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News From The Coalition, Inc.

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Greetings Coalition Family!

This Veteran's Day we might take a moment or two to ask the question "Why"? Why armies are typically made up of the economically disadvantaged? Why is it that ALL wars can be traced to some sort of financial gain or relief? Why the 1% rarely find themselves in 'the line of fire'? Why the 99% don't benefit from the spoils of the wars they jeopardize their life and well-being for? Why do we keep putting up with it?

God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know it's me. ~Author unknown, variation of an excerpt from "The Serenity Prayer" by Reinhold Neibuhr

"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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Cap4Kids Hint of the Week

Ever wish you had a way to look back at previous Cap4Kids Hints of the Week? Important community updates? Connect with other child advocates?

Well now you can. Like many advocacy organizations around the country, we have opened a Cap4Kids of Philadelphia Facebook account to archive old messages and to establish a social media site to better disseminate important information on child and family advocacy issues that affect our community. If you have a FB account, friend us, like us and get the word out.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cap4Kids-Childrens-Advocacy-Project-of-Philadelphia/128539460582710>

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THIS WEEK

Philadanco at the Perelman Theater

Renowned contemporary dance company Philadanco presents an evening of works, entitled *For Your Pleasure*, including the Philadelphia premiere of *Watching Go By, the day*, a new work by acclaimed choreographer and former Philadanco member Hope Boykin at the Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater. The program also includes some of Philadanco's signature performance pieces that highlight their bold, precise dance style including George Faison's *Suite Otis*, Gene Hill Sagan's *La Valse*, and Christopher L. Huggins' *Blue*.

November 4-November 6, 2011

Friday @ 7:30 pm

Saturday @ 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday @ 2:30 pm

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts - Perelman Theater

300 S. Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102

For more information call: 215.893.1999

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"He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever." - Chinese Proverbs

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"Philadelphia's Online Community Newsletter" from the menu.

Empowerment Group

Presents

Women Entrepreneurs' Circle: Business Owners as Community Leaders

When: Saturday November 5th 4:00-6:00pm

Where: Semilla Arts Initiative at Norris Square (124 W. Diamond St.)

EG is proud to be hosting a workshop and presentation by artist, entrepreneur and educator Betsy Casanas. Betsy is the cofounder of the Semilla Arts Initiative, an organization that seeks to use art as a tool for strengthening communities and creating social change. She will be discussing the importance of business owners as community leaders and how to connect your business mission to something that extends beyond profit margins and business sense. We hope to see you there! Being a small business owner means so much more than doing business. Entrepreneurs are leaders invested in making their neighborhoods better places to live. Betsy Casanas, artist, teacher, and founder of the Semilla Arts Initiative, will lead a workshop and discussion on how to effectively engage community through business.

About the Initiative:

"Semilla (seed) Arts Initiative" is a grassroots initiative that uses art as a catalyst for social change and artistic collaborations as a means of empowering individuals and communities in underserved areas. Collaboration within a community setting inevitably acts as a "Semilla" for changing social circumstances. It creates a safe, nurturing environment that cultivates self-esteem, creativity, dignity and respect for community members. It empowers the community with a voice, preserves culture, establishes strong communities that reflect positive attitudes, builds skills and awakens talent found in its members. Semilla's goal is unite the community by actively involving them in the process of physically transforming their own neighborhood, exposing them to solutions and possibilities. The vitality of any community can be found in the strengths and stability of its members and their ability to overcome the complexity of today.'

See this video the Inquirer produced about their work!

<http://vimeo.com/13047875>

This event is FREE and open to the public. Light food and beverages will be provided. To register for this event visit www.empowerment-group.org

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*Your vision will become
clear only when you can
look into your own heart.
Who looks outside, dreams;
who looks inside, awakens.
- Carl Jung*

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COMMUNITY DRIVEN RESEARCH DAY (CDRD)

encourages collaboration between researchers, community-based organizations (CBOs), and community groups who have questions that they are interested in answering about ***Stress and Wellness***, this year's event theme. Stress has been linked to health disparities by the World Health Organization (WHO) and others. We invite research questions focused on a variety of public health issues linked to stress, such as food insecurity, violence, poverty, and homophobia.

Through an interactive poster session, CBOs and community groups will highlight their questions to program participants who will include area non profits, community groups, public sector partners, and researchers from The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, The University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Drexel University, and other local academic institutions. CBOs, community groups, academic researchers, and students will be able to meet and discuss potential, mutually-beneficial collaborations.

Register to Present at CDRD

CBOs and community groups interested in developing partnerships to conduct research are urged to participate in an interactive poster presentation that will highlight the organization/group's mission, goals, and major accomplishments, as well as display questions that they are interested in answering about community stress and wellness.

Friday November 11th 2011

9am to 1pm

Temple University – Main Campus

Mitten Hall

1913 No. Broad St.

Philadelphia, Pa 19122

Submission forms are due by October 31, 2011 at 12pm EST. To register online to be a community presenter at CDRD, please click [here](#).

Register to Attend CDRD

All individuals interested in attending Community Driven Research Day should register in advance. Click [here](#) to register online. You can also fax your registration form to the attention of Ayana Bradshaw at 215-590-5425.

Questions?

Please email Ayana Bradshaw at pcvpc@email.chop.edu with any questions or concerns.

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Instead of thinking about where you are, think about where you want to be. It takes twenty years of hard work to become an overnight success. - Diana Rankin

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New Philadelphia Non-Profit Hosts 1st Annual Gala Day of Peace

The Women's Solo Project Inc.,

a newly formed 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, will host their 1st annual fundraiser to benefit domestic violence prevention.

The Day of Peace Gala

November 11, 2011

Hilton Hotel,

4200 City Avenue,

Philadelphia, Pa 1913

This major fundraising effort will benefit domestic violence prevention and

self-sufficiency workshops that focus on education, employment, and parenting. The Women's Solo Project has already assisted over 50 women by inspiring the confidence necessary to recognize their capacity for self-reliance while helping them gain the independence needed to get out of an abusive relationship

"Domestic violence has a strong presence and is alive in our communities. We must come together as unified people to help stop and control it. By creating The Women's Solo Project, I wanted to bring this issue to the forefront and get people talking about it. If we continue to let this issue be taboo, then nothing will get done." says Tyra Wright-Johnson, President and survivor. The organization's mission and vision stems from Mrs. Wright-Johnson's personal experience with domestic violence.

For tickets and additional information, visit the website at

www.thewomenssoloproject.org.

About The Women's Solo Project Headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, The Women's Solo Project, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, was established in 2010 with the mission to serve women and their children by giving them the ability to become independent and resourceful in making healthy and positive decisions. TWSP specializes in empowering women and children and teaching victims how to live free of violence and poverty.

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*Success is a state of mind.
If you want success, start
thinking of yourself as a
success. - Dr. Joyce
Brothers*

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The National Constitution Center will honor our nation's servicemen and women

including individuals highlighted in the Fighting for Democracy
exhibition – during a moving Veteran's Day celebration.
Guests will participate in a variety of interactive programs and activities
while learning more about this important holiday.

Friday, November 11, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Independence Mall, 525 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
215-409-6600

- Flag Ceremonies
- Wreath Laying Ceremony
- Soldier Talks - Soldier talks will take place throughout the day featuring veterans from multiple conflicts, including John Campbell, Vietnam veteran and author of They Were Ours: Gloucester County's Loss in Vietnam.
- Call to Action Tables - Visitors will have the opportunity to visit information tables from veteran's service organizations throughout the country.
- Dramatic Performance - For this Veteran's Day weekend, the Center is bringing back two installments from its popular Gallery Theater Series. "She Went to War," a piece that accompanied the Center's 2009 exhibition, America I AM: The African American Imprint, tells the story of an African American woman who served in World War II. "Through Their Eyes," which accompanied the 2010 exhibition, Art of the American Soldier, is told from the point of view of a combat artist from the Vietnam War.

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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.

One may not reach the dawn save by the path of the night. - Kahlil Gibran

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HEALTH MATTERS

Kingsessing Fifth Division Community of Neighbors
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GREEN PIECE

Banana Peels Can Purify Polluted Drinking Water, Scientists Say

by [Katie Robbins](#)

Did you hear the one about the chemist and the banana peel?

As much as it sounds like one, this isn’t the set-up for a slapstick punch line. Scientists in Brazil have discovered that banana peels can be used to clean polluted drinking water, [NPR reports](#).

Gustavo Castro, an environmental chemist at Sao Paulo State University, suspected that we might be overlooking valuable properties in the peels.

"I have heard for a long time that we usually throw out the best part of the fruit and that most of the nutrients and proteins are in parts not used by us, such as the peels," he told the [American Chemical Society](#) in a podcast. "From there, I decided to make an initial experiment to determine the chemical composition of the peel."

Castro found that banana peels contain nitrogen, sulfur, and

You don't pay the price for success. You enjoy the price for success. - Zig Ziglar

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carboxylic acids, which, he noted, bind with positively-charged heavy metals often leached into water from mining or industrial runoff. Since many methods of removing metals from the water are expensive and toxic, Castro thought he might be on to a more natural method of cleaning drinking water.

He and his colleagues chopped and dried bits of banana peel and combined them with water from Brazil's polluted Paraná River.

The peels stood up to other types of commonly-used filtering products like silica and carbon, and scientists found that the peels could be used up to 11 times without losing their purifying powers.

And they were cheap.

"I was surprised to learn that something so simple could work so well," said Castro. "I believe banana peels can be of great importance in water purification."

But one important question remains: With banana skins going to a good cause, what will pranksters use for a good-old fashioned peel pratfall?
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The [Electronic Industries Alliance](#) provides a list of local electronic recycling facilities, including Philly's Northeast Drop-off Center at State Road & Ashburner Street and Northwest Drop-Off Center at Domino Lane & Umbria Street.

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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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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).

Everyone faces challenges and problems. Success lies in dealing with them promptly and thoroughly. - Unknown

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).

For more information, go to www.philabundance.org

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GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & INSTRUCTION

Are you currently in shut off status with your utility companies?

ACHIEVEability now accepting UESF utility applications. See flyer attached. Utility Grant Program: Will assist with gas (PGW), electric (PECO) and water (PWD) accounts in shut off status or already terminated. Maximum amount for gas and electric is \$1,500 and water is \$500. All grants must be applied to the utility account and reach a zero balance. If the bill is an excess of the grant the applicant is responsible for the balance at time of their application. ELIGIBILITY· Applicant must have notice from utility company of termination or impending shut off.· When LiHeap Cash and Crisis opens, applicant must have notice of award amount or denial letter.· Applicant must be a Philadelphia resident.· Applicant must not have received Utility Grant in past 24 months.· Applicant must have social security cards and 30-day income information for everyone in household.· Applicant must provide utility bill in their name.· Applicant must be within the below income guidelines:

House-hold Size	Per Month
1 person	\$1,588
2 persons	\$2,145
3 persons	\$2,702
4 persons	\$3,259
5 persons	\$3,816
6 persons	\$4,374

Contact ACHIEVEability's Community Office at 215-748-8838 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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Hereeeeeeeeeeeeeees...
Kathy's Korner!

The Pastor of a small church exhorted his flock to give generously when the collection plate was passed. "Give," he pleaded, "as though it were going right back into your own pocket."

After the service, the pastor chided one of the members. "George, I noticed that you let the collection plate go right by you in spite of my appeal."

"Well, Reverend," the man replied, "I figured as long as the money was going back into my pocket anyway, "it didn't need no round trip."

(Kathy Parsons is a regular contributor.)

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LIFT-Philadelphia sponsors free workshop series for community

LIFT-Philadelphia is sponsoring a free workshop series starting this October on topics such as Food and Nutrition, Rock Your Resume, Dental Health and Screening, Interviewing, Financial Recovery, and Basics of Computer Use.

For more information: <http://hostsed.uwsepa.org/newsletter/lift.pdf>

SpotLight On Our Efforts

The Kingsessing Fifth Division Community of Neighbors

is a community group, with a core group of block captains, who have been actively involved in servicing the needs of the residents in our community. This year our organization will be sponsoring our 2nd annual blanket drive to collect blankets for members of our community.

The name of this project is

"Operation Blank Out the Cold."

The goal of this effort is to supply at least one blanket to the more than one hundred families that will be in need of such a resource. The belief of K5DCN's is that there are people such as you, your company, churches, agencies, and other organizations that would be interested in participating in such a worthy project. Last year thanks to many such as yourselves we collected 100 blankets. We know that because of the high cost of energy, and the financial crisis that our country continues to experience, our neighbors need our help. Due to health reasons we request that your donations be new blankets. K5DCN also knows that it was supporters like you who help us in September 2011 when we gave away 245 schoolbags full of school supplies.

The dates we will be collecting blankets are

Saturday November 16, 2011 through Saturday November 30, 2011.

The following place is a drop-off point for your contribution. 1216 South 52nd Street (11am-3pm) Monday thru Saturday. Please call for five blankets or more, we will pick up.

To support this worthy effort contact:

215-726-7547,

267-254-9972

267-432-3829

EMAIL: greg3957ben@aol.com

Blankets will be distributed on Saturday 12/03/11 during the Kingsessing Christmas Service at the Kingsessing Recreation Center,

*There is a time for
departure even when
there's no certain place to
go. ~Tennessee Williams
(Thomas Lanier)*

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located at 49th and Chester Avenue.

Come on out and share the evening. Festivities start at 3pm.
Thanking you in advance for your attention. April Turner Co-
Coordinator Gloria Turner Co-coordinator

SUPPORT OUR BLANKET COLLECTION FOR FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE GIVE.

Locations for drop-offs: 1216 South 52nd Street (11am-3pm) Monday
thru Friday Please call for five blankets or more, we will pick up.
Blankets will be distributed on Saturday 12/03/08 during the Kingsessing
Fifth Division Community of Neighbors Christmas Service at the
Kingsessing Recreation Center, located at 49th and Chester Avenue.

Come on out and share in the service. Start time 3PM.
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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*

Cape May Jazz Fest Fundraiser

Friday and Saturday November 11th & 12th

Friday: Geno White @ Martini Beach, 6:00pm

The Tom Larsen Blues Band @ Cabanas, 9:30pm

Saturday: Frank Bey @ Cabanas, 1:00pm

Eddie Morgan @ Martini Beach, 6:00pm

Blue Bone @ Cabanas, 9:30pm

Purchase tickets at: www.ShopCabanasOnTheBeach.com for guaranteed
seating.

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First Friday - Throughout the city

There's diversity both in the crowd and among the galleries, adding
flavor to the experience. The largest network of galleries is between
Front and Third, and Market and Vine Streets, but many galleries
throughout the city also participate.

It began in 1991 by the Old City Arts Association as a collaborative open
house. First Friday is one of Philadelphia's most unique cultural
experiences.

Held the first Friday night of each month, rain or shine, year-round.

Hours: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

No admission

One learns people through the heart, not the eyes or the intellect. – Mark Twain

This art community “open house” brings together city dwellers and suburbanites, contemporary arts and antique collectors, aficionados of classical and contemporary design, and theater and performance buffs.

The welcoming informality of First Friday attracts crowds of casual browsers as well as serious buyers to each festive event, featuring dozens of Old City’s galleries and shops hosting exhibition receptions or just open for your perusal and enjoyment.

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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

The Philadelphia Marathon Weekend

November 18-20, 2011

The Philadelphia Marathon is a 26.2-mile race that occurs each November and is officially recognized by USA Track & Field. In previous years the Marathon organization has also offered a half-marathon, 8k and children's runs on race day. The first Philadelphia Marathon took place in 1994.

Running the Marathon

Registration for the race begins each April and typically sells out before race day; if you're thinking about signing up, plan accordingly.

You do not need a qualifying time to register for the marathon.

Marathon Route

The Philadelphia Marathon starts and ends in the Art Museum area and passes through several neighborhoods including Old City, South Street, West Philadelphia and Manayunk. For a map of the marathon route, visit the [marathon's website](#).

Watching the Marathon

You only have to do a very few things right in your life so long as you don't do too many things wrong. - Warren Buffett

The Philadelphia Marathon offers several "cheer zones" along the marathon route, with many featuring live entertainment, food and drink. Visit the Philadelphia Marathon's [Watch the Race page](#) for a list of this year's cheering areas. Remember when traveling to the race that many roads will be blocked off, and you should plan your route accordingly.

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Occupy The Hood Calls On Young People of African Descent to Uplift the Community

By Phillip Jackson

November 1, 2011

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(Liberia, West Africa) The Occupy Wall Street Movement has captured the imagination of the world. We now have Occupy Tokyo, Occupy Berlin, Occupy Mexico, Occupy Australia, Occupy Brazil, Occupy Denmark, Occupy Asia and even Occupy Antarctica. But where are the voices of young people of African descent and why are their voices silent?

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, people of African descent are being encouraged to join the Occupy Wall Street Movement in their cities and in their communities. But before occupying Wall Street or any street, we need to properly and successfully occupy the minds and spirits of people of African descent with thoughts of improvement, achievement, excellence, progress and cooperative labor. We must do this every day until we have created a new world in which people of African descent will thrive!

To look at the evening news on the occupations, it would seem as though young White men and women suffer most from the problems of our societies and the world in which we live. That is absolutely not true! In fact, the suffering from social and economic ills of people of African descent around the world is hugely disproportionate. So why has the "Occupy Movement" not inspired more young Black people across the globe to demand change and improvement in their world?

Some say Black people have too many "real" problems to be concerned about the volatility of the stock markets or whether Fortune 500 companies will each capture another billion dollars. Some say that Black Americans have forgotten the lessons learned from the civil rights movement. And others say that young Africans and young Black Americans today have been reprogrammed with technological toys, various forms of entertainment and other relatively mindless distractions.

"Real difficulties can be overcome; it is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable." - Theodore N. Vail

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Regardless, young Black people around the world do not understand that decisions that govern the quality of their lives are being made without their input.

But a glimmer of hope has come to us in the form of a spinoff from Occupy Wall Street. It is called Occupy The Hood. While Occupy Wall Street addresses the viciousness of capitalism, uneven distribution and control of world resources, corrupt and ineffective governments, lack of human well-being across the world, climate change and the environment, wars and global violence and other dire issues, Occupy The Hood is being led by young people of African descent and addresses issues that cause people of African descent to suffer. And while we must absolutely stand in solidarity with our White, Asian, Arab and Hispanic brothers and sisters working to change the world, we must also organize to directly improve the conditions in our "hood".

If things are going to change for us for the better, young people of African descent around the world must begin the real work of nation-building. This work begins by getting in action in their communities, in their villages, in their cities and in their countries-to generate and ensure safe and prosperous places for us. We cannot wait for our parents, our leaders, Wall Street or those who occupy Wall Street before we take control of our futures and our destiny. We must organize and get into action now doing the work to save our race!

On November 19, people of African descent around the world will join in this work to Occupy The Hood. This work calls us to mentor youth in schools and in communities, assist and support senior citizens, work with men in jail, prison and ex-offenders, clean up neighborhood paper, trash, etc., walk safety patrols in communities, take youth to faith-based services, read to children at local schools, organize community health walks/runs, hold community-wide voter registration drives, organize men to take their children to museums, parks, sporting events and cultural events, organize volunteers to help at local hospitals, shelters, recreational and park-district facilities, shop at Black-owned stores, and design and develop additional community-building direct actions.

For young people of African descent, Occupy The Hood is this generation's civil rights movement! Launching Occupy Wall Street took only three days. How long will it take us to Occupy The Hood?

Phillip Jackson

Founder and Executive Director

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On the way to lunch, a teacher spotted two boys playfully fighting at the front of the line. She asked one of the boys to go to the back of the line and he came back right after." Why aren't you at the end of the line?" asked the teacher. The boy replied, "I couldn't, someone was already there." (Thx Eric)

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Rebirth of a Nation: Race and Gender Politics in Today's Media

Saturday, November 5, 2011

12:00-3:00 pm

Max Palevsky Theater, Ida Noyes Hall (1212 E. 59th Street)

Panelists:

Rosa Clemente (Community organizer, journalist & Executive Director of the Hip-Hop Caucus)

Joan Morgan (Journalist, cultural critic and author, *When Chickenheads Come Home to Roost: My Life as a Hip-Hop Feminist.*)

Mark Anthony Neal (Professor, Black Popular Culture, Duke University, and author of *NewBlack Man: Rethinking Black Masculinity*)

VijayPrashad (Professor & Director, International Studies, Trinity College, and author of *The Darker Nations: A People's History of The Third World*)

Che "Rhymefest" Smith (Grammy Award-winning Raptivist)

Bakari Kitwana (Moderator-Journalist, activist, political analyst, and author of *The*

Hip-Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in African American Culture, and the forthcoming Hip-Hop Activism in the Obama Era)

This interactive event includes a panel of scholars, activists and artists in discussion with the audience about the politics of media representations of race and gender in this current period, which has been characterized by some as post-race and post-feminist. We will dissect contemporary moments in popular culture and political debates where race, gender, class and identity come center stage. Films like *The Help*, reality television shows like *Basketball Wives*, and hot button political issues such as immigration, Islamophobia, Slut Walk and the burgeoning Occupy Wall Street campaign lead the list.

Possible questions to be addressed include:

- How do popular narratives of Blackness from Birth of a Nation to Precious impact public policy around policing, incarceration, housing and employment?
- To what extent does gender and class continue to inform our understanding of race?
- Is there room for the full-range of race and gender expressions in the American mainstream?
- How do the debates around immigration challenge the black/white paradigm in our understanding of race and class?
- What can we do to move these discussions beyond outdated racial and gender paradigms?

Co-presented by The Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture at the University of Chicago; the Black Youth Project; the Organization of Black Students @U. Chicago; and Rap Sessions: Community

Dialogues on Hip Hop

Free & open to the public.

Persons with a disability who believe they may need assistance should contact Jessica Sparks at CSRPC in advance at 773.702.8063.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Comcast unveils new plan to combat digital divide

Comcast has announced that it will begin offering a new service, [Internet Essentials](#), in time for the 2011-12 school year.

This initiative will directly address the major barriers that many in our communities face for in-home broadband adoption: affordability and lack of digital literacy.

In today's world, it is important for everyone to be digitally literate. Broadband adoption is vital for our communities because it helps improve our children's education, our local economy, and the ability for members of our communities to find jobs and benefit from opportunities available online.

Comcast Internet Essentials will provide eligible families with:

- Affordable home Internet service (\$9.95 per month)
- A low-cost computer (\$149.99 plus taxes)
- Access to free internet training – online, in print and in classroom (at established community training sites)

Internet Essentials will be available everywhere that Comcast offers its high-speed Internet service. Students in more than 4,000 school districts in 39 states and the District of Columbia will be able to participate.

Comcast will accept new Internet Essentials participants for at least three years, through the end of the 2013-14 school year. Any household that qualifies during this three-year period will remain eligible for Internet

Essentials, provided the household still qualifies for the program, until that child graduates from high school.

For more details, go [here](#).

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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.

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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 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

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:

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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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WORD-OF-THE-WEEK

adumbrate \AD-uhm-brayt; uh-DUHM-\ To give a sketchy or slight representation of; to outline; To foreshadow in a vague way; To suggest, indicate, or disclose partially; To cast a shadow over; to shade; to obscure.

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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.

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This spot reserved for The Coalition friend and supporter Jeff Hart

