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# *News From The Coalition, Inc.*

*“Communication – Cooperation – Collaboration”*

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## **Greetings Coalition Family!**

The Coalition, Inc. will be convening the First National Organizational Policy Summit in September 2011. This forward-thinking project is the brainchild of our Treasurer Dr. John E. Churchville. When we harness the resources GOD has given us, how then can we fail?

*Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet.  
Only through experience of trial and suffering can  
the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and  
success achieved. -- Helen Keller*

*“We each hold a piece to the puzzle.” – Dr. John Elliott Churchville*

“Communicate... Cooperate... Collaborate”

## **FOR OUR CHILDREN**

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

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### **School District publishes summer course guide for parents**

The [School District of Philadelphia](#) has published the summer course descriptions for its [Parent University](#).

Parent University is based on research which shows that when families are involved in learning, they will play an active role in the educational process. This increase in parental engagement will positively contribute to the child’s academic and social success.

The program engages parents in innovative and meaningful partnerships for learning. By offering workshops and classes, Parent University develops a strong professional learning community to increase student achievement.

To download the summer catalog, go [here](#).

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### **Half Off Drexel University's All-Star Basketball Camp**

Got a future NBA or WNBA Hall of Famer in your house? Make a fast break for this Dealyo and drive it straight to the hoop—it’s a slam dunk!

For \$ 87.50, sign up your sons and daughters for Drexel University’s 20th annual All-Star Basketball Camp with Bruiser Flint, the head coach for Drexel’s men’s team (\$175 value!).

From Monday, June 27 to Friday, July 1, boys and girls ages 7 to 17 will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the John A. Daskalakis Athletic Center on the Drexel campus in Philadelphia to learn from the best.

About Drexel University All Star Basketball Camp  
Drexel Basketball Coach Bruiser Flint has led the Dragons to four NIT appearances since taking over as Drexel’s Head Coach in 2001. He has been named the CAA Coach of the Year on three different occasions, one of only two coaches in the history of the CAA to do

so.

*Knowledge is like a baobab tree; no one can encompass it with their hands.*  
*Ghanaian Proverb*

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*EightCitiesMAP*  
*Choose*  
*“Philadelphia’s Online Community “Newsletter” from the menu.*

In his 10 years with Drexel, Flint has had 15 players named all-conference and has had the CAA Defensive Player of the Year play for him four times.

A native of Philadelphia, Flint had an impressive high school career at Episcopal Academy where he earned All-Philadelphia First Team recognition. After graduation, he played for four years at St. Joseph's University, where he was an All-Atlantic 10 honoree. The Drexel All-Star Basketball Camp, under Coach Flint's direction, promises an enjoyable and challenging basketball experience for area boys and girls who wish to develop both their skills and passion for the game. Coach Flint and his staff are committed to providing a memorable experience for every camper.

**WORK WITH AN EXPERIENCED, FIVE STAR CAMP STAFF**  
The Drexel University men's basketball coaching staff will team with Coach Flint to ensure the quality of your child's camp experience. Serving as the primary camp instructors, they will be joined by numerous college and high school coaches from throughout Greater Philadelphia during a week of individual and team instruction.

Today's Dealyo is admission to Session 1 of Drexel University's All-Star Basketball Camp with Bruiser Flint.

Session one dates are Monday, June 27 to Friday, July 1 only.

Cannot be combined with any other offers.

One voucher redeemable per camper.

Cannot be redeemed for cash.

Prior enrollment excluded.

No refunds or exchanges.

Insurance information must be included on camp application.

Campers must rely on their guardian's medical services.

Purchased Dealyo voucher will be available for download on Thursday, May 26.

Campers all must be enrolled by June 26th, 2011 or the voucher is null and void.

[http://www.facebook.com/l/796eb5vPGDOzitLoHFAApaEEj7A/phillydealyo.philly.com/deal/philadelphia/drexel-star-bb-camp?merchantId=141&refsrc=3&wId=712&nmbly=true&host=phillydealyo.philly.com&utm\\_source=i&utm\\_campaign=b](http://www.facebook.com/l/796eb5vPGDOzitLoHFAApaEEj7A/phillydealyo.philly.com/deal/philadelphia/drexel-star-bb-camp?merchantId=141&refsrc=3&wId=712&nmbly=true&host=phillydealyo.philly.com&utm_source=i&utm_campaign=b)

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Welcome anything that comes to you, but do not long for anything else. – Unknown (thx Kimberly Greene)

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

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30 years ago 5 cases of an unusual pneumonia was reported in 5 men in California. This was the first description of one of the many complications of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and official start of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that has killed over 30 million people worldwide.

In Philadelphia, we have one of the highest rates of HIV with over 1.3% of the population infected, many still unaware.

On the [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) website, under the **Physical Health** handout ([http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent\\_handouts/physical\\_health\\_resources.html](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent_handouts/physical_health_resources.html)), you will find several resources for HIV prevention and advocacy under the *reproductive Health* subsection including: The CHOICE Hotline; Take Control Philly; MTV GYT website; Text to Find Family Planning clinics and Action AIDS. --- Coalition members! Activate 'Your' [web link](#) on The Coalition, Inc. web site ---

## THIS WEEK

2nd Annual Art in the Open: June 9 – 12, 2011

Art in the Open (AiO) is a citywide event that celebrates artists, their inspirations for creating art, and their relationships with the urban environment. Art in the Open debuted in June 2010, bringing a selected group of artists to the Schuylkill Banks – from the historic Fairmount Water Works to Bartram's Garden – to inspire new ways of seeing the river and the city it runs through. For four days, June 9-12, 2011 a juried selection of artists will again work outside in a creative process open to everyone.

For more information, visit: [www.artintheopenphila.org](http://www.artintheopenphila.org)

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## ODUNDE FESTIVAL 2011

June 10 – 12, 2011

Take in the sights, sounds and smells: the rhythmic, thumping beat of the drums, the colorful, never-ending array of African textiles and crafts mix, and the tantalizing smell of African spices cooking on an outdoor grill.

The annual Odunde Street Festival, held every second Sunday in

*Wisdom is the reward  
you get for a lifetime of  
listening when you'd  
have preferred to talk.  
~Doug Larson (thx Karl  
Otto)*

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June, brings a genuine taste of Africa to South Street and one of Philadelphia's oldest, historically African-American neighborhoods. The festival begins with a procession to the Schuylkill River, where prayers are offered and blessings bestowed. The procession then returns to 23rd and South Streets for the start of the street festival.

This year, as the landmark festival enters its fourth decade, it becomes a three-day abundance of cultural, historical and family-friendly events. Visit the [website for more information](#).

Odunde is the creation of its South Philadelphia founder, Lois Fernandez, who launched the festival after visiting similar celebrations in Africa. The concept originates from the Yoruba people of Nigeria, West Africa, and celebrates the coming of another year for African-Americans and Africanized people around the world.

ODUNDE, Inc. is an educational and cultural organization that sponsors year-round programs featuring the African Diaspora as well as the annual Odunde Festival. Traditionally, the festival draws 22 percent of its visitors from outside the Philadelphia region.

### **COME PREPARED**

Festival streets will be closed to traffic and parking, so consider taking public transportation.

### **DON'T MISS**

Odunde's authentic African Marketplace features vendors from around the world, including the Caribbean and Brazil.

### **Outsider Tip**

Odunde is a Yoruba word that means "Happy New Year." Every year, Odunde draws vendors from not only America but from Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, and Guinea.

The Festival is almost like a large family reunion. And the aromas of Africa, the Caribbean and beyond fill the air.

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Colleagues, Community Stakeholders, and Aspiring Entrepreneurs:  
This is your fourth and final notice of Greater Germantown Business Association's last meeting before our summer hiatus and fall line-up  
of

exceptional programming.

The June meeting will feature important information  
for business start-ups, already existing businesses seeking to weather  
the

current economic downturn, and people who have been thinking  
seriously about starting a business in Germantown or elsewhere.

(Sometimes the worst of economic times is actually  
the best of economic times to start a business!)



We'll be examining the cold hard facts of business sustainability: the "hard skill" pros and cons of choosing which legal form might work best for a specific kind of business; the "soft skill" pros and cons related to a business' standing behind the quality of consumer products and services that it sells; building a solid and loyal customer base through neighborhood involvement and honest, effective community/consumer relations; and understanding the necessity and urgency of "value pricing" goods and services. \*But most important: You'll get the opportunity to assess for yourself whether you really want to be in business at all!\*

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*"Try a thing you haven't done three times. Once, to get over the fear of doing it. Twice, to learn how to do it. And a third time, to figure out whether you like it or not." - Virgil Garnett Thomson*

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\*WHAT: GGBA's June Meeting: "So You Think You Want To Be In Business?"\*

\*WHO: John Elliott Churchville, Interim President, GGBA\*

\*WHEN: Tuesday, June 14th, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.\*

\*WHERE: The Business Center, Elders Hall (New Covenant Church Campus)\* 7500 Germantown Avenue\*

\*WHY: Discover Whether Being, Staying or Starting a Business is Right for YOU!\*

\*This is the perfect opportunity to bring people to the meeting who've been driving you crazy by droning on and on about how one day they want a business of their own. It's also a great opportunity for you to think about how the information you receive can help improve on the bottom line performance of your own business. It's a win-win situation that will be helpful to many, if not most of us.

As usual, we will provide a light Continental Breakfast.\*

Please R.S.V.P. to me at

[jchurchville8@gmail.com](mailto:jchurchville8@gmail.com) or (215)

848-8511 by not later than Friday, June 10th.\* Please put this on your calendar as a "must attend" event. I look forward to hearing from you soon,

and seeing you in person on June 14th.

John Elliott Churchville, Ph.D., J.D., Interim President

The Greater Germantown Business Association, Inc.

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## **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORUNITIES**

FEMA positions up to six figures available in our online [Coalition Group](#)

ongoing updates will be posted as they become available.

## **ARE YOU SEEKING THE PERFECT EMPLOYEE?**

They will be at our

**Career Boot Camp Job Fair on  
Wednesday, June 8th, 2011!**

PhillyRising Collaborative in partnership with ACHIEVEability  
and Friends of the Haddington Library PRESENTS:  
**BOOTCAMP SERIES #6: JOB AND RESOURCE  
FAIR**

**5:30pm-8pm**

**446 North 65th Street (65th and Girard Ave)  
Philadelphia, PA 19151**

We are currently seeking various types of Employers who are currently hiring to participate in this milestone event! We have job seekers of all ages, employment skills, and education background.

### **This is a closed event!**

This job fair is only open to those who have completed our Career Bootcamp Series 1-5. They have earned our stamp of approval.

To learn more about the event or to sign up for a table, please contact Nijah Famous,

Community Development Manager at 215-748-8816 or

[Nijah.Famous@achieve-ability.org](mailto:Nijah.Famous@achieve-ability.org)

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## **HEALTH MATTERS**

### **Smokers show higher risk of leg artery disease**

Mon, Jun 6 2011

By Amy Norton

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - Women who smoke are much more likely than non-smokers to develop clogged arteries in the legs -- but quitting can lower those odds, according to a study published Monday.

The study, reported in the Annals of Internal Medicine, found that female smokers were up to 17 times more likely than non-smokers to develop peripheral artery disease (PAD).

About 8 million Americans have PAD, which usually arises when atherosclerosis, a hardening and narrowing of the arteries, restricts

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*"It is easy to fly into a passion... anybody can do that, but to be angry with the right person to the right extent and at the right time and in the right way that is not easy." - Aristotle (thx Wayne Marshall)*

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blood flow to the legs. The main symptom is leg pain or cramps during normal activities, like walking, though not everyone with the condition has symptoms.

People with PAD often have widespread atherosclerosis, including coronary heart disease -- where arteries feeding the heart become narrowed and stiff. For some, leg pain is the first symptom of wider problems.

Smoking has a well-established link to heart disease. But fewer studies have focused on PAD.

The good news from the current study is that women who kicked the habit appeared to lower their risk of PAD -- though they did not eliminate it.

"Our most important finding, in my view, is that smoking cessation substantially reduces this risk," said lead researcher Dr. David Conen, of the University Hospital Basel in Switzerland.

"We found a gradual decrease in risk with an increased duration of smoking abstinence, highlighting the importance of smoking cessation," Conen told Reuters Health in an email.

Compared with lifelong non-smokers, former smokers had three times the risk of developing PAD over 13 years.

But current smokers showed much higher odds: those who smoked fewer than 15 cigarettes a day had a nine-fold higher risk of PAD than lifelong non-smokers, while those who lit up more often had a 17-times higher risk.

"Clearly, our study adds one more reason to quit smoking as soon as possible," Conen said.

However, he added, "the fact that the risk of PAD does not get down to that of women who never smoked also emphasizes the importance that never starting smoking is at least as important."

The findings come from a long-running study of U.S. women who were age 45 or older and free of heart disease and other major health problems at the outset. Of nearly 40,000 women followed for 13 years, 178 were eventually diagnosed with PAD.

Among the heaviest smokers -- 15 or more cigarettes per day -- PAD was diagnosed at a rate of 1.6 cases for every 1,000 women each year.

Among lifelong non-smokers, there were 0.1 cases for every 1,000 women each year.

When Conen's team accounted for other PAD risk factors, like older age, obesity and diabetes, smoking itself was still strongly linked to the

disease. The researchers also gained some clues as to why smoking might lead to PAD. Based on blood samples from a subgroup of

*One day a man was waking along the beach when he tripped over a lamp. He turned around and kicked the lamp out of anger. A few seconds later, a genie popped out of the lamp, but the genie was angry that the man had kicked his lamp. Reluctantly, the genie said, "Even though you kicked me, I still have to give you three wishes. However because of what you did, I will also give twice what you wish for to the person you hate the most: your boss." So the man agreed and made his first wish. "I want lots of money", he said. Instantly 22 million dollars appear in the man's bank account and 44 million appeared in his boss' account. For his second wish, the man wished for a couple of sports cars. Instantly a Lamborghini, Ferrari and a Porsche appeared, but at the same time outside his boss' house appeared two of each car. Finally the genie said, "This is your last wish, you should choose*



*carefully", and so the man replied... "I've always wanted to donate a kidney..." (Good one! Thx Jackie Sidwell)*

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*Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us; to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.*

**[Abraham Lincoln](#)** (1809-1865) Politician.  
President of the United States.

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women, high levels of certain inflammatory proteins accounted for some of the risk linked to smoking.

That, Conen's team says, suggests that smoking leads to PAD, in part, by spurring chronic inflammation in the blood vessels.

He suggested that doctors be careful to look for signs and symptoms of PAD in patients who smoke.

Besides leg pain during exercise, other signs include leg sores that don't heal, feelings of cold or numbness in the legs or feet, and hair loss or slowed hair growth on the legs.

Once PAD is diagnosed, treatment usually involves lifestyle changes to improve a person's overall cardiovascular health, including a healthy diet and regular exercise. People with PAD may also take aspirin or other medications to prevent blood clots.

In cases where leg pain is debilitating, doctors may prescribe medications that improve blood flow to the legs. Some people end up needing angioplasty or bypass surgery to take care of blockages in the leg arteries.

SOURCE: [bit.ly/an7XRm](http://bit.ly/an7XRm) Annals of Internal Medicine, June 7, 2011.  
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### **Break The Habit!**

How many of us have lost, or are losing loved ones to the many ailments caused by tobacco use? Having been personally affected, we at News From The Coalition, Inc., will continue to share information on the dangers and present paradigms in efforts to free those intentionally ensnared in these vices.

In our continuing efforts to help the tobacco addicted to help themselves, we are presenting the American Cancer Society's Ten Point Plan. This is the eighth of the series. We hope you find it helpful.

#### **8- How to quit- Avoid temptation**

Stay away from people and places where you are tempted to smoke. Later on you will be able to handle these with more confidence.

#### **Change your habits**

Switch to juices or water instead of alcohol or coffee. Choose foods that don't make you want to smoke. Take a different route to work. Take a brisk walk instead of a coffee break.

**Choose other things for your mouth:** Use substitutes you can put in your mouth such as sugarless gum or hard candy, raw vegetables such as carrot sticks, or sunflower seeds. Some people chew on a coffee stirrer or a straw.

*Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more. - Anthony Robbins*

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**Get active with your hands:** Do something to reduce your stress. Exercise or do hobbies that keep your hands busy, such as needlework or woodworking, which can help distract you from the urge to smoke. Take a hot bath, exercise, or read a book.

**Breathe deeply:** When you were smoking, you breathed deeply as you inhaled the smoke. When the urge strikes now, breathe deeply and picture your lungs filling with fresh, clean air. Remind yourself of your reasons for quitting and the benefits you'll gain as an ex-smoker.

**Delay:** If you feel that you are about to light up, hold off. Tell yourself you must wait at least 10 minutes. Often this simple trick will allow you to move beyond the strong urge to smoke.

### **Reward yourself**

What you're doing is not easy, so you deserve a reward. Put the money you would have spent on tobacco in a jar every day and then buy yourself a weekly treat. Buy a book or some new music, go out to eat, start a new hobby, or join a gym. Or save the money for a major purchase. You can also reward yourself in ways that don't cost money: visit a park, go to the library, and check local news listings for museums, community centers, and colleges that have free classes, exhibits, films, and other things to do.

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### **Get Fresh!**

Volunteer with Philabundance Fresh for All

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

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

And you can help by volunteering.

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.

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?

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.

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

For more information, go to [www.philabundance.org](http://www.philabundance.org)

## **GREEN PIECE**

### **Easy-To-Build Solar Panel**

See simple instructions using free and inexpensive materials [HERE](#)

How do we bring up ALL people through the movement to build a more Sustainable City? There are some starter ideas FYI (For Your Inspiration) below.

#### Environmental Justice Videos

1. Van Jones at GreenFest 2007 in Chicago:  
<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid901003925?bclid=900600164&bctid=895238457>
2. Majora Carter – “Greening the Ghetto” :  
<http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/53>

#### Free E-Newsletters

1. Public Education Network e-newsletter (Nice resources.):  
[http://www.publiceducation.org/newsblast\\_current.asp](http://www.publiceducation.org/newsblast_current.asp)
2. Next Great City e-Newsletter (Lots of events):  
[www.nextgreatcity.org](http://www.nextgreatcity.org)
3. Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND) e-newsletter (Just awesome!):  
<http://phennd.communishare.org>

#### Philadelphia Initiatives

1. City of Philadelphia Going Green:  
<http://www.phila.gov/green/index.html>
2. East Coast Greenway Pennsylvania:  
<http://www.greenway.org/gw-pa.htm>
3. Greater Philadelphia Environmental Network:  
<http://www.gpen.org/>
4. Next Great City Initiative: <http://www.nextgreatcity.com/>
5. Urban Green Partnership:  
<http://urbangreenpartnership.org/what-is-green/>
6. Urban Sustainability Forum:  
<http://www.sustainablephiladelphia.com/index.html>
7. SustainLane City Rankings: <http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/overview.jsp>

Other: The National Religious

1. Partnership for the Environment <http://www.nrpe.org/>
2. PennFuture: <http://www.pennfuture.org/>
3. PennEnvironment: <http://www.pennenvironment.org/>
4. The Pennsylvania Environmental Council [www.pecpa.org](http://www.pecpa.org)

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

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

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[40 Ways to Save on Almost Anything](#)

## **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION**

### **Internship Grants for Economic Recovery Organizations**

Internship Grants for Economic Recovery Organizations

With funding made available from Learn and Serve America, PHENND will be awarding approximately 50 interns to qualified nonprofit agencies to employ college student interns for capacity-building projects. Organizations must be working in the following areas: public benefit screening and enrollment, volunteer income tax assistance, financial education for youth or adults, micro-entrepreneurship training, workforce development, housing counseling, and other similar services aimed at low-income people.

Interns will be paid a modest stipend by the organization; the organization will be reimbursed by PHENND upon completion of the project.

Organizations interested in the program can download the application. Organizations are also encouraged to contact Hillary Kane to ask questions and learn more about the program. Hillary may be contacted at [hillarya@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:hillarya@pobox.upenn.edu) or 215-573-2379.

Read more at:

[http://www.phennd.org/index.php/initiatives/initiatives/credit\\_path/](http://www.phennd.org/index.php/initiatives/initiatives/credit_path/)

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## “One House at a Time” and Beds for Kids”

[www.ohaat.org](http://www.ohaat.org).

A furniture and bed ministry for families and children in need.

The One House at a Time ministry is a joint effort with Upper Dublin Lutheran Church. The use of our Welsh Road building is a huge plus for this ministry. Our goal is new beds for kids and outfitting as many homes with furniture as we can.

If you have gently used furniture that you would like to donate to families in need, please contact “One House at a Time” at 215-646-7812. Leave a message of what you wish to donate and a number where you can be reached. Your furniture will be picked up by volunteers and stored until it can be delivered to families in need. Within this ministry there is a ministry called “Beds for Kids” that provides children with a new bed to sleep on.

You can volunteer to help with pick-ups, deliveries, or by sorting and boxing table settings, linens, kitchen appliances, pots and pans, and other goods, or phone hours, please

**Contact Anthony Brummans**  
267-825-5127 or [abrummans@comcast.net](mailto:abrummans@comcast.net)

### **ARTS FOR AWARENESS**

*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*

### **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**

*I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. - George Bernard Shaw*

## **JOIN THE COALITION, INC!**

To join The Coalition go to: [TheCoalitionInc.net](http://TheCoalitionInc.net) and download a copy of the Pledge of Commitment and return it to us [the.pa.coalition@gmail.com](mailto:the.pa.coalition@gmail.com)



## The West Oak Lane Jazz and Arts Festival

Philadelphia's preeminent music and culture event is back and better than ever. The 2011 edition of the festival will again showcase internationally acclaimed, award-winning artists, alongside some of the best regional and upcoming talent. The upcoming event will take place from

June 17th – 19th, 2011 on Ogontz Avenue.

This is a free event!

You'll experience three days of live Jazz, Salsa, R&B, Classical, Soul, Reggae and more. Explore the Marketplace filled with hand-crafted, original Art creations. Exhibitors from around the country have been selected to deliver a multi-cultural mix of jewelry, clothing, photography, paintings and so much more.

No festival is complete without food! Come enjoy the array of cuisine from around the globe and around the corner.

A new feature of the festival is our Children's Day event; complete with live performances, music workshops and a video gaming arcade.

For more information, visit:

[www.westoaklanefestival.com/Default.aspx](http://www.westoaklanefestival.com/Default.aspx)

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### Daddy/Daughter Dance highlights June fatherhood activities

[Daddy University](#) has scheduled a series of events and activities for the month of June, including the

[3rd Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance](#)

Saturday, June 18th

Pennsylvania Convention Center

Philadelphia, PA

Also in June, the group will sponsor its

[6th Annual Fatherhood Festival](#).

At the festival, awards from the

My Dad/My Mentor Essay Contest will be given.

For more details, call [610-721-6757](tel:610-721-6757) or email [here](#).

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## Afro- Caribbean Information Festival

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*His mother asked him why he said that when the day was anything but beautiful. Mother, said he, with rare wisdom, never judge a day by its weather. - Unknown*

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Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...  
Kathy's Korner!

*An ad for St. Joseph's  
Episcopal Church has a  
picture of two hands  
holding stone tablets on  
which the Ten  
Commandments are  
inscribed and a headline  
that reads, "For fast,  
fast, fast relief, take two  
tablets."*

*When the restaurant  
next to the Lutheran  
Church put out a big  
sign with red letters that  
said, "Open Sundays,"  
the church reciprocated  
with its own message:  
"We are open on  
Sundays, too."*

*"Come in and pray*

Dear Friends,

I am writing to invite you to have an information table about your organization at our  
First Annual Afro-Caribbean Information Festival  
School District of Philadelphia  
440 No. Broad St.  
Saturday June 25, 2011  
11am to 3 pm.

We will be highlighting all the services the district has available to our students and their parents, as well as specialized services available throughout the community. This is your opportunity to share your information with not only the Haitian Community but also the school community as well. Please accept our invitation to provide valuable information to all the members of our community to invoke more progress and positive growth.

My contact information is listed below for your convenience.

Yves Marie Desir  
The School District of Philadelphia  
The Office of Parent, Family, and Community Engagement  
440 N Broad Street, Suite 114  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

[215- 400-6268](tel:215-400-6268)

[215- 400-4181](tel:215-400-4181) Fax

[ydesir@philasd.org](mailto:ydesir@philasd.org)

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### **Liberation Fellowship CDC**

is sponsoring a

### **Health Fair**

Vernon Park (Germantown and Cheltenham Avenues)

**Monday, June 27th, National HIV Testing Day.**

Along with HIV and STD testing, there will be blood pressure, diabetes and other health screenings. There will also be free food, face painting for the children (and those of us who are still young at heart), and more.

So, hold the date, spread the word and join us.

today. Beat the  
Christmas rush!"

"When down in the  
mouth, remember  
Jonah. He came out  
alright."

(Kathy Parsons is a  
regular contributor.)

**WHAT: Vernon Park Health Fair**  
**WHEN: Monday, June 27th, 1 - 6 p.m.**  
**WHERE: Vernon Park, Germantown Avenue above Cheltenham Avenue**

If you or your organization would like to provide free health screenings or share health-related information at the Fair, please contact our Fair Coordinators, Dawna Edwards-Watson at [\(215\) 391-9356](tel:(215)391-9356) or Jerome Rogers at [jeromelrogers@gmail.com](mailto:jeromelrogers@gmail.com).  
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### **Women of Worth Awards**

L'Oreal Announces the  
**Sixth Annual Women of Worth Awards**  
Honoring

Women Dedicated to Volunteerism and Community

Deadline: June 30, 2011

L'Oreal Paris, a division of L'Oreal USA, Inc., has announced the opening of the 2011 Women of Worth nomination period. Now in its sixth year, the Women of Worth program seeks to honor women in the United States for their dedication to charitable programs and volunteerism in their communities. Past honorees have dedicated themselves to providing relief and raising awareness among a broad range of causes, including hunger, homelessness, health care, education, and more.

To be eligible, a nominee must be a woman 18 years of age or older who has a record of exemplary non-compensated service within her community and beyond. The nominee should be able to demonstrate the impact of her work within her community, be aspirational and inspirational to others, demonstrate commitment to her cause, and exemplify leadership. Nominees must be legal residents of the fifty United States or the District of Columbia, and the nominee's volunteer activities must have occurred in the continental U.S. and have primarily served domestic American needs.

The volunteer activity should have lasted for at least six uninterrupted months and should be ongoing.

Nominations may be submitted by individuals and organizations familiar with the nominee's work (including friends and family members).

Self-nominations are allowed and encouraged.

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Ten honorees will each receive \$10,000 for their charitable cause. One national honoree will be chosen via a public online vote and will receive an additional \$25,000 for her charity. All ten honorees will be honored and the national honoree will be announced at an awards ceremony in New York City.

Visit the Women of Worth Web site for complete program information and nomination materials.

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

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## COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

### **Free online journal focuses on technology for nonprofits**

Technology can help nonprofits create the change they want to see in

the world. But even with daily evidence of world-changing innovations

and applications of technology, it's difficult for nonprofit leaders to know how to apply it to their missions.

[NTEN:Change](#), a free online journal from the

[Nonprofit Technology Network](#),

provides the guidance and practical considerations nonprofits need to make the sound investments and decisions that will help them meet their goals.

Free subscriptions are available [here](#).

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### **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

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- 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 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 [Free Trial](#).  
[www.mobilecitizen.org/grantphiladelphia](http://www.mobilecitizen.org/grantphiladelphia)

### **A HAND UP!**

*"None of us has gotten where we are solely by pulling ourselves up from our own bootstraps. We got here because somebody bent down and helped us." - Thurgood Marshall*

### **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



## **WORD-OF- THE-WEEK**

### **monomania**

\mon-uh-MAY-  
nee-uh; -nyuh\  
Pathological  
obsession with a  
single subject or  
idea; Excessive  
concentration of  
interest upon one  
particular subject  
or idea.

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

**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/empreschi](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/empreschi) 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](mailto:mwmsistahood@aol.com) to chat on line.