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Greetings Coalition Family!

Big props for all you do for the community. We are unable to contain all the programs you have/are creating to affect the lives of families and community. You are truly chosen and we just want to take this opportunity to say thank you and offer our continued support.

*Thoughts lead on to purposes; purposes go forth in action;
actions form habits; habits decide character; and character fixes
our destiny. - Tyron Edwards*

FOR OUR CHILDREN

"It is easier to build children than it is to repair men." ...Frederick Douglass

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Graduate! Philadelphia offers college fair

Graduate! Philadelphia will celebrate the second anniversary of its Northeast Philadelphia site with a Returning to College Fair on Tuesday, April 27th from 3-7pm at CORA Services, 8540 Verree Road in Philadelphia.

The event offers instant decision admissions from many of its 15 partner colleges, workshops on study skills, managing stress and becoming an effective student, giveaways, raffles and a celebratory cake.

For more information, call 215-574-1341.

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Partners sought for youth action teams

Since 1997, MEE has implemented a unique youth employment model in which it hires and trains local youth to conduct peer-to-peer outreach to deliver health promotion messages to their community. Most recently, MEE implemented Community Action Teams as part of its Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia campaign, through which it provided employment, life skills and self efficacy and leadership training for 100 young people.

MEE is seeking strategic partners to pursue or use available grant money for summer employment programs in other locations, and is reaching out to organizations that have access to youth and workforce development funds. CAT participants can help in developing leadership skills and a positive self-image, receive training in important life, academic and communications skills, gain exposure to new experiences, people and places, earn money and incentives as compensation for their participation, build their resumes with outreach and communications experience, and earn community service credits for high school.

For more information, call William Juzang at 215-829-4920 or [email](#)

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CCP sponsors summer program for males

Community College of Philadelphia has announced its 2010 Center for Male Engagement Summer Enrichment Program, geared towards African American males. The program is a four-week intensive summer program for high school students graduating in June 2010

We are proud to announce that News From The Coalition, Inc. is featured on the internationally acclaimed site Eight Cities Map which is read in more than One hundred seventy countries!

Click here:

EightCitiesMAP

Choose

“Philadelphia’s Online Community

“Newsletter” from the menu.

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who intend to enter the Community College of Philadelphia for the first time as a full-time student in fall 2010.

Students who successfully complete the program will automatically become a member of the Community College of Philadelphia’s Center for Male Engagement. Through the Center, they will be assigned a Support Coach who will assist them with personal needs in addition to encouraging them to take advantage of the many academic and social opportunities at the College

The program takes place
Monday through Thursday,
9am to 3pm, from
July 12th through August 5th.

For more details, [click here](#) or call 215-751-8817.

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Free Library of Philadelphia Teen Poetry Slam

Poetry and Spoken Word

Friday, April 23rd 2010 at 3:30 pm
Montgomery Auditorium
Central Library
1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Rules: Performers must be prepared to present twice

Poems must be performed not read

Performances limited to 1 ½ minutes

No props or audio

Keep it clean!!!

Prizes: 1st prize: \$150, 2nd Prize: \$100, 3rd Prize \$75

Open to all Philadelphia High School Students

Deadline to Register:

Monday, April 19, 2010

To register call or email Aurora Sanchez at 215.686.5415 or

sancheza@freelibrary.org

Montgomery Auditorium
Parkway Central Library
1901 Vine St
3:30 pm

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." - Mark Twain

If you have a favorite relevant quote, why not share it with our readers. send to TheCoalitionNews@gmail.com
We will credit you with the submission.

This program has been made possible with generous support from the Philadelphia City Institute Board of Managers.

Aurora V. Sanchez
Free Library of Philadelphia
1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215.686.5415 (Teen Outreach and voicemail)
215.686.5372 (Teen Author Series)
215.563.3628 (f)

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Free Scholarships to Cornell's Summer College

Cornell's Summer College, now in its forty-ninth year, is one of the nation's longest running and most highly regarded precollege academic programs.

It brings more than 800 academically talented high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from around the world to Cornell each summer for three- and six-week programs.

Summer College students have the unparalleled opportunity to:

- *experience what it's like to live and learn at a great Ivy League university,
- *take real university courses,
- *work closely with Cornell's world-renowned faculty,
- *learn three to six college credits,
- *explore majors and career options,
- *get a jump on successful college applications,
- *make friends from around the world-and much, much more.

As Cornell alum, you also might be interested to know that in addition to the gains realized by students, Summer College contributes significantly to Cornell's recruitment efforts by introducing a geographically, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse group of talented students to Cornell at the crucial time. Many former Summer Collegians apply to Cornell, and each year a significant number are members of the entering class.

Again, we would be grateful if you would share this information with individuals or organizations you think could benefit from our award-winning Cornell program. This year's application deadline for most

From an actual newspaper contest where entrants age 4 to 15 were asked to imitate "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey."...

It would be terrible if the Red Cross Bloodmobile got into an accident. No, wait. That would be good because if anyone needed it, the blood would be right there. -- Age 5

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programs is April, 30. Students can connect with other Summer College fans through the Facebook link on our homepage <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/> and can reach us directly at summer_college@cornell.edu or 607.255.6203.

Best regards,

Abby H. Eller, Director, and the Summer College staff
Cornell University Summer College Programs for High School Students
B20 Day Hall

Ithaca , NY 14853

607.255.6203; Fax 607.255.6665

www.summercollege.cornell.edu

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United Way's [Center for Youth Development](#) has announced its Core Curriculum & Mentor Training Schedule for this spring.

CYD coordinates and delivers trainings to improve the quality and build the capacity of youth programs throughout the region. Trainings are open to all out-of-school time staff and non-profit professionals in southeastern Pennsylvania.

In registering, please take note of the identified target audience (including age of youth served) for each training, as well as trainings that are part of a series (201, 202, etc) and therefore should not be registered for individually.

Space is limited. To register please visit the Community Impact Training Institute [website](#).

For more information, [email here](#).

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Dear Family and Friends

We are excited to announce the 5th Annual Philadelphia Fatherhood Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The Fatherhood Festival addresses the issues that plague our families and communities. The event is a FREE, full day conference consisting of discussion groups, notable guest speakers, and educational roundtables for all fathers and father-figures. Our goal is to change the lives of men, thereby changing the lives of children and families forever. We are asking for your help.

Sincerely,

Fatherhood Festival Planning Committee

Storms make trees take deeper roots. -- Claude McDonald.

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Festival Planning Meeting Strategic Planning

Please join Us at our Festival planning meeting. We need your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Each day most of us are involved in meetings and sessions that have minimal impact to our community. The Father Festival will provide you with the opportunity to give back and help strengthen our children and our families. We need you, your experience, and your vision to make the festival a success. Please come out and help us make a difference.

Our kickoff meeting was held on
Monday, February 22, 2010

at the

School District of Philadelphia Main Building,
Parent Resource Center,
440 N. Broad Street (Broad & Spring Garden).

Please mark your calendars. The subsequent meetings will be held at the same location on the following dates:

- April 19
- May 3
- May 17
- May 31
- June 7

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CAP 4 Kids Hint of the Week

As we have discussed over the past few months, youth violence and interpersonal violence affects us all and jointly as well as individually we can help prevent interpersonal violence through many different means from: lead screening; teen pregnancy prevention and teen family programs; child abuse prevention; domestic violence screening and prevention; quality child care; affordable and safe housing; head start programs; mentoring and after school programming; and living wage employment.

As you know many of these resources can be found on the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website.

Please continue to advocate for every child, every family, every community to prevent and address youth violence and the many permanent scars that it leaves.

To bring awareness to this epidemic and to highlight the many amazing youth in our community, Physicians for Social Responsibility are hosting the annual Legs Against Arms 5K run/1 mile walk at St. Joes to bring about

*Strength lies in differences,
not in similarities...
Stephen Covey*

awareness of the programs that address youth violence. Please see

<http://www.legsagainstarms.org/> for more information.

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Black College Tours 2010 (40+)

<http://blackexcel.org/black-college-tours-2010.html>

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PhillyGoes2College

With a little over 50% of our kids graduating high school on time and only 18% graduating college, we MUST all work on this issue together for the future of our city.

The Mayor's office recently created an office called "PhillyGoes2College" that will start working to improve these statistics

(http://www.philly.com/inquirer/home_top_stories/20100104_Nutter_to_focus_on_increasing_college_admissions.html), and on the

www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Education Handout, you will find multiple sources for children, families and child advocates to help, from an early age, on the road to educational success

(http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/education.html).

Here you will find listings for various school choices, timelines, resources for out-of-school youth, and college prep and college admission tools.

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Earn Free Trip to Egypt for Black Kids and Adults

The African Heritage Institute (also known as the D'zert Club) is sponsoring a 2-year African History Program that, once completed, the participants earn an all expense paid trip to Egypt. This program is for Black kids from ages 7-14 and adults over the age of 21.

See the success stories of students that completed the program and have gone to Egypt. They are amazing. Students grades went up in school, lateness and absences decreased and there was a remarkable increase in the students respect for their elders. One brother who attended was able to get a full 4-year scholarship to school as a result of being a part of the program.

Get all of the details at

www.BlackBusinessNetwork.com/theone

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Help For Parents With School-Age Children

The scrupulous and the just, the noble, humane, and devoted natures; the unselfish and the intelligent may begin a movement - but it passes away from them. They are not the leaders of a revolution. They are its victims. - Joseph Conrad

Are you a parent, relative, or health care professional with any of the following scenarios?

- * Not too sure how to register child for Kindergarten or Head Start.
- * Trying to decide on what type of school best fits a child's needs. Public or Charter or Magnet or Catholic?
- * Want to get a child motivate and focused on college.
- * Want to get child back in school after taking a leave, but don't know what options there are for out-of-school youth.
- * Child being bullied in school and don't know what to do.
- * Child not doing well in school and may have a learning difference.

On the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Education parent handout

http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/education.html and the Resource tab

<http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/resources.html> there are resources in the community to help advocates for children find help for their child's educational needs. Please become familiar with the listed resources and continue to bridge the gap between families in need and the agencies and resources that serve them.

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The Food stamp program under the new stimulus package is now called the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

Did you know?

Eligibility for SNAP benefits changed so many more families in food insecure households are now eligible.

On the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Food and Nutrition parent handout, you will find several organizations who can help families find out if they are eligible. Also, on the COMPASS website they can apply for these benefits and many others.

For more info you can also go to

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/FoodStamps/>

Please continue to link families in need with the appropriate social services agencies that serve them through Cap4Kids. Thanks.

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Online resources for parents: www.chestercountymoms.com, www.germantownavenueparents.com, www.norristownmom.com.

THIS WEEK

For the Lexophiliacs

*A bicycle can't stand alone;
it is two tired.*

*(We are ignoring the many
requests that this feature be
discontinued. Please stop
writing in.)*

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Paul "Earthquake" Moore
Presents

Community Boot Camp

From April 2010 through SEPTEMBER 2010

All young people are invited to experience a weekend of fun, discipline, and leadership activities when the Community Boot Camp resumes on

April 17-18, 2010

It is the first of seven individual weekend sessions for youth scheduled to be held from April through September 2010

Hosted by Paul "Earthquake" Moore, Community Boot Camp will be an exciting and positive weekend for youth in the Philadelphia and Delaware County areas.

For two days and one night on
April 17-18 2010,
children ages 8-15

will have the opportunity to spend time with positive role models from various industries including city officials, TV and radio personalities, and sports figures. The aim is to show young people a better way of life through positive activities and role models and make them believe they can have an impact on their surrounding communities and future careers.

Young people will spend the night in the field, sleeping in tents, during which time they will be mentored by the men and women of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Activities to take place will include:

- ~ Community Clean up
- ~ Salute Report
- ~ Military Alphabet Code
- ~ Military Time
- ~ Violence, Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- ~ Community Basketball
- ~ Drilling Ceremony

Community Boot Camp is being sponsored in part by PAUL "EARTHQUAKE" MOORE, from PHILADELPHIA, a community activist, Moore has had the privilege of developing programs and activities that support positive teen development. Holds basketball

tournaments, skating parties, Black History Month activities, and neighborhood clean-ups.

Do you remember this guy?

In addition, the organization has supported youth in developing relationships with the church.

England is better only because I stand out there as 'unusual'. - Emo Philips

Don't miss the opportunity to register your child for Community Boot Camp. Parents can register by calling 215-385-2696 or Camps begin in April 17-18, 2010 to September 2010

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Donations are needed to buy daily meals, sleeping bags, and equipment for the youth who attend. Those who wish to donate to the Community Boot Camp should call 215-385-2696, or email Paul "Earthquake" Moore at

earth_quake1@hotmail.com

All checks should be and sent to P.O. Box 5323

Philadelphia, PA 19142. Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrV_WEqETN4

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Free Library Festival

Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18, 2010

Now in its fourth year, the Free Library Festival

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is the Library's annual burst of ideas and inspiration. Well on its way to becoming a Philadelphia tradition, the Free Library Festival embodies the Free Library's Mission

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103280031660&s=14537&e=001SyIRPak-yPLodBNoFEcYkmouyf3Di199KChF5WzOKYR28MeV_EKIOR6ydZx9fkE0R_Bq-

[iaW02xwY5KnmfJJNsxVeXEiwPU_Sa2d6tCpH28QMEIE5XxkxG4yFqF5BLmAmeeaVkJRnluPTyI26TMw==](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103280031660&s=14537&e=001SyIRPak-iaW02xwY5KnmfJJNsxVeXEiwPU_Sa2d6tCpH28QMEIE5XxkxG4yFqF5BLmAmeeaVkJRnluPTyI26TMw==)]

of creating a welcoming environment for individual enlightenment and community enrichment by presenting free cultural programming for all to enjoy.

The Festival weekend is packed with free programming for all ages, including talks by bestselling authors, poetry readings, musical performances, tours of the Library's special collections, and programs and activities just for children. A fun, free way to spend the day, the Free Library Festival connects book lovers from throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

SPELLBOUND

*I am spellbound when my eyes
capture the height of a mountain.
I wonder, would my dreams reach so high?*

*If I could challenge the towering mountain
and look down into the valley below,
would I be satisfied with the green pastures?*

*When I follow a cool, winding brook,
I often ask, "Just where does it end?"
And I wonder, "How far in life could I go?"*

*I sit and listen to the lapping of the sea.
now peaceful, now angry,
like my heart within.*

*On the beach I find a shell
and put it to my ear,
and within I hear roar of the whole ocean,
the roar of my own heart.
Grandma Edna Gordon,
Hawk Clan Elder of the Seneca Nation, Six Nations Iroquois*

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Festival events are free and open to the public. Seating begins 15 minutes prior to event start times. Seating is first come, first seated. Space is limited in some venues. Authors will be on-hand to sign copies of their books after their events, unless noted. Books are sold on-site.

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Hello Neighbors

On Wednesday April 21th
we need 100 volunteers to help sort food at SHARE
2901 W. Hunting Park Ave.19129

There will be two shifts, shift1 will need 40 people from 9am to 1pm or for however long you can stay,
and shift 2 will need 60 people form 1pm to 5pm or for however long you can stay.

Please contact Stacy Weeks @ Philadelphia Cares 215 564 4544 for further info.

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Raymond Gant I am a project manager for Greater Philadelphia Cares.

On Thursday April 22nd & Friday April 23rd
1pm to 4pm

we need 30-40 volunteers preferably from 19122 area to come out to Ferguson Elementary School
2000 N. 7th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122

We need parents, neighbors, concerns citizens, we need your help! We will be painting games on the playground and helping to spruce up the library with painting quotes and murals.

This type of atmosphere gives a brighter learning space for our children, it also helps strengthen families.

For further info please contact Ray Gant @215 964 7627 or email me rohproject@comcast.net

*When dealing with people,
remember you are not
dealing with creatures of
logic, but creatures of
emotion... Dale Carnegie*

**The Raw Family
Newsletter**

<http://www.rawfamily.com/>

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Thank You,

Ray Gant

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Poetry Set

Where: "OCTOBER GALLERY" – 701 Market Street Bldg., on the 3rd Floor. "Ross Dept. Store" on the Market St. Level, and it's the Littman Building, enter thru 8th Street Side. Come to the center, and enter thru glass doors of Mellon Independence Center. This is Cheyney University's Center City Campus.

When: "FRIDAY" – April 16th, 2010 – Starting @ 7:30pm

What: "PANORAMIC POETRY" - POETS doing their thing – LYRICAL SPIRITS getting down.

"ADMISSION FREE" – FOR PERFORMING POETS!!!

Please don't forget parking is very difficult in Center City. Allow time to park legally and arrive at the October Gallery on time. The reading is \$10.00 for audience members, discounted to \$7.00 if you call or e-mail to reserve a spot ahead of time. PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com

October Gallery

701 Market Street Bldg. 3rd Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19106

215.629.3939 Room #319

www.OctoberGallery.com

<http://www.myspace.com/panoramicpoetry>

Panoramic Poetry on Facebook as well....

<http://www.myspace.com/Crucialpoet>

Go to PanoramicPoetry@OctoberGallery.com to SIGN-UP, if you are a Poet wanting to perform.

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Muslim groups building health network

Beginning with the Philadelphia area, the [Muslim Alliance in North America's SHARE Centers](#) and the [Islamic Social Services Association of Philadelphia](#) are working to build a network of existing free health care clinics by networking with tens of thousands of Muslim physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, health care providers, and private ambulance services. This network, which will begin in Philadelphia, will also lay the groundwork

"I know that my unity with all people cannot be destroyed by national boundaries and government orders." - Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy

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for additional clinics that will reach out to the unserved or underserved citizens, particularly of America's inner city neighborhoods where there are over 30 million Americans uninsured, of which 50% - 60% are African American and Hispanic. The groups are sponsoring a presentation on the initiative at a health care forum on

April 24th
beginning at
1:30pm
at the

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Broad and Spruce Streets
Philadelphia

The forum will be followed by an entertainment program at 6pm. Tickets for the full day of activities are \$50.

Register [here](#).

For more information, call Qasim Khan at 773-557-9315 or Rashidah Abdul Khabeer at 215-432-6691.

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Lifeguard Positions Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation

Do you have what it takes to be a lifeguard?

- Must be certified in Lifeguard Training, First Aid & CPR
 - Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must pass a drug screening, criminal record, child abuse and FBI clearance check

Want to become a Lifeguard?

- You must be at least 15 and know how to swim to take the class
- Pass a lifeguard screening, once you pass, you can enroll in a class
 - Classes starting now: (3 locations)

Sayre Morris Pool
59th & Spruce

<http://www.facebook.com/l/d7464;215.685.1993>

Lincoln Pool

Rowland & Shelmire St

<http://www.facebook.com/l/d7464;215.685.8751>

*Such is human psychology
that if we don't express our
joy, we soon cease to feel
it... Lin Yutang*

Pickett Pool

Wayne & Chelton St

<http://www.facebook.com/l/d7464;215.686.2196>

- Cost is \$100 for the entire course and materials

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Minimum salary is \$12.33 per hour

Maximum salary is \$14.60 per hour with experience

Be responsible, save a life, make some money

Members of the NAACP Philly Youth Council have the opportunity to obtain much more info, and direct contact information for more opportunities. Visit the NAACP Philly Office at 1619 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, or attend one of our 2nd/4th Saturday meetings, or any of our community service activities to join our group now!

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United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Coming of Age offer 3-day Learning Lab

Coming of Age, a collaboration of United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning, WHYY and AARP of Pennsylvania, will sponsor a 3-day learning lab on

Capturing the Energy and Expertise of People 50+ on

May 19th,

at United Way,

1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway in

Philadelphia, PA

The event is part of COA's effort to help the nonprofit community to learn more about engaging experienced volunteers to help meet greater demand at a time of shrinking resources.

Whether retired or working, people age 50+ are extraordinary resources, whose energy and expertise can help nonprofit agencies accomplish their mission.

And we have more than 1,500,000 such people here in the Delaware Valley.

They are a rich, immense — and very much underutilized — volunteer talent pool!

*Only after the last tree has
been cut down;
Only after the last fish has
been caught;
Only after the last river has
been poisoned;
Only then will you realize
that money cannot be eaten.
-- Indian Prophecy*

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The Learning Lab will show nonprofits how to apply best practices to meet their mission; motivate people age 50+; assess readiness to capture the talent of people age 50+; create roles fusing your mission and their interests; and creating a high-impact and doable marketing and recruitment campaign.

Almost 1,000 executive directors, program directors and volunteer managers have taken this workshop series across the nation. The cost for the 3-day workshop is only \$180 and includes all materials and a continental breakfast and lunch each day.

For more information or to sign up, click [here](#)

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Summer camp in Bulgaria open to young journalists worldwide

International Experience, Study Abroad, Young Journalists Deadline:

High school students worldwide who are interested in journalism, writing and personal development are invited to attend an Educational Summer Camp in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria from July 4 to 24.

Deadline to apply: June 20.

All courses will be taught in English. In addition to the aforementioned topics, the curriculum includes sports, field trips to the Rila Monastery and Sofia, movies and other activities.

The summer program is organized by the American University in Bulgaria.

The camp fee is 510 (about US\$710).

For more information, visit

<http://www.aubg.bg/camp>

or e-mail Nadejda Afendova at nadia@aubg.bg

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HEALTH MATTERS

AIDS group offers Hepatitis C presentation

The Philadelphia AIDS Consortium will present a program designed to provide a better understanding of medications and basic health management for professionals working with people with Hepatitis C+.

A salesman is driving toward home in northern Ontario when he sees an Indian thumbing for a ride on the side of the road. As the trip had been long and quiet, he stops the car and the Indian gets in.

After a bit of small talk, the Indian notices a brown bag on the front seat. "What's in bag?", the Indian asks the driver.

The driver says, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my wife."

The Indian is silent for a moment then says, "Good trade."

(Thx. to Stacey Mobley)

Submit your own humor, and let our readers know how funny you can be. We obviously need the help. ;) (Family appropriate)

Dr. Arthur Williams will cover the effect Hepatitis C has on the body, the medications most often prescribed to positive clients, as well as discuss common side effects. In addition, the workshop will discuss the link between Hepatitis C and HIV disease.

The workshop will be held on Monday, April 19th from 12:30-3:30pm at 112 N. Broad Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Philadelphia.

To register, email [Natalja Karol](mailto:Natalja.Karol) or call 215-988-9970 ext. 323. ----- Coalition members! Activate '[Your](#)' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site -----

What's Really in Your Food?

Learn the truth about these four fast-food favorites.
By David Zinczenko & Matt Goulding, Men's Health

Ever wonder what's actually in a McDonald's Chicken [McNugget](#)? Turns out, the "chicken" alone contains seven ingredients. And that's before you even get to the breading. Sadly, many of our favorite foods (especially fast foods) weren't merely crafted in kitchens, they were also designed and perfected in labs. We uncovered the ugly truth when doing research for *Eat This, Not That! Restaurant Survival Guide*. What we found wasn't pretty—or appetizing. Before you mindlessly chew your way through another value meal, take these mini-mysteries (conveniently solved below) into account. Sometimes the truth is tough to swallow.

What's in a Chicken McNugget?

You'd think that a breaded lump of chicken would be pretty simple. Mostly, it would contain bread and chicken. But the McNugget and its peers at other fast-food restaurants are much more complicated creatures than that. The "meat" in the McNugget alone contains seven ingredients, some of which are made up of yet more ingredients. (Nope, it's not just chicken. It's also such nonchicken-related stuff as water, wheat starch, dextrose, safflower oil, and sodium phosphates.) The "meat" also contains something called "autolyzed yeast extract." Then add another 20 ingredients that make up the breading, and you have the industrial chemical—we mean, fast-food meal—called the McNugget. Still, McDonald's is practically all-natural compared to Wendy's Chicken Nuggets, with 30 ingredients, and [Burger King Chicken Fries](#), with a whopping 35 ingredients.

For more fast foods to watch out for, memorize this list of the [20 Worst](#)

Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...
Kathy's Korner!

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How to be politically correct with women

Experts say 40 percent of cancers could be prevented

[Kate Kelland](#)

She is not a BLEACHED BLONDE - She is PEROXIDE DEPENDENT.

LONDON (Reuters) - Forty percent of the 12 million people diagnosed with cancer worldwide each year could avert the killer disease by protecting themselves against infections and changing their lifestyles, experts said...

She is not a BAD COOK - She is MICROWAVE COMPATIBLE.

Read the full story

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6113PX20100202?feedType=nl&feedName=ushealth600>

She does not wear TOO MUCH JEWELRY - She is METALLICALLY OVERBURDENED.

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She is not CONCEITED - She is INTIMATELY AWARE OF HER BEST QUALITIES.

Get Fresh!

Volunteer with Philabundance Fresh for All

You recycle out the wazoo and consider yourself consigliore of the enviro-sack mafia.

She does not want to be MARRIED - She wants to lock you in DOMESTIC INCARCERATION.

Hence, a cause you can believe in: Philabundance wants to fill those ubiquitous bags with produce through its new Fresh for All program.

And you can help by volunteering.

She does not GAIN WEIGHT - She is a METABOLIC UNDERACHIEVER.

The nonprofit hands out perishables at six sites in the Delaware Valley — where nutritious diet staples are hard to come by, especially in tough times.

She does not TEASE or FLIRT - She engages in ARTIFICIAL STIMULATION.

With a minimum three-hour commitment, you'll keep busy. Help with admin, approve clients, or do community outreach (posting mailings, making phone calls).

Looking for something physical?

She is not DUMB - She is a DETOUR OFF THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY.

Take food to sites, divide apples, and dole out the goods. You'll be doing a major part to help people get the fruits and veggies they need.

And that's a green movement to be proud of.

She is not TOO SKINNY - She is SKELETALLY PROMINENT.

To participate in Fresh for All, contact Tunisia Garnett (215-339-0900 ext. 238 or tgarnett@philabundance.org).

For more information, go to www.philabundance.org

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She does not HAVE A MUSTACHE - She is IN TOUCH WITH HER MASCULINE SIDE.

Tips for making oatmeal appealing to kids

<http://advision.webevents.yahoo.com/mompowergroup/>

She does not HATE TELEVISED SPORTS - She is ATHLETICALLY IGNORANT.
(cont.)

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She has not BEEN AROUND - She is a PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED COMPANION.

She does not WEAR TOO MUCH PERFUME - She commits FRAGRANCE ABUSE.

She does not GO SHOPPING - She is MALL FLUENT.

She is not an AIR HEAD - She is REALITY IMPAIRED.

She does not get DRUNK or TIPSY - She gets CHEMICALLY INCONVENIENCED.

She does not get FAT or CHUBBY - She achieves MAXIMUM DENSITY.

She is not COLD or FRIGID - She is THERMALLY INACCESSIBLE.

She does not WEAR TOO MUCH MAKEUP - She has reached COSMETIC SATURATION.

She does not NAG YOU - She becomes VERBALLY REPETITIVE (Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

EARTH DAY 2010 for PEACE

Thursday, April 22
in Philadelphia

“Honor the Earth: Abolish Nuclear Weapons”
Unite and Organize for a Nuclear-Free Planet!

12 noon:

Rally at Independence Mall
Rain or shine,
6th and Market St.

With music, speakers and special guests
1 to 4 pm: Earth Day ceremony at Independence Mall
and Peace Walk to Camden, NJ (South Waterfront community)
Stay tuned for more details

AND

Please also gather with us

Wednesday, April 21
6 to 8:30 pm

Potluck Dinner followed by Lecture + Discussion
“New Strategies for Nuclear Disarmament in the Obama Era”
Featuring Dr. Joseph Gerson, American Friends Service Committee
(AFSC) Director of Peace and Economic Security

Location: Rufus Jones Room,
Friends Center 15th and Cherry St.,
Philadelphia
(free + open to all)

Sponsored by AFSC, Brandywine Peace Community,
Energy Justice Network, Proposition One Campaign and
Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
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Visit www.nptwalk2010.org

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The Blue Green Alliance wanted to pass on the exciting news that
registration is now open for the 2010 Good Jobs, Green Jobs
<http://www.greenjobsconference.org>

National Conference,
May 4-6, in
Washington, D.C.

The 2010 Conference is the leading forum for turning ideas into action and

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building a green economy that creates good jobs, reduces global warming
and preserves America's economic and environmental security.

You can register now by visiting www.greenjobsconference.org.

This year's Conference promises to be an extraordinary event. The
Conference features two days of exciting plenaries and more than 100
informative workshops on topics ranging from green manufacturing to
environmental and occupational health and safety to business, investment
and new markets.

Take a minute to view the agenda

<http://www.greenjobsconference.org/agenda/2010>

and workshops

<http://www.greenjobsconference.org/workshop-schedule/2010>.

Featured speakers include Richard L. Trumka, President of the AFL-CIO,
Leo W. Gerard, International President of the United Steelworkers, Carl
Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, Dr. Paul Anastas, Assistant
Administrator for EPA's Office and Research and Development, Dr. David
Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health,
Michael Nutter, Mayor of Philadelphia, Robert Stanton, Deputy Assistant
Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget,

Rick Fedrizzi, President and CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council, and
George H. Miller, President of the American Institute of Architects.

In addition, this year's Conference features the 2010 Green

<http://www.greenjobsconference.org/greeninnovationexpo>

Innovation Expo, where more than 100 exhibitors from labor, industry,
environment and academia will be on hand to demonstrate how they are
charting the path toward growing the green economy and developing clean
energy jobs.

Register today for the 2010 Good Jobs, Green Jobs

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National Conference.

<http://www.certain.com/products/certain-registration/online-registration-ev>

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Philadelphia is a huge underutilized asset.

We have two American flags always: one for the rich and one for the poor. When the rich fly it means that things are under control; when the poor fly it means danger, revolution, anarchy. - Henry Miller

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<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/harvardbusiness?sid=H6f94aa705ec4920897666766dea63ef6>

By Rosabeth Moss Kanter

The green movement focuses attention on numerous resources going to waste that could be turned into cost savings, revenue streams, and profitable businesses while saving the earth — wind power, solar energy, fuels from burning biomass. That sensibility signals an important new value proposition: From dust to dollars! Build innovation around existing but underutilized assets.

Waste was an industrial age motif. To have more of something than one could possibly use signified affluence and high status. That was the point of the impractical extra space at Donald Trump's palace, Mar a Lago, or the hundreds of pairs of shoes owned by former Philippines First Lady Imelda Marcos. In that context, growth came from selling bigger portions, larger cars, and more of everything, guaranteeing waste. Of course, one person's waste was another person's waste management company; I know many immigrants who attained the American dream through scrap metal.

In today's less-forgiving times, it's not enough to hide conspicuous consumption behind gated communities, cloth coats, or vans instead of limousines, and to give up corporate jets and lavish parties. It is imperative (and good business) to better use underutilized assets, not simply to reduce waste.

Munch on some food examples. In Boston, order Peking duck, and get the skin and some meat. In Hong Kong, Peking duck includes the skin, meat, and broth in separate courses. In Beijing, Peking duck uses all of the above plus adds the bones — no waste. A Taiwanese executive friend who summers on Cape Cod visits the docks most mornings to ask fishing crews for the fish heads they discard. Creative cooks invent wonderful dishes out of leftovers, tossing the rest in the compost pile to enrich the soil.

Don't take me literally. The idea is unlock the hidden value of something that would otherwise be wasted. Used tires — a major pollution problem — are being used by Cemex in road beds in Mexico and by Brazilian artists in Sao Paulo to create attractive, comfortable furniture.

Companies recycle cans and bottles but rarely create innovations out of

The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightening bug... Mark Twain

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them. An entrepreneur friend made watch faces out of discarded soda bottle caps, selling them as fashion watches (at high margins considering the zero cost of the bottle caps). Students in a high school chemistry class in New Hampshire collected used cooking oil from local restaurants to convert into fuel that they hoped would run school buses, while extracting the glycerin to make soap that they sold to fund their experiment. Talk about synergies.

What byproducts have hidden value? Companies are experimenting with carbon capture that can reduce carbon footprints while being used for carbonated beverages. Zoos have been particularly creative with the kind of waste-we-don't-talk-about-in-polite-company (and I don't mean composting toilets, although that might be a good idea too). Toronto and Singapore zoos took the lead in creating a profitable line of fertilizers for home gardens by processing and packaging animal waste under the brand name "Zoo Doo."

Space often goes to waste. Companies can turn unused conference rooms into training centers for other organizations. Airports recognize that the areas between gates are retail sales opportunities; the Pittsburgh airport was among the first to be a destination shopping mall, not just a transportation platform. WPP grew to a global advertising giant from a company making wire shopping carts when managers realized the carts could hold advertising placards. Minute Clinics in CVS pharmacies offer routine health services in underutilized areas near aspirins and greeting cards. I've urged branch banks to give floor space to neighborhood merchants for displays and demonstration, building community value and bringing traffic to the branch.

Human energy can also be put to better use. Years ago I joked that communities could generate electricity by from runners on a giant treadmill.

Then I discovered that this idea is the basis of actual experiments.

Bicycles power computers for children in remote villages that lack electricity.

So why not go further? What if every office had a health center connected to a generator? Employees could get exercise while displays show them how much power they are producing.

Get fit and keep the lights on at the same time.

Of course, it's also essential to better utilize the most underutilized asset of all in many companies: brainpower. Employee imagination could be used to search for trash, literal or figurative, with innovation value.

Mount a campaign for the best ideas about using underutilized or discarded assets. There's nothing to lose — it's wasted anyway — and a great deal to gain. Besides, chairs made out of used tires are great for the beach, and

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compost plus Zoo Doo grow wonderful gardens.

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Don't throw your old TVs away!

All electronics can be dropped off for recycling at either
Domino Lane & Umbria St.

or

State Rd. & Ashburner St. in Philadelphia
at the

Streets Department Sanitation Convenience Centers,

Monday through Saturday

8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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Weavers Way #5 plastics recycling resumes

Fellow Recyclers,

Weavers Way collection of #5 plastics, which are not included in the City's
recycling program, will be on the 3rd Saturday of each month: April 17th.

The collections take place at the co-op's garage,
at 542 Carpenter Lane,

which is across the street and a bit further down the block from the Big Blue
Marble bookstore.

Please note that we need volunteers to keep this project going. (Weavers
Way members can get work credit for helping us; work shifts are available
on co-op's the online calendar.)

The #5 category includes yogurt cups, sour cream containers, hummus tubs,
some medicine bottles, and more. Your recyclables must be clean and dry to
be accepted. Check to make sure there are no other materials (paper, screws,
other number plastics) on the items you bring in. Impurities of any kind
compromise the recycling process and usually lead to the discarding of an
entire batch. Exclude any lids unless they are clearly marked #5. (Most lids
from #5 containers are #4 plastic, but this is not always the case.)

We ask recyclers for a small donation to cover postage costs of mailing the
recyclables to the Gimme 5 processing facility in New York.

Before bringing your #5s to the collection, be sure that they meet the
requirements for Gimme 5:

All items must be CLEAN and DRY. If they contained food or any oily or

Little Larry attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Larry asked, 'Dad, why are you doing that?' His father replied, 'Because when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy. Larry, looking worried, said, 'Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mom ' (submitted by Ron Aldridge)

dirty product, make sure they have been washed, not just rinsed. Items stacked when wet tend to stay wet, so allow washed items to dry fully before stacking or packing.

The #5 stamp needs to be visible on each item. Lids are separate items. Don't assume lids are the same number plastic as the container; sometimes they are but usually they are not. Check to make sure there are no other materials (labels, paper, other number plastics, metal) on the items you bring in.

Brita filters are also welcome! Let them air dry for several days to make sure they are completely dry.

We'll see you soon!

Carolyn, Helen, Priscilla and Stevik
of the Weavers Way Environment Committee

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Recycling Services Inc. in Pottstown takes styrofoam on Saturday and Tuesday mornings. <http://www.recyclingservices.org/>

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For sustainable enterprise go to Green Jobs Philly
<http://www.greenjobshilly.org/news>

PERSONAL AND HOME SECURITY

Protect Yourself from Carjacking

Carjacking is the taking of a motor vehicle in the possession of another by means of force or fear. Security conscious drivers are less likely to be a victim of carjacking than those who are careless. Crimes can take place at any time but more often take place at night, and are more often committed by young males. Top spots for carjacking include intersections and parking lots at malls, apartments, businesses and schools. The following precautions will reduce your chances of being victimized:

Getting In

- Reduce your chances of being carjacked by walking to your car purposefully, and stay alert.
- Approach your car with the key in hand. Look around and inside

A man's judgment is best when he can forget himself and any reputation he may have acquired and can concentrate wholly on making the right decisions.~ Raymoond Spruance

the car before getting in.

Getting Out

- Park in well-lighted areas, near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters, wooded areas, large vans or trucks, or anything else that limits your visibility.
- Never leave valuables in plain view even if the car is locked. Put them in the trunk or out of sight.
- Keep doors locked and windows rolled up, no matter how short the distance or how safe the area.
- Look around, especially at places where you slow down or stop such as garages and parking lots, intersections, self-serve gas stations and car washes, highway entry and exit ramps, and ATMs.
- When coming to a stop, leave enough room to maneuver around other cars, especially if you sense trouble and need to get away.
- Avoid driving alone, if possible. Travel with someone, especially at night.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car has broken down. Help instead by using your cell phone or driving to the nearest phone and calling police to help.
- Always keep your car well maintained, and make sure you have plenty of gas. (*Develop the attitude that anything below ½ tank is critical*)

If It Happens to You

- If the carjacker threatens you with a gun or other weapon, give up your car. Don't argue. Your life is worth more than a car.
- Get away as quickly as possible.
- Contact the police immediately.

Source: <http://police.sdsu.edu/personalsafe.htm>

For a more aggressive role in your protection:
www.selfdefensewithanattitude.com

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION

200 Free Scholarships For Minorities (NEW UPDATED 2010 LISTINGS)

Be Content with what you have; rejoice in the way things are. When you realize there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you... Lao Tzu

HIV/AIDS Prevention Workshop

Workshop Summary

Culturally-Relevant Communication about HIV/AIDS is an interactive and user-friendly workshop. Ivan J. Juzang, MEE President and Founder will examine the environmental influences, attitudes and behaviors and unique communication style of urban, ethnic and other hard-to-reach audiences; review theories and techniques for developing cost-effective and culturally-relevant communication strategies; and then show session attendees how to apply these learnings to their own HIV/AIDS testing programs, prevention services and outreach efforts.

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Learning Objectives

After attending the session, attendees will have the background necessary to more effectively communicate with their target audiences about sex, sexuality and HIV/AIDS. They will also have a clearer understanding of media consumption patterns and other social factors that impact sexual decision-making; and the attitudes, motivations and perceptions of minorities on healthy sexuality and HIV/AIDS prevention, testing and treatment. Such information will help interventionists, community-based organizations and service providers develop innovative and effective messages and services targeted to minority audiences.

Workshop Description:

Topics explored during the session include:

The environmental context, peer group dynamics and social interactions that influence sexual behaviors;

How service providers can be more culturally aware, and increase the effectiveness of their outreach, media and materials; and

Strategies for attracting the hardest-to-reach audiences to HIV-prevention, testing and treatment programs.

For more information on other workshops and schedules visit their [website](#)

To inquire about a MEE Workshop at Your Organization call 215.829.4920 or Email [here](#)

An old hillbilly farmer had a wife who nagged him unmercifully. From morning till night (and sometimes later), she was always complaining about something. The only time he got any relief was when he was out plowing with his old mule.

He tried to plow a lot. One day, when he was out plowing, his wife brought him lunch in the field. He drove the old mule into the shade, sat down on a stump, and began to eat his lunch. Immediately, his wife began nagging him again.

Complain, nag, complain, nag; it just went on and on. All of a sudden, the old mule lashed out with both hind feet; caught her smack in the back of the head and killed her dead on the spot.

*At the funeral several days later, the minister noticed something rather odd. When a woman mourner would approach the old farmer, he would listen for a minute, then nod his head in agreement; but when a man mourner approached him, he would listen for a minute, then shake his head in disagreement. This was so consistent, the minister decided to ask the old farmer about it.
(cont.)*

At- Risk Youth

Annie E. Casey Foundation

<http://www.aecf.org>

A private charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. The foundation offers community-focused grants. The site also has several publications. Provides funding to both 501(c)(3) and local/state government. Organizations wishing to send a proposal to the Foundation should submit a letter of no more than three pages explaining the organization and its project and how the money will be used. Send the letters to: The AEC Foundation; Attn: Office of the President; 701 Saint Paul St.; Baltimore, MD 21202.

Phone: 410-547-6600

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AOL Time Warner Foundation

<http://aoltimewarnerfoundation.org>

The AOL Time Warner Foundation is dedicated to using the power of media, communications and information technology to serve the public interest and strengthen society. However, rather than simply providing grants or funding unsolicited requests, the foundation prefers to enter into sustainable strategic partnerships with organizations that have a demonstrated commitment to pioneering innovative ways of meeting four priorities: Equipping kids for the 21st century; Extending Internet benefits to all; Engaging communities in the arts; and Empowering citizens and civic participation.

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AT&T Foundation

<http://www.att.com/foundation>

The AT&T Foundation seeks to educate, enrich, engage, and empower the communities served by AT&T. The Foundation's funding areas are education, civic and community service, and arts and culture.

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Beaumont Foundation

<http://www.bmtfoundation.com/grants/>

The Beaumont Foundation of America (BFA), a non-profit philanthropic organization, is dedicated to the enriching the lives of individuals by providing technology to historically underserved schools and communities. The foundation believes technologies are essential tools for progress in the 21st century, and that given access to digital information, people will have

So after the funeral, the minister spoke to the old farmer, and asked him why he nodded his head and agreed with the women, but always shook his head and disagreed with all the men. The old farmer said, "Well, the women would come up and say something about how nice my wife looked, or how pretty her dress was, so I'd nod my head in agreement." "And what about the men?" the minister asked. "They wanted to know if the mule was for sale."

(thx. Fred Green)

an equal opportunity to advance socially, economically and intellectually.

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The Student Achievement Grants program provides grants of \$5,000 each to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, and other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged. Grant funds may be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, software, and scholars-in-residence.

Applicants must be practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades K-12, public school education support professionals, or faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

Visit the NEA Foundation Web site for complete grant program information

RFP Link: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15016125/neafd>

For additional RFPs in Education, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml

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NIH Summer Institute on Community-Based Participatory Research

The National Institutes of Health has announced the 2nd summer institute. We are thrilled to see that the organizers have responded to Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's (CCPH) comments on last year's summer institute.

When the 1st NIH institute on CBPR was announced, CCPH expressed concern about its exclusive focus on academic researchers.

In CBPR, the community is involved at the very start of the research, so it was incongruent that the institute did not include the community partners or acknowledge the possibility of a community partner as a principal investigator or co-PI.

This summer's institute has been designed for community-academic partner teams (see below for details).

CCPH has successfully implemented community-academic partner team-based model of CBPR training:

http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/2005CBPRInstituteApp3-25.pdf

and

http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/2005%20Summer%20Institute%20Agenda.pdf

The training curriculum, "Developing and Sustaining CBPR Partnerships" is

It is wrong to think that love comes from long companionship and persevering courtship. Love is the offspring of spiritual affinity and unless that affinity is created in a moment, it will not be created for years or even generations. -- Kahlil Gibran

If you're interested in bringing a CBPR training workshop or institute to your location, contact CCPH senior consultant Rachel Vaughn at sliccph@mcw.edu for more information.

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Banta Company Foundation

The Banta Company Foundation provides funding for at-risk youth and delinquency prevention initiatives. The funds can be used for equipment, general/operating expenses, seed money, program development, as well as other areas. For more information please contact: Banta Company Foundation; 225 Main Street; PO Box 8003; Menasha, WI 54952-8003.

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Best Buy Children's Foundation

<http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/>

The mission of the Best Buy Children's Foundation is to improve the lives of youth aged 5 - 18 in communities where Best Buy maintains a business presence. The Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations with innovative approaches to developing life skills in young people through education, mentoring, and leadership development. Funds can be used for: program development; direct project support; specific curriculum development; and scholarship aid for participants in life skills or mentoring programs. The Foundation typically awards grants ranging from \$2000 - \$10,000 to nonprofits.

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Healthy Community Outreach Program

will be granted to nonprofit organizations to support grassroots efforts which increase awareness on critical health initiatives through health walks, health fairs and health education outreach.

Grants up to \$25,000 will be considered.

Please provide all levels of event sponsorships on your application.

Nonprofit organizations with evidence of IRS 501(c)(3) designation or de facto tax-exempt status may apply for a grant, with the following exceptions advertising; capital campaigns; grants or scholarships to individuals; multiyear requests; political causes and events; or religious organizations in support of their sacramental or theological functions.

http://www.aetna.com/foundation/grants_reg/guidelines.html>Awards

Ongoing Deadline

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Ben and Jerry's Foundation

Never esteem anything as of advantage to you that will make you break your word or lose your self-respect. -- Marcus Aurelius Antoninus.

If you would like to report on a recent community event, feel free to send us a brief account of what happened in document format, and we will share it with our readers.

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Ben and Jerry's Foundation has no specific program areas. The Foundation seeks projects that lead to societal change or address the root causes of problems. The Foundation awards grants ranging in amount from \$1,000 to \$15,000. Applicants must submit a letter of interest at any time during the year.

<http://www.benjerry.com/foundation/index.html>

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AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE NOT APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Even if you do not have a college-aged child at home, please share this with someone who does, pass this scholarship information on to anyone and everyone that comes to mind. Though there are a number of companies and organizations that have donated moneys for scholarship use to African Americans, a great deal of the money is being returned because of a lack of interest.

No one is going to knock on our doors and ask if we can use a scholarship.

Take the initiative to get your children involved. There is no need for money to be returned to donating companies because we fail to apply for it.

Please pass this information on to family members, nieces, nephews, and friends with children etc. We must get the word out that money is available. If you are a college student or getting ready to become one, you probably already know how useful additional money can be. Our youth really could use these scholarships. Thanks!!

For a list of scholarships please visit our group 'The Coalition, Inc.'

<http://groups.google.com/group/coalition-the>

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SpotLight On Our Efforts

CREATIVE KIDS CLUB

In 1996, a group of children from Salem Mission Baptist Church needed activities to keep them occupied but funds were low. So the youth group set out to find free fun things for them to do. The very first trip was to a free grandparents' festival, in Fort Washington, PA. This event gave out free samples of different products to the children; they played interactive games,

Men of integrity, by their existence, rekindle the belief that as a people we can live above the level of moral squalor. We need that belief; a cynical community is a corrupt community... John W. Gardner

and had a great time. That trip attended by four families marked the beginning of the Creative Kids Club that now has over 75 families and are still growing.

Children in our club must be “creative” in motion in everything they do; this is the purpose of our name. We strive to bring out the creativity of our members through exposing them to art craft workshops, recreational activities and cultural events.

The Creative Kids Club members are youth (ages 1 to 18) and their families, of all socioeconomic levels, and diverse multicultural religious beliefs. Whether they’re foster children, youngsters cared for by their grandparents, little one from single or two parent homes or developmentally delayed children, we even managed to create an enriching symbiosis between the club’s special needs members and seniors. We strive to teach our children by being different are what make you special. The developmentally delayed children and youth integrate and increase their self-esteem when they are included as members of the club. Likewise, senior citizens on limited income have gotten in on the Creative Kids Club action; they enjoy the company of the youth who appreciate having a grandparent around.

The Creative Kids Club’s programs are design to provide structured developmentally appropriate recreational services in the areas of program development, recreational interaction and training/workshops. Our motto is “You Provide the Family, We’ll Provide the Fun.”

MISSION

Our mission is to provide recreational and educational events, activities and workshops that empower our families and youth, to strength and enhance personal growth, education, self-sufficiency and leadership.

VISION

Our vision is to provide recreational resource for individual and families to recreationally interact as a family unit.

Creative Kids Club is a member of The Coalition, Inc. See their new web <http://www.creativekidsclub.net/>

To contact Creative Kids Club: <http://www.creativekidsclub.net/#/contact-us/4537314362>

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Village of the Arts and Humanities

Water is fluid, soft, and yielding. But water will wear away rock, which is rigid and cannot yield. As a rule, whatever is fluid, soft, and yielding will overcome whatever is rigid and hard. This is another paradox: what is soft is strong. -- Lao Tzu.

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The Village of Arts and Humanities, located at
2544 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19133,

seeks to build community through its innovative education, social, construction and arts programs. In all of its projects and activities, the Village seeks to do justice to the humanity of people who live in inner-city North Philadelphia and in similar urban situations.

The need for a new urban landscape in 1986, spawned The Village Arts and Humanities (the Village) of North Philadelphia. Emerging as an outgrowth from a place Arthur Hall named Ile Ife Black Humanitarian Center—Ile Ife is drawn from Yoruba (Nigeria) cosmology and means the birthplace of humanity and also the “House of Love”—the Village was incarnated from a small neighborhood park project headed by Lily Yeh, the Village founder and two African American men in recovery from substance abuse. Since its inception, the Village has transformed a 260 square block area of North Philadelphia, one block at a time through a neighborhood revitalization program that has evolved into a major provider of arts-inspired programs including education, land transformation, construction, and economic development.

Fast forward 20 years, and you can't miss the impact of the Village within the community, starting with the larger than life murals, and colorful tile mosaics that punctuate housing projects, parks, even sidewalks as a visual testament to the work being done to improve the lives of North Philadelphia residents.

Today, we are a multi-faceted, professionally staffed, arts organization, governed by a community-based board of directors. We have won numerous local and international awards and citations for innovation and achievement, and earned high marks within the community for serving thousands of low-income, primarily underserved African American dwellers. However, North Philadelphia could well be anywhere around the globe where people suffer due to cultural differences or economic inequities; and that is why our program resonates so strongly worldwide.

We foster a new multiculturalism that embraces the gifts and the challenges expressed by all cultures and people. Our programs seek to tap into the common threads of all communities that have been labeled at risk, underprivileged, impoverished, undereducated, and stressed to create anomalies in the same undeniable way that the blues, gospel, jazz and even hip hop have done, with cross cultural success. We know that the Arts transcend race, culture, religion, education, socioeconomic background, gender, sexual orientation, age, or ableism.

If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm any hostility. -- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Our work is described as provocative, muscular and risky. We are not limited by convention but instead boldly redefine art to incorporate environmental justice, greening and beautification, as well as community organizing.

Solid is the foundation from which we were originated. Lily Yeh endeavored under difficult situations and limited resources to make work that has forever shifted perceptions in the lives of oppressed people living in urban settings.

We value our staff, board of directors and volunteers and recognize their ability to affect change.

If you are interested in learning more about the Village's arts and environmental programs, special events, performances, volunteer opportunities, and other ways to help, please contact our Volunteer/Outreach coordinator at 215.225.7830 or volunteers@villagearts.org

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The mission of

The Children's Advocacy Project (CAP)

is to help bridge the gap between the many quality social service agencies in the Philadelphia area and the families that need their help the most. To bridge this gap, we aim to empower and to inform those that care for the children of Philadelphia through this web site. The CAP will assist families, health care professionals, and social service providers by furnishing the tools necessary to connect families in need to the appropriate social service agencies that serve them.

To continue our series of Cap4Kids Hints of the Week and the root causes of violence in our city, let's consider Lead Poisoning.

Lead poisoning directly affects our children's developing brain and several studies (see attached PDF from Minneapolis Dept. of Health) show a direct correlation between Lead exposure, anti-social behavior and violence.

On the www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia website, under the Safety Handout (http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/safety.html), there are links to the Childhood Lead Prevention Program of Philadelphia, as well as Free Home Safety inspections to pick up lead in the environment BEFORE the toxic effects affects our children.

Daniel R. Taylor, D.O., FAAP

<http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/>

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*I refuse to engage in an
intellectual battle with an
unarmed man. --
Unknown*

Website Offers Revolutionary Green Alternatives for Communities/Nations

Greetings. I hope that you and your business/ organizations are all doing well. As we enter into a new year, I expect that many of us have already envisioned what we would like to accomplish in this new year. As long as we have positive intentions for not just ourselves but also our fellow inhabitants on this planet as well as the mother Earth herself, may the Creator of the Universe bless our visions and goals to become a material manifestation.

I would like to invite everyone to visit
<http://africanindependence.org/Projects.aspx>

I am one of the co-founders of this organization. While the initiative of this organization focuses on improving the lives of the African Diaspora and building up eco-friendly, peaceful, self sustaining and prosperous communities in their ancestral lands, we extend a welcome hand for all to check a part of our vision out by visiting our site. Our site was put in video format for simplicity and visuals to keep the interests of our visitors. When you first click on the provided website address, you will notice that we begin with our goals on dealing with electricity. There are actually two clips explaining the same technology, we recommend the second clip for a more detailed explanation on how this technology works. The following two clips deals with how we plan on providing clean water to the citizens and then water recycling.

The fifth video demonstrates how sewer systems are unnecessary. There are many issues that we tackle on our site. We are currently in talks with university and reverse engineers to have these technologies made at a lower cost and with high quality specifications. Any feedback or suggestions is welcome and any donations would be highly appreciated.

There is a lot of useful information and we encourage all to take advantage of of it and to view it for themselves, we're confident that you will be excited as we are once you see the potential in such technology.

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ARTS FOR AWARENESS

*One moment of patience
may ward off great disaster.
One moment of impatience
may ruin a whole life. –
Chinese Proverb*

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I see little of more importance to the future of our country and of civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him. Pauline Kael

Morning Haiku with Sonia Sanchez

Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 1:00PM

Independence Foundation Poetry Salon

An acclaimed poet, activist, and scholar, Sonia Sanchez is the former Laura Carnell Professor of English and Women's Studies at Temple University. Called a "lion in literature's forest" by Maya Angelou, Sanchez has written more than a dozen books of poetry, including the American Book Award-winner *Homegirls and Handgrenades*. Her new book of poems is a collection of haiku that celebrates the lives and mourns the deaths of revered

African-American leaders.

Free Library of Philadelphia

Central Branch

Skyline Room: 4th Floor

Cost: Free

Phone: 215-686-5322

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Precious author to speak in Library series

[Sapphire](#) is the author of two collections of poetry, *American Dreams* and 'Black Wings & Blind Angels', as well as the brutal, poignant novel, 'Push'

In *Push* - the basis for the 2009 prize-winning film *Precious* –

Precious Jones cannot find a way to make a better life for herself.

Physically and emotionally abused by her mother, sexually abused by her father, overweight and illiterate, Precious is saved by an incredibly determined teacher who teaches her to read and shows her

the power of telling her own story.

The film adaptation has won many awards, including the 2009 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award, as well as a Golden

Globe Award and an Academy Award for the actress Mo'Nique, who portrayed Precious' mother.

The talk will take place on

*If you get up one more time
than you fall, you will make
it through. -- Chinese
Proverb.*

Sunday,
April 18th
12 noon
at the
Central Free Library,
1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia.

For more information, click [here](#).

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Greetings, Community Advocates and Music Lovers!

Good morning!

Just sharing this message to invite you to join The Frator Heru Institute
(TFHI) on

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

6:30p.m.

at the historic

Cliveden Carriage House

6401 Germantown Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19144

(Entrance on Cliveden St. near Morton St.)

in Germantown

for a one-of-a-kind presentation on the "Evolution of American Popular
Music!"

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The Artists United Philadelphia Chapter

cordially invites you to the

AU Solutions at

The Arts Garage the 3rd Tuesday of each month (April 20th)

1533 Ridge Ave,

7 pm - midnight.

The AU Solutions is our monthly networking seminar and open topic forum
to discuss solutions to the problems in the Entertainment Industry.

Immediately following The AU Solutions at 9pm The Artists United, Present
United We Band Jam Session.

Join us for the Ultimate Live Music Experience

email Ashley Scott PhilashEntGroup@aol.com to rsvp and information

**For more information, contact us at (215) 235-1604 or by email at
mail@thefratorheruinstitute.org**

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info@cliveden.org

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SAVE the DATE for the 2010 West Oak Lane Jazz and Arts Festival
Mark your calendars for another fabulous festival in West Oak Lane
third weekend in June 2010.

For more information about volunteering, vending, and sponsorship, visit
www.westoaklanefestival.com .
email nkillebrew@ogontzave.org

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Jus' Words at Dowlings Place
1310 No. Broad St. Phila
Every Thurs. 9pm to 1am

- Poets
- Rappers
- Singers
- Spoken Word Artists

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COMING UP

African-American Freedom and Reconstruction League Pre-rally Meeting

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the African-American Freedom and Reconstruction League will hold a pre-rally meeting before descending on the state capitol in support of sentence reduction for non-violent lifers

In preparation of the rally to be held at the Capitol in Harrisburg on April 20, 2010, we will have a meeting to discuss the agenda and

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Senator Shirley Kitchen's Senate Bill 2550. We are looking for volunteers interested in carrying signs and assisting passengers as we travel and arrive at the destination. We are expecting some of the same activists and speakers from our former meeting to address us again if they are available.

Please come out to support us, the activists, and the brothers and sisters that are needlessly imprisoned for crimes in which they did not harm the victims.

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Berean Institute
19th & Girard Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19121

Admission is free to the public

For more information, call:

(215) 235-6776 or 215-474-3577

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All invited to join us on a Spiritual Journey for Peace

Philadelphia – 7th Annual
INTERFAITH WALK FOR
PEACE and RECONCILIATION

Walking Dialogue and Reflection among Jews, Muslims, Christians,
Sikh, Buddhist, Baha'i, Hindu, and others

Celebrate with Prayer, Music, and Sharing
SUNDAY, 25 APRIL 2010 - 2:00pm
Wear WHITE as an expression of UNITY

OPENING GATHERING and CEREMONIES
Hickman Temple African Methodist Episcopal
(5001 Baltimore)

WALKING DIALOGUE to
St Francis de Sales Roman Catholic
(4625 Springfield)

WALKING DIALOGUE through
CLARK PARK
(43/Chester)

*I think my wife is selling
drugs! Yesterday I was
running a little bit late for
work and the phone rang. I
answered it. Before I could
say anything a male voice
on the line said, Hey honey
is that DOPE gone yet?*

WALKING DIALOGUE AND REFLECTIONS to
Calvary United Methodist Church
(Kol Tzedek; West Phila Mennonite)
CLOSING GATHERING and REFRESHMENTS
(801 S 48th at Baltimore)

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PRE-WALK GATHERING - 12:30pm
Al-Aqsa Islamic Society
1501 Germantown Avenue (3rd/Jefferson)
Free parking. Buses carry walkers to and back from Walk

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PLEASE WEAR WHITE AS AN EXPRESSION OF UNITY
A bus will follow walkers for those who need to ride part of all of the way
Emergency medical assistance will be available.

NO POLITICAL BANNERS PLEASE

DETAILS/MORE INFORMATION:

www.interfaithpeacewalk.org

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NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MARKET DEVELOPERS (NAMD)
NATIONAL MARKETING CONFERENCE

"Act Local, Market Global "

April, 22-25th,
Baltimore Md.

Power Speakers, Marketing Workshops, NAMD Awards Dinner
The place to be for diversity, multicultural marketing communications
consultants, and corporate affairs professionals

www.namdntl.org www.namdphiladelphia.com

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Greetings Everyone,

Our 1st fund-raiser event at Champagne Cafe' was so nice we had to do it
twice!

On Saturday May 1, 2010
SMSV INC.

will be hosting a Beef-Turkey and unlimited beer fundraiser for our youth
programs at
Coo's Sports Bar & Lounge

Suppose we were able to share meanings freely without a compulsive urge to impose our view or conform to those of others and without distortion and self-deception. Would this not constitute a real revolution in culture. - David Bohm

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located at
822 N. Broad St.

This is a newly renovated & spacious facility that serves great food! Tickets are only \$20 and are being sold by several board members, if you would like to purchase a ticket & support our youth programs please respond back to this e-mail. Tickets are going fast so please don't delay there was a limited number of ticket's printed.

WE WILL ALSO BE AIRING THE MAYWEATHER VS. MOSLEY FIGHT!!

Thank You For Your Support!
A. Nasir
(215) 983-7841

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The Philadelphia International Action Center will once again be holding a
GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

This year it will be on Saturday, MAY 8.

Please consider donating any used (or new) items that you are eager to be rid of that someone else may treasure or be eager to have.

We need: BOOKS, RECORDS, CD'S, CLOTHING, TOYS, GAMES, HOUSEWARES, SMALL APPLIANCES, SMALL & MID SIZE FURNITURE, BIKES, LINENS, ETC.

We can also use plants and bake goods.

If you have items to donate, give us a call at 215-724-1618 or email PhillyIAC@peoplesmail.net

Call for location
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Paul "Earthquake" Moore Presents

11th Annual

Weekend of Peace

Gospel-O-Rama

Friday, May 14th, 2010

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence. -- Robert Frost

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from 8-11 p.m.

Elmwood Skating Rink
2400 S. 71st St.

\$10 Donation- dedicated to youth activities in Philly/DE County

Motorcycle Ride for Peace

Saturday, May 15th, 2010

Begins at 11 a.m.

at Broad St. & Pattison Ave.

Ride sponsored by the State Burners MC

Riders Wanted

Dep. Comm. Steven Johnson to kickoff the ceremony

Sponsored by: Pasco, Inc.

For more information, contact Paul "Earthquake" Moore at

215-385-2696 or Earth_quake1@hotmail.com.

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The Frator Heru Institute

Spring II Semester Registration

PROGRAM GUIDE

Monday, April 19 - Thursday, May 27, 2010

Spring 2010 - Semester II

The Frator Heru Institute
1046 W. Jefferson Street - LL
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Phone: 215-235-1604

E-mail: mail@thefratorheruinstitute.org

Web: www.thefratorheruinstitute.org

Registration:

Mon., April 12 — Thurs., April 15 (5p.m.— 7p.m.)

Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary. - Margaret Cousins

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The Officers and Councilors of the
Historical Society of Pennsylvania present

**A 1910 CELEBRATION
BOBBED HAIR, BUNNY HUG,
AND BIRTH OF A BUILDING**

Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.
Historical Society of Pennsylvania
1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Building

HONORING

Cokie Roberts, Jerry and Marciarose Shestack,
and Henry Lafayette Collins III

If you would like to receive an invitation, please
contact Emilie Kretschmar at 215-732-6200 ext.300
or ekretschmar@hsp.org.

For more information, click here.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Group offers low-cost web access to nonprofits

Mobile Citizen, a provider of mobile broadband for education and nonprofits, will offer a Technology Assistance Grant program beginning in January to provide non-profit organizations with affordable access to the Internet.

Available only in Portland, Oregon, Las Vegas, and Philadelphia, the grant includes reduced-price service from Mobile Citizen, with unlimited usage for only \$10/month or \$120/year per account. It bundles Mobile Citizen's wireless broadband, powered by WiMAX, a fourth generation (4G) technology from Clearwire Corporation with a variety of benefits available only to grantees, including:

-- 12 months of service from Mobile Citizen extended to 15 months at no additional charge. With this, nonprofits receive three free months of service per account.

-- Dedicated Mobile Citizen Customer Care customized for non-profit

You're obliged to pretend respect for people and institutions you think absurd. You live attached in a cowardly fashion to moral and social conventions you despise, condemn, and know lack all foundation. It is that permanent contradiction between your ideas and desires and all the dead formalities and vain pretenses of your civilization which makes you sad, troubled and unbalanced. In that intolerable conflict you lose all joy of life and all feeling of personality, because at every moment they suppress and restrain and check the free play of your powers. That's the poisoned and mortal wound of the civilized world. -- Octave Mirbeau

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organizations.

- A free one-year membership to NTEN, a nonprofit technology network, ongoing information and news as well as access to a support community.
- A choice of additional benefits including an educational webinar series.

For more information, email [Kecia Carroll](mailto:Kecia.Carroll).

A HAND UP!

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Skip A Meal For Haiti

Most Americans eat at least three meals a day. Some eat more often. Millions of people in Haiti have not had a meal in one week and a good meal in recent memory. Will you skip a meal for the people of Haiti and send the money to a relief agency?

Will you not eat one meal, on one day so that they can eat for a week?

The cost of lunch at almost any affordable restaurant in America is between \$5.00 and \$14.00. Some restaurants have menus that serve four and five course dinners that can cost as much as \$100.00 per person, not including beverages. For as little as two dollars a day, you can help provide food, drinking water and some sanitation supplies for a Haitian child or adult. A \$14.00 contribution can help feed and hydrate a Haitian child for a week. We can all afford to make a difference!

The Black Star Project is asking you to miss at least one meal this week for the people of Haiti and to send the money that you would have spent on your breakfast, lunch or dinner to a relief fund that is on the ground working in Haiti.

Many people say they want to go to Haiti to help those affected by the earthquake. The cost of a round trip flight from New York City to Port-au-Prince, Haiti is more than \$2,000.00. Decent hotel lodging, which is virtually impossible to find in Haiti, might cost another \$2,000.00 for one week. And your mouth would become another mouth to feed of more than 2 million people who need food and water day.

Instead of going to Haiti, will you miss a lunch for Haiti and send the money you would have spent on that lunch to one of the on-the-ground relief agencies listed below:

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned. -- Buddha.

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The Black Star Project (773.285.9600) recommends that you send your contributions to:
YeLe Haiti (Wyclef Jean's Relief Effort) at www.yele.org or text YELE to 501501 to donate \$5.00 on your phone bill
UNICEF at www.unicefusa.org or call 800.367.5437
Doctors Without Borders at www.doctorswithoutborders.org or call 888.392.0392
American Red Cross at www.redcross.org or call 800.REDCROSS (800.733.2767) or 800.257.7575 (Espanol)
Partners in Health at www.pih.org or call 617.432.5256
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America's Original Savings Network

As amazing as it may sound many people do not realize how easy it is to LEGALLY stop paying for their groceries! This is how the one hour television show began for the company whose website is at:
<http://nofullprices.net>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Are these manufacturer coupons or coupons that I print on my computer?

A: All of our coupons are actual manufacturer coupons. Fewer and fewer retailers accept coupons that are printed from your computer because of a huge increase in counterfeit coupons. Actual manufacturer coupons which we issue are accepted everywhere that coupons are accepted.

Q: Can these coupons be doubled?

A: Yes. These are manufacturer issued coupons and may be doubled in any store that offers double coupons.

Q: What are the face values and the expiration dates of these coupons?

A: Being manufacturer coupons, the manufacturer determines the face values of the coupons. We currently stock coupons ranging in value from 40 cents to 5.00 dollars. The coupon expiration dates are generally valid for 90 days.

Q: How can I use \$1,000.00 worth of coupons in 90 days?

A: With our program, you get to choose the coupons you want, when you want them. This way you never have to worry about the coupons expiring.

Q: How do I choose the coupons I want?

A: Each coupon book contains coupon request slips which you fill out and

send in. Those coupons are then mailed to you.

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Call For Chairs

Overbrook Art Center needs chairs ASAP (100 or so) Can also accept stackable chairs.

Please email Safiya134@aol.com.

Thanks so much. Safiya

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Volunteer In Africa

Explore a Continent of Contrasts while Volunteering in Africa

For over a decade, Cross-Cultural Solutions has supported thousands of volunteers in Africa on programs in Ghana, Morocco, South Africa and Tanzania.

CCS volunteers work side-by-side with local people in community organizations focused on supporting social services, education, and health initiatives.

Discover one of the world's most diverse continents and see firsthand the challenges it faces and how you can make a positive impact with CCS.
Go to: www.cross-cultural-solutions.org

IT'S HERE!!

Our group A HAND UP! Is now open, please go to:

[A HAND UP!](#)

In response to the needs of many grassroots organizations for the basic tools to implement and sustain their ideas and projects, The Coalition, Inc. members have come together to establish a network to facilitate the distribution/re-distribution of unwanted, unneeded, surplus and even repairable items for recycling.

To join: [A Hand Up!](#)

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If you would like to report on a recent community event, feel free to send us a brief account of what happened in document format, and we will share it with our readers.

Send your information to: [News From The Coalition, Inc.](#)

All entries for submission should be received by noon, the Monday prior to publish date and in Press Release form.

WORD-OF-THE-WEEK

carom \KAIR-uhm\, A rebound following a collision; a glancing off; to strike and rebound; to glance; to make (an object) bounce off something; to cause to carom.

Remember to support The Coalition, Inc.'s on-air personalities...

Civil Alert World with Brother Sabir Bey Saturdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm on WNJC 1360 AM. Also listen in on WKDU 91.7 AM Friday, 12am to 3am

Sister Phile Chionesu, organizer of the Million Woman March, "**Nu Day Resurrection and Liberation**" Show LIVE each Saturday evening 10:30 PM--12:00 midnight EST.

"NU Day" is heard in Philly and, worldwide, through the internet at: www.blogtalkradio.com/empresschi Or you can tune in via podcast at 646-652-2232

Call in and give your thoughts, comments, opinions at 1-646-652-2232

Or send an instant message to mwmsistahood@aol.com to chat on line.

