh

**Upcoming events
and trainings
are available
through your local
DSHS/DDD office!**

go to:
www.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/calendar
for a current list of
State-wide events
and trainings.

Yaka Koda Camp Retreat 2012

Sponsored by The Arc of Kitsap & Jefferson
Counties and Mosaic of Clallam County

Dates: June 15, 16 & 17

Location: Beautiful Camp Lyle McLeod,
Belfair, WA

For adults with developmental & intellectual
disabilities 18 years and older in Clallam,
Jefferson and Kitsap Counties. Contact Jenell
DeMatteo at the Arc of Kitsap & Jefferson
Counties,

3243 N. Perry Ave, Bremerton, WA 98310
or call (360) 377-3473 for an application.

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