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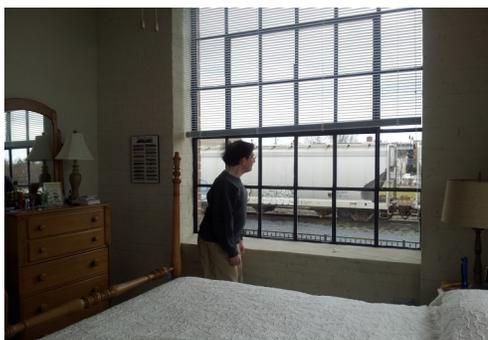
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Shabazz Center Helps Dreams Come True

Disability Advocate, Jeanine Moran describes how she helped a consumer to achieve his dream.

come independent after being in a facility. Ralph had suffered a depilating

much less regain his ability to take care of his personal needs. Together we made plans to work towards regaining his independence Ralph learned to take his medications on his own and to track them with accuracy to avoid the potential of overdosing. We



In September of 2012 I received a phone call from a gentleman with a disability named Ralph and he was then residing at the Carillion Assisted Living Facility in Ashboro. Part of my job here at the Joy A. Shabazz Center is to help people be-

From his Apartment, Ralph sees his dream come true stroke in 2010, and was left at that time paralyzed on his right side. The doctors told Ralph's family then that he would never live on his own again,

also worked on other independent living skills such as shopping and riding senior transportation that he would need to becomes independent.

In February of 2013 after it was established
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Shabazz Center Undergoes Name Change

During our 21 years of servicing persons with disabilities in Guilford and surrounding coun-

ties, Joy A. Shabazz Center for Independent Living (CIL) has gone through several name changes. As we continue to grow

and develop program services and take on increasing responsibilities we have decided to undergo one more name

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Our new name will more fully reflect our mission, goals and objectives as they pertain to the disability community.

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lished that he could indeed take care of his personal needs. We found housing for him in the new Asheboro Loft apartments and Ralph has moved into his own two bedroom apartment there. After meeting with Ralph and hear-

ing his story I learned that he had an avid interest in railroads and that he had traveled much of the United States using many railroads.

Ralph's intense interest has led him to take many pictures of trains and the rail lines. He also went on to pub-

lish four books on trains. Ralph says he has been liberated and that people need to not give up and pursue their dreams. For Ralph the dream is twofold now not only is he free to live as he chooses, shop and go out to eat and visit friends. He also has been blessed to have his apartment next to the railway. As matter of fact his apartment windows have a bird's eye view of the trains. Ralph says never give up if you really want something you have to work hard but often dreams do come true and he says he is the perfect example of that.

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change. The Center will now be known as Joy A. Shabazz Center for Disability Rights. Our new name will more fully reflect our mission, goals and objectives as they pertain to the disability community. The Center functions as a disability advocacy organization that advo-

cates for the rights of persons with disabilities to become and maintain their independence, which is the right of every citizen of this great nation. On a temporary basis we will continue to do business as (DBA) Joy A. Shabazz CIL but will be known publicly as Joy A. Shabazz Center for Disability Rights.

Donation will Help Consumers

Joy A. Shabazz Center would like to thank Friends Home of Greensboro for their donations to our Center. The donated items include, hospital beds, bedside commode and two walkers. Some of our medical equipment and supplies will be given to our consumers for permanent use and some on loan. The equipment must be accepted as is and it is the consumer's responsibility to have it checked out for problems before use. Call (336) 272-0501 for more information.



Burgess's Commentary: Can Situations Gone Bad Between Police and Disabled be Prevented?

There have been several tragic incidences involving persons within the disability community and law enforcement officials who did not have a clear understanding of the circumstances surrounding a particular situation. The most re-

cent example of this happened in Frederick County Maryland when a young man with Down syndrome died after refusing to leave a movie theater. After the movie was over, the young man immediately wanted to watch the movie again but did not want to purchase another

ticket and refused to leave. After telling him that he would have to purchase another ticket or leave, the theater management called security who were off duty deputies to have the young man removed and then a confronta-

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Do Persons with Disabilities Have the Right Skill Set of Innovations for Today's Job Market?

I can think of no better group of individuals that possess the skill-set of innovation than us persons with disabilities

In today's job market, it is not nearly enough to just have the right education and job experience to be considered a primary candidate for a position. Employers are looking for individuals who not only have business sophistication; they are looking for individuals who possess the skill-set of innovation. Fortune 500 companies are seeking individuals that can help them grow their organizations and their market share in their re-

spective fields.

That's why the skill-set of innovation is so important in today's marketplace. The traditional paradigm of doing business via marketing and advertising is truly a thing

of the past. A company must have the ability to not only adapt to change, but anticipate it in order to capitalize on opportunities to be trailblazers in their respective fields so that they stand head and shoulders above their compe-

tition.

I can think of no group of individuals that possess the skill-set of innovation than us, persons with disabilities. No demographic works harder to prove relevance in society than persons with disabilities. Using various modalities to communicate and function in today's business world, persons with disabilities are some of the most passionate people on the planet in communicating value to

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those they serve.

The timing is perfect for more persons with disabilities to enter the job market and establish themselves as not just employees but leaders in the world of business. Never has there been such a demand for innovative people who have the ability to help organizations maintain relevancy and grow their businesses exponentially. Persons with disabilities possess this skill-set and are an asset to any potential employer in the field of business.

See yourself as an asset to the business community with considerable advantage over other candidates because you possess the skill-set of innovation. Each day, many of us as persons with disabilities are faced with opportunities to improvise and be innovative to be proficient and productive in our respective lives. Today's business community needs these types of skill-sets to

take their organizations to the next level. The opportunity to impose our impact on the world of business is greater than it has ever been. Seize the moment and begin to take action by integrating the business community via employment or even entrepreneurship and discover the quality of life that you so richly deserve!

“May your day and your life be totally empowered!”

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Action Alert !

Support HR 942; Contact your Congressman

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Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act of 2013 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to cover, as medical and other health services, complex rehabilitation technology items designed and configured for a specific qualified individual to meet that individual's unique: (1) medical, physical, and functional needs related to a medical condition; and (2) capacities for basic activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental ADLs.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to: (1) designate complex rehabilitation technology items (excluding adaptive equipment to operate motor vehicles or certain prosthetic devices and orthotics); and (2) establish eligibility criteria for them.

Prescribes requirements for payments for CRT items.

Directs the Secretary to establish standards for clinical conditions for CRT item payment as well as quality standards for suppliers of such items.

Directs the Secretary to establish a Healthcare Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) coding subset that uses specified HCPCS codes for CRT items.

Requires payment for replacement of a CRT item (or any part of one), without regard to certain continuous use or useful lifetime restrictions established for items of durable medical equipment (DME), if a qualified ordering practitioner determines that a replacement item (or part) is necessary.

North Carolina to Share in Rental Assistance Funds

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Nearly \$98 million in rental assistance is headed to states to help thousands of people with disabilities live in the community.

The federal money is expected to fund 3,530 housing units in 13 states for people who require long-term services and supports to live independently, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development said this week.

Housing agencies within the states are now working with Medicaid and Health and Human Services offi-

cial to identify very low-income individuals with disabilities who are in need of the rental assistance. Federal officials say they expect many people receiving the new funds to be transitioning out of institutions.

“Our nation is strongest when all our citizens are able to fully participate and contribute,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius.

“This unique collaboration of federal and state agencies will enable thousands of Americans with disabilities to lead productive, meaningful lives in their communities.”

The rental assistance funds

were made available under HUD’s Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, which was established as part of a 2010 law in order to create community-based housing options for people with disabilities.

Thirty-five state housing agencies applied to participate in the first-ever distribution of money from the demonstration program, speaking to the heavy demand for housing assistance, according to officials at the Technical Assistance Collaborative, a nonprofit focused on promoting housing and community

support services for those with disabilities.

Funds are headed to California, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.

Burgess’s Commentary: Can These Situations be Prevented?

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tion arose between the officers and the man. The man was wrestled to the ground and died. It was reported by the Washington Post the young man

was fascinated by the work of police officers and frequently called 911 just to ask questions. I personally was involved in a similar situation with the Greensboro Police because they could not understand my speech.

Our nation’s police departments must become aware of the diversity within the disability community. Better sensitivity training would help and perhaps a type of informational identification bracelet could be worn by the person describing their

disability. If you have any other suggestions, please email me at: dennis.shabazzcenter@gmail.com.



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New ADA Legislation may Include Movie Goers

Two bills introduced this spring in Congress would broaden access to the movies for people with disabilities. Under legislation proposed earlier this year, the Americans with Disabilities Act would be amended to require movie theaters to offer closed captioning and audio descriptions of films to aid those with visual or hearing impairments. The accommodations would be required at all showings at movie theaters with two or more screens.

A second bill would mandate captioning and narration on

all airplanes where in-flight video entertainment is offered.

“More than two decades have passed since the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and in that



Going to the movies
may include everyone

time we have seen a transformation of our physical landscape — from curb cuts to wheelchair ramps, buses with lifts to automatic doors,” said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who introduced the legislation. “However, we still have more to do. These bills will allow Americans with visual or hearing impairments to enjoy going to the movies and watching in-flight entertainment, through captioning and video description, just as they can at home.”