Fashion, Food and Fall Celebration

Lupus Awareness brought family, friends and colleagues together for the F3, Fashion, Food and Fall Celebration held at Mansion Le Blanc in Philadelphia this past Saturday. F3, a Lupus fundraiser, utilized the talents of local jewelry designers, fashion designers and up and coming caterers to delight those in attendance. "F3 is only the first of many more Lupus fundraisers in Philadelphia. We are about to blow this secret out of the water", said Leyla Moreno (pictured seated in center), the event organizer and Lupus activist who also suffers from the disease.

BRIC March opens Philadelphia Youth Peace Olympics

Youth from all areas of Philadelphia kick off Peace Olympics with March.

On Friday, October 7th more than one hundred youth and adults marched in a three block police escorted procession from MLK, Jr. Recreation Center to Wayland Temple Baptist Church, 25th and Cecil B. Moore Avenue to start the North Philadelphia Youth Peace Olympics sponsored by Building Respect in Community (BRIC). Youth from North and South Philly participated in the three day Olympics which included basketball, soccer and track. Berean Institute, MLK, Jr., and C.B. Moore Recreation Centers hosted the sports events. Participants were from Athletic and Hancock Rec. Centers, Young Stars, Wayland Temple basketball teams, International Soccer League of South Philadelphia, and other youth from the community.

Wayland Temple hosted the opening ceremony where youth received messages, and music on peace, non-violence and sportsmanship, and the closing ceremony where participants received trophies and medals. Before each event youth recited and agreed to a commitment to: be non-violent and peaceful, do my best, care for my mind, body and spirit, stay focused and purposeful, honor and my respect self, teammates, coaches, opponents and community, and to carry the spirit of the Olympics with them. A surprise visit by former 76er Sam Dalembert gave a tremendous boost to BRIC members who worked diligently for one year planning the event.

BRIC was founded six years ago as a Wayland Temple community organization promoting spiritual, education and recreation activities with a focus on respect, peace, and nonviolence.

For more information about BRIC please call 215-941-0316 or 215-769-0243.
Black Bar owners for Education

An organization known as the National United Affiliated Beverage Association (NUABA) was founded in 1977. The first President of NUABA was Robie Robinson he owned The Red Devil at 42nd and Lancaster Avenue in West Philadelphia. NUABA was changed to PUBMA (Philadelphia United Merchant Beverage Association) in the early 1980’s. Then in 1993, the group’s name was changed to its current one. Again, this time to the Philadelphia License Tavern & Merchant Association, (P.L.T.M.A.). The first President under P.L.T.M.A. was Prince Gillard, a very successful businessman in Philadelphia, having owned Prince’s Total Experience Lounge on Hunting Park, off N. Broad Street for many years along with a couple other successful locations in the city. He was president from 1993 – 2006. His Vice President was the famed Lorraine Taylor and the first Secretary was certified public accountant, Mary Lawton. Other past presidents of P.L.T.M.A. were Lorraine Taylor, 2006-2007, Charlie Aaron, 2007 – 2008 and Rita Jefferson, 2009 – 2011. She is now Vice President of the National Black Merchants and Tavern Association.

Over a 27 year time frame, this organization, P.L.T.M.A. largely made up of Bar Owners, has given away more than 250 thousand dollars to African American youth from our communities in Philadelphia who were selected after having their names submitted — and after having turned in essays, to help them with their college expenses. This year, during the awards banquet, Ramondo Frank and his team decided to invite back three fortunate child who might need a little guidance, a little push in the right direction, an attentive ear or just some one to talk to.”

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Once again, members of the Philadelphia Licensed Tavern & Merchants Association strutted their stuff and came out in a very meaningful way, to party with a purpose, Sunday, October 23, in Person 942 N. Watts St. Philadelphia, PA 19125.

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The Economy Stumbles. Words from the now famous sign in succes-
sion: Help me! I am an individual candidate Bill Clinton, in a small room. Today, that sign should be in the Oval Office, both candidates—

President Obama and John McCain—should be at the presiden
cy down to those running for local office. And right below it should be three words—Jobs, Jobs, Jobs. The time has come for all our elected leaders and those who want to

tun our votes in the months ahead to focus on the most pressing problem facing our coun-
try: the economy.

Some of our leaders are stepping up to offer solutions—Rep.

Joseph Schakowsky (D-IL), who along with 44 colleagues has introduced “The Emergency Jobs to Restore the American Dream Act” (H.R. 2914) to create over 2.2 million jobs for two years in order to provide time to provide for the economy back up and running and respond to some of our greatest

needs. With 13.9 million people out of work—many for more than nine months, extended unemployment benefits scheduled to expire at year’s end, and dim prospects for full-time employment among private sector employers who largely refuse to hire those who are unemployed, jobs are critical to our nation’s economic recovery.

And as Rep. Schakowsky has noted, “Congress can and must do something today.”

Each part of Rep. Schakowsky’s bold proposal would create real results immediately that help families and children,

their parents, and their communities. This critical initia-

tive would create a Neighborhood Health Corps, a Child Care Corps to provide support for early childhood, elementary and secondary educational services—the most strategic and cost effective investments that will help
can to lift children out of poverty and to ensure an adequate and effective workforce for the future. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 230,000 edu-

cation jobs have been lost since 2008. State and local budgets are stretched and the American Association of School Administrators says more than a quarter of a million
education jobs could be lost this school year. This bill would keep those jobs secure and revive some of the teachers laid off by funding 300,000 education jobs for two years. Rep. Schakowsky’s proposal also help

bridge the gap between what’s needed and what’s available through the Early Head Start program. This program which helps children in the years of greatest brain develop-

currently reaches only three percent of eligible children. The AAAE says “This will create 650,000 new jobs to serve infants and toddlers who des-

re a healthy, fair start in life. Their lives in a house with a yard in a small town in Mid-

east America—the sort of place that might have been fea-
tured in a Norman Rockwell painting, according to

Marian Wright Edelman, President of the Children’s Defense

Fund, she found the Nailor family in a rural county in central Michigan where 39 percent of the children live in poverty. John is a certified computer technician, and

Sarah graduated from culinary arts school. But with a very high local unemployment rate and few opportunities available, neither one has been able to translate their edu-
cation into a full-time job. For the last two years John tried to keep the family afloat by running his own

business fixing clients’ computers and recycling old computers for their metal parts, but, Cass notes, “the best John can say about it is that ‘I’m still in business, even though we don’t have enough business to get off food stamps.”

The children’s toys are mostly second hand, and their clothes are hand-me-downs that John got through Freecy-
cycle.org, an international website with local groups that

trade items for free. About 300 people in Osceola County

and three neighboring counties, undoubtedly struggling, like the Nailors, are in the same situation, exchanging household items, furniture, toys, clothes, and even food like fresh

eggs… ‘Amenda and Emily are young, so they don’t re-

the way how poor we are, ’ said John. “But when

they get older” She did not finish the sentence.”

The Jobs for Progress Bill would benefit families like the Nailors. John, as a computer technici-

nian, might qualify for one of the 750,000 new jobs the

bill would create through the Community Corps. The

to group of workers, like the New Deal’s Civilian Conser-

vation Corps, work for the greater good, like including

foreclosure and disaster-affected areas, rural conservation

work, recycling, and reclamation of reusable materials,

all of which are needed in central Michigan, which has

many other projects for those workers have children and

would once again be able to put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

Philadelpia’s leadars, community organizations, cul-
tural families and sponsors are being asked to support

the Dr. King’s “Freedom’s Dream” Monument.

We ask your support at this time to provide us with a let-
ter of interest if you are able and willing to make this tax-

demption for your contribution of one thousand dollars ($1,000). On assignment for this organiza-

tion’s will be engraved on the granite base of the

monument as a living legacy of your support. Neither de-

nations nor payments are required at this time.

Please forward to SCOOP U.S.A, PO Box 14013,

Philadelphia, PA 19122 the enclosed Expression of Inter-

est Pledge form, so that we may gather and forward your letter along with others to the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition who have expressed an interest to be our

Fiscal Agent for the project.

We welcome an opportunity to talk or meet with you regarding the details. Contacts: Rebecca Rose: (215) 833-9022 (cell), e-mail: rebecca-

rum@jjfc.org or call for details.

Name/Title:_______________________  Organization:_____________________

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Please indicate your preliminary interest or pledge below to contribute to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monument fund. No money is required at this time. We will include you in the Sponsors and Supporters Preview Reception. Our Fiscal agent will follow up for a $100 tax exemption for your contribution.

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I want to pledge in kind support, call for details.

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The real reason Obama sent Troops to Uganda

Africa were being fought? What, you never heard of the Coltan Wars or the Congo wars? “Cellphones may have who knows where or out of thin air for twenty-five years radar, getting guns ammunition, food and supplies from the US. The US claimed they were using to either to kill dissident but beyond that, stop and think a minute and look at his -ing the mass media’s unsubstantiated assertions and start sources is liberation. George Orwell would be so proud. killing rebels, Obama is now sending troops into Uganda when he and the NATO warmongers attacked Libya for 2015.”

On top of that the wars create instability and humanitarian crisis which gives the corporations and the Western governments who support them the ability to steal whatever it is they covet be it coltan, diamonds or in the case of Africa’s fighting the US is using its military to get to sub-Saharan Africa what up to $40 million on top of that the wars create instability and humani -tation and disease have killed hundreds of thousands and the battleground of what has been grimly dubbed ‘Africa’s first World War,’ pitting Congolese forces against those of six neighboring countries and numerous armed factions. The victims are mostly civilians. Starv -ation and disease have killed hundreds of thousands and the conflict has displaced 2 million people from their homes. Often dismissed as an ethnic war, the conflict is more narrowly resources sought by foreign corpora -tions – diamonds, tin, copper, gold, but mostly coltan” www.smh.com.au/news/insight/being-africa-503308

The US has been openly and clandestinely arming vari-ous ethnic groups in Africa for decades, fomenting hos-tilities and stoking the fires in order to profit by selling more arms to whomsoever will buy them. Keep in mind the African states are buying weapons on credit (with interest). This means the bankers get their cut along with the weapons manufacturers and the arms mili -d men they and all get paid from US tax payer dollars!! “Because many of the recipient countries remain some of the world’s poorest, the U.S. government has spent around $87 million in foreign military financing loans (subsidized by U.S. taxpayer dollars) to cover the costs increasing the debt burden that is already suffocating the continent. The DRC alone owes more than $150 million in outstanding DoD loans, with Liberia, Somalia, and Sudan owing another $160 million combined. These loans, accrued while corrupt and clawed-back millions from U.S. clients, have further contributed to the economic hardships of these nations by saddling them with unpro -ductive military debt.”

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A DETERMINED push by Western wild cats and big oil compa-nies has slowed the fast-growing Asian economies such as those of China and Malaysia may change the trajectory of the developing world. These countries are once largely ignored by foreign in -vestors. One of the most spectacular recent fronts of this is Uganda. The reserves of the Albertine rift, which takes in the Ugandan and Democratic Republics of Congo, are said to need $10 billion for development. All being well, this would mean a huge new market for the region’s fast-growing sized products. Alongside countries such as Mexico, Foreign investment in Uganda may nearly double this year to $3 billion. The country expects to earn $2 billion a year from oil by 2015.

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The Health of African Americans with Diabetes

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According to the American Diabetes Association African Americans are disproportionately affected by diabetes:
- 3.7 million of 14.7% of all African Americans aged 20 years and older have diabetes.
- African Americans are 1.8 times more likely to have diabetes as non-Hispanic whites.
- 25 percent of African Americans between the age of 65 and 74 have diabetes.
- 1 of 4 African American women over 55 years of age has diabetes.
- African Americans are almost 50 percent as likely to develop diabetic retinopathy as non-Hispanic whites.
- African Americans are 2.5 to 5.6 times as likely to suffer from kidney disease with more than 4,000 new cases of End Stage Renal Diseases (ESRD) each year.

How Can You Tell If You Have Diabetes?
- Do you know of your family’s medical challenges?
- How about three generations of diabetes in the family?
- Do you discuss the family’s medical history when you have the annual Family Reunions?

Among the signs of diabetes are the following:
- Weight gain or loss. Because your body is trying to compensate for lost fluids and sugar you may eat more than usual and gain weight. But the opposite also can occur. You may eat more than normal but still lose weight because your muscle tissues don’t get enough glucose to generate growth and energy. This is especially true if you have Type 1 diabetes, where very little sugar enters your bloodstream after you eat, but it can’t enter your cells without the help of insulin—a hormone secreted by your pancreas.

Always Consider Risk Factors
If several members of your family suffer from diabetes that is clearly a risk factor and an indication that you should be closely monitored to determine your own status. Among the most common risk factors are:
- Family History. Your chance of developing Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes increases if you have a close relative such as a parent or sibling with the disease.
- Weight. Being overweight is one of the main risk factors for diabetes. Eight out of ten people with Type 2 diabetes are overweight. That’s because the more fatty tissue you have the more resistant your cells become to your insulin, in fact, the link between obesity and diabetes may lie in what researchers now call resistin, a hormone discovered in mice that makes cells resistant to insulin.

Don’t get grounded for excess weight.
One third of kids face a full life of serious health problems due to obesity. We can help your kids avoid this with:
- Fitness center memberships
- CHIP, brought to you by KidzPartners, offers FREE or low-cost health insurance for uninsured kids and teens. Plus benefits that can lead to a lifetime of better health.

Our changing times
Over the last fifty years, life has changed drastically. Besides the personal, political, and social changes, technology has transformed all our lives. Jaynee and I got new cell phones yesterday. Mine was about eight years old; I couldn’t hear it, and writing or receiving texts was impossible. Since Jaynee is going out to see her brother on the Oregon seashore for almost a month, she needed a phone that wasn’t broken and maybe even took photos. This seemed like a good time.

Calling itself has changed. While I grew up, everything had a “party-line”. That meant we shared the phone line with another house and family. Early on, to make a long-distance phone call, we pushed the “O” and gave the operator the phone number we wanted to reach. It was expensive and the voices sounded far away. Now, there is no extra fee to call anywhere in the US at least. The conversations can be however long we choose and the sound is the same as it would be from around the corner. Apparently, the majority of young people rely on cell phones totally. Almost everybody, even in countries one would not imagine, people use them. Unlike years ago, we can call from our cars, from the supermarket when we’re not sure of what mom wants, or from the other side of the U.S. to say “Hello”. Cell phones themselves are transforming. They’ve become pan-sized computers. Of course, the monthly bill is higher, but the phones are more convenient. We rely on our computers. When I was growing up, no such thing existed. Computers were from room-size to book size and smaller. And Jaynee started using them, people had to know “Dos”, a weird computer language. “Windows” and “Apple” finally changed that to being relatively user-friendly.

As a kid, I spent days in the library using their encyclopedias. You could meet your friends there because we all needed the same resources. Now, all the world’s information is on every computer. Any question can be answered easily.

We had homework and then went out to play wall ball or something. Kids now get together in the house to play video games. Their homework often is done on the computer. They don’t even hand-write anymore. They type and print. Kids still do play basketball and ride their bikes even though I hear adults complain that they don’t. I wish I could say that school was the same or better. It’s deteriorated though. The young people who persevere and stay in school do not always achieve good educations. Class size is increasing and disruptive students are kept with kids who want to listen, but can’t. Teachers have to fight for books, security, and clean classrooms, as
Anthony Miles at 3rd Annual Market yourself Business Seminar

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Troops

and the proceeds will help end the economy’s depend -
ence on donor aid, its president said. The east African na-
tion discovered commercial oil deposits in 2006 in the
Albertine basin along its border with the Democratic Re-
public of Congo and reserves of about 2.5 billion barrels
have been confirmed... The country’s ministry of energy
estimates the basin’s crude reserves could climb to 6 bil-
lion barrels when fully explored. Only 40 percent of the
basin has so far been drilled. In November last year, the
ministry said a phased construction of the refinery would
begin in 2012, starting with capacity for limited produc-
tion to satisfy the domestic market whose demand ranges
between 20,000-25,000 barrels per day.7

Call me a cynic but it makes sense Obama would send
troops into Uganda now that they have discovered oil
there; especially as the US moves to secure all the com-
ponent’s resources and prevent the Chinese from gaining
another toe hold in Africa. This is how they roll. To keep
us in the dark and make us fall for their okie-doke they
tell us some cock and bull story about going after a “bad
guy” who they armed and supported for twenty-five
years. It’s the same ol’ same ol’ only this time being
done by a “black” president.

The comments in the columns are the opinion of the writer and are
not an opinion or reflection of the beliefs of the SCOOP U.S.A.

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well as for their jobs. It’s truly a mess. The situation
should not be adversarial, but it is. Sadly, the first thing
politicians cut funding for is education, then they head
over to health care (for everyone else). Our road for
change is not going our computers to complain, signing peti-
tions (on-line), and using every opportunity to tell our
leaders what we want. Meanwhile, I’ll see you on Face-
book!

So many of the things we use everyday are becoming
more and more computerized. New cars can park them-
selves, and old cars don’t work unless their computers
function. Amazing.

Workplace Wednesdays announce Fall Sessions

The Free Library of Philadelphia’s Parkway Central
Library is pleased to offer a new series of Workplace
Wednesdays workshops beginning November 2, 2011
at 6:00 p.m. Offered in two-month series from September
through June, the free workshops teach participants about
all aspects of job hunting.

“Workplace Wednesdays continue to be a valuable
service for the Philadelphia community,” said Siobhan A.
Newman, Free Library President and Director. “As the
Free Library of Opportunity, we are proud to equip cus-
omers with the tools and knowledge necessary to trans-
form their lives as they look for their next job!”

During Workplace Wednesdays, instructors work with
adult job seekers to help them identify skills and find the
right job “fit”—from there, classes focus on résumé writ-
ing, internet resources for job hunting, and interviewing
skills. The new series line-up is: Skills Assessment (No-
vember 2); Career Decision Making (November 9); How
to Write a Résumé (November 16); Résumé Critique
(November 30); Job Hunting Tips and Techniques (De-
cember 7); Interviewing Skills (December 14); Library
and Internet Resources for Job Seekers (December 21);
Workplace Wednesdays are held from 6:00 to 8:00
p.m. in the Director’s Dining Room (Rm. 406) on the
fourth floor of Parkway Central. For more information on
the workshops and the Workplace, as well as sign-up de-
tails, please call 215-686-5436.

Public Speaking and Communicating Effectively

The fear of public speaking is one of the most common
fears that people have. In fact, some studies show that
more people fear public speaking than they do death.
Many people avoid situations altogether that involve
speaking to groups. If the thought of speaking publicly
terrifies you or you would like to learn how to communi-
icate more effectively, don’t miss this informative work-
shop at Lucien E. Blackwell / West Philadelphia
Regional Library on November 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.!
Learn techniques that you can use to improve your
public speaking skills and communicate more effectively.
Presenter: Lisa Kohn, Leadership Consultant & Execu-
tive Coach at Chatsworth Consulting Group. Lucien E.
Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library is located at 125 South
52nd Street, Phila., PA 19139 (corner of 52nd & Sansom Streets).
Don’t miss this opportunity! For more informa-
tion and to preregister call 215-685-7433.

Social Media as a Business Tool

Social Media, such as Facebook and YouTube, are
often used for fun and informal communication: But did
you know that you can use social media as a business
tool? Not only will this enable you to reach a larger audi-
cence of potential clients, but you can be as creative as
your mind will allow and develop a presentation that
uniquely reflects what your organization has to offer.
Come and learn about some of the ways you can use so-
cial media in a business context at Lucien E. Blackwell /
West Philadelphia Regional Library on Wednesday, No-
vember 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Presenter: Nicole Newman,
President & CEO of Newman Networks. Presentations
will be recorded for training purposes and/or may be
posted on YouTube; waivers will be provided immedi-
ately prior to the program and pre-registration is re-
quired. Registration can be done in person at Blackwell
Regional Library or online at:
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Celebrate Philadelphia Performers

Mental Photography exhibit

Beginning October 15 through November 27, the Free
Library of Philadelphia will mount a new photography
exhibition in the West Gallery of the Parkway Central Li-
brary. “Celebrate Philadelphia Performers” features
iconic images of Philadelphia-area vocalists, musicians,
and bands from a wide range of musical genres, from
blues to classical to New Orleans funk and more. Curated
by Sabina Clarke with photographs by Katherine Gilbert,
“Celebrate Philadelphia Performers” illuminates the lives
and craft of these diverse and talented musicians and en-
tertainers.

As the Free Library of Inspiration, we are proud to
host exhibitions throughout the year, many of which pay
homage to creative minds from around the world,” said
Siobhan A. Reardon, President and Director of the Free
Library of Philadelphia. “This most recent exhibition fo-
cuses on the talented artists who have given our city such
a robust musical legacy.”

The Music Department at Parkway Central Library has
a large number of City LPs, and books about music
and dance, as well as musical scores ranging from classical
to contemporary pop music. It houses four large special
collections, including the Edwin A. Fleisher Collection of
Orchestral Music, which is the largest and longest-
lasting library of orchestral music in the world, the Drinker Library of
Choral Music; the Chamber Music Collection; and the
Sheet Music Collection.

Great news! You’re about to become a mother.

W e all like to believe that we are healthy and do
not need to see the doctor. But over 11,000 U.S.
women develop cervical cancer each year. And they
thought it could not happen to them. You can find
problems before they become serious. Get a Pap test
and pelvic exam every year.

A Pap test helps your doctor find early signs of
cervical cancer. The exam can also find other
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Celebrate our 50th Anniversary

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function. Amazing.
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Unity General Contracting, Inc. Construction and Development training series

Recent Construction and Development Training Series graduates

Earlier this year, a unique class was conducted that was made up of men and women who are among the most stigmatized community thus far, this community is made up of ex-offenders, people in recovery from drugs and alcohol/co-occurring challenges as well as young adults (18 to 25).

The objective was to create a venue for this population to receive a series of educational courses and field training in the Construction Field which will better prepare them to meet the needs of the residential and commercial industry.

The program also gave participants the skills need to be entrepreneurs, contractors, and home owners as well as serve as a ray of hope to the community and society at large. Mr. Pettway and William Webb are the visionaries of this great endeavor and are doing it without funding. As Mr. Webb would say “There’s no disgrace to fall on your face, the disgrace is if you stay there”. The graduation of the August class will set the stage for a movement so powerful that the angels will rejoice and the universe will open up the doors of opportunity for all of those who have been deemed by many in the society untouchable.

The graduation will take place at the Willie G. Williams Community Center located at 1016-18 South Street on Friday, November 18, 2011 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. This is now the official site of Opport-UNITY which is managed by William Webb and founded by Stephen Pettway. The Willie G. Williams Community Center was the first black owned fire station in Philadelphia, Pa before being converted into a community center. February 2012 Opport-UNITY will officially transition out of PRO-ACT to begin the next construction training at their new facility. We want to say to Mr. Webb and Mr. Pettway, Great Job! And Congratulations!

For more information contact William Webb at 267-579-6301 or email edwebb@gmail.com. We encourage you all to support this great humanitarian effort, this is long overdue.

Seniors get free flu shots, enjoy Zumba and more at Sunshine Center open house

The Older Adult Sunshine Center, located at 137 South 58th Street in Philadelphia, will reach out to seniors in its West Philadelphia community with an open house on Tuesday, November 1. Set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the event will provide seniors with an opportunity to meet with current staff and members of the center and to enjoy line dancing. Free flu shots, blood pressure checks, and one-on-one medication reviews will be available throughout the event. A Philadelphia Police Department officer will be present to provide resources and information on crime prevention and other safety issues.

The Older Adult Sunshine Center offers adults 60 and over an opportunity to meet new people; enjoy nutritious meals; participate in recreational, educational, and volunteer programs; and explore a variety of interests and hobbies. It provides access to a range of services, such as transportation, legal and benefits assistance, and volunteer opportunities. Activities vary throughout the year and may include computer classes, art and music classes, exercise, group trips, and more.

According to Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) officials, research shows that social engagement, physical exercise, and mental stimulation all contribute to maintaining health and wellbeing as people age. The Open House is being sponsored by PCA, which now operates the Older Adult Sunshine Center. For more information about the event, contact the center at 215-472-6188.

This center is supported with funds from PCA and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging.

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SCOOP USA is the widest circulated, community-oriented newspaper in the Delaware Valley, covering Philadelphia, suburbs of Philadelphia, South Jersey, Chester, and Wilmington, Delaware. This wide circulation will help spread your message because many voting Philadelphians work in other areas where they get their SCOOP weekly.
Health Partners and the Health Partners Foundation (HPF) honored two extraordinary individuals and two non-profit groups at its annual Making a Difference Awards program. Philadelphia Academies, Inc. President Lisa J. Nutter, Murrell Dobbins Senior Regional Coleman, the Federation of Neighborhood Centers and the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation received awards recently in recognition for their work in the community and with children.

“Our honorees are making tangible differences in the community and are more than deserving of these honors,” says William S. George, president and CEO at Health Partners. “We’re always pleased to recognize those individuals and organizations who share the Health Partners Foundation’s passion for serving the community. We hope that these programs will be replicated and used as a model for changing and shaping young people’s lives.”

The efforts of Nutter and Philadelphia Academies, Inc. have resulted in providing Philadelphia public high school students with career-focused programming and preparing young people for employment and post-secondary education.

It’s an honor for Health Partners to recognize Philadelphia Academies, Inc. and the work we’re doing to support this city’s youth,” Nutter said. “Our career-linked model is successful because it addresses the things that students tell us they most need: high expectations, real-world opportunities and skills, and positive relationships with adults and one another. With our corporate, higher education and labor partners, we invest every day in improving outcomes for Philadelphia public high school students, and in turn, invest wisely in our workforce and our local economy.”

Nutter’s award was one of four on the evening for the event held at the health plan’s corporate headquarters on Market Street.

Murrell Dobbins CTE High School senior Reginald Coleman, 17, of North Philadelphia received the Jr. Partners Award for extraordinary service as a volunteer at his church, school and with Bubby’s Kids, a nonprofit that assists underserved children.

Coleman has received awards for perfect attendance since ninth grade and has been named Student of the Month on several occasions. He also has made the honor roll, is a member of the National Honor Society, ranks in the top 10 of his class and plans to attend college -- becoming the first in his family to do so -- earn a degree in English literature and become a high school English teacher.

In addition, the Federation of Neighborhood Centers and the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation received the Health Partners Making a Difference Award. The Federation was honored for its 100-year history of building stronger neighborhoods, especially via its Teens 4 Good program, which hires at-risk youth to transform vacant lots into urban greens.

And the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corp., which was founded in 1969, was recognized for strengthening the Chinatown community through numerous programs, including housing and social services for the community and also for Chinese heritage celebrations.

All of this year’s Making a Difference Award honorees were nominated by Health Partners employees and school counselors and selected by the Health Partners Foundation’s Board.

About Health Partner and the Health Partners Foundation:

Health Partners is a not-for-profit health plan serving more than 170,000 members in the Greater Philadelphia region. Its HealthChoices Medicaid plan consistently ranks number one in member satisfaction in the area in an annual consumer survey and is rated as “Excellent,” the highest level possible, by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). In 2009, the company launched KidPartners, which provides free or low-cost health insurance to uninsured children and teens through CHIP. Pennsylvania’s Children’s Health Insurance Program. Founded more than 25 years ago, Health Partners is one of the few hospital-owned health plans in the country and has received national recognition for its innovations in managed care.

The Health Partners Foundation, founded in 1999 by employees of Health Partners, supports low-income communities in the Greater Philadelphia region, with educational programs, scholarships, and emergency assistance. For more information, visit www.healthpart.com.
Who has Pure Lyrics?

What’s up my urban people in Shelly Shell with the Word. On the Street!
Pure Lyrics Talent Search is the type of show your grandmas, mom, and the whole family can attend.
The first show for Pure Lyrics Talent Search begins Tuesday, November 1, 2011.
This is an event hosted by Brother Marcus of Elements of Inspiration and Praise
103 FM who partnered with Pure Lyrics to change the life of someone as they prepare to
begin a 12-week talent search for the artist that in
of the change. The audience will take place in the judging
Philadelphia.
North by Northwest) located 7165 Germantown Avenue in
1st and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:30pm at the 7165 Lounge (former
and original lyrics they comprise. It takes place on every
process. The purpose of the Pure Lyrics “Just Be Different”
cant while striving to be different. The finale concert will
be February 21, 2012.

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Kalia speaks out about experience on Big Brother, growing up Philadelphia and her eating disability

Kalia Booker took time out of her schedule to talk about the experience with “Scoop,” here’s Q. and A. with Kalia.

Q: How has being brought up in Upper Dublin prepared you for your career?
A: The neighborhood isn’t very diverse, predominantly Caucasian, so being brought up in that kind of environment prepared me to interact with a culture outside my own. Coupling that with going to Spelman, a black college, and living in NYC, a virtual melting pot, I am able to be around anyone at anytime and that all began with Upper Dublin. UD also had an amazing theater department and under the guidance of my mentor, Debbie Thompson (the theater teacher and director at the high school), I was given major opportunities to shine on stage and hone my love of acting and singing. Throwing in the mix of growing up in the local pageants in Philadelphia, and living in NYC, a virtual melting pot, I am able to be around anyone at anytime and that all began with Upper Dublin.

Q: How did you come to get on the show?
A: I spent the last six years, working as an actor in New York City. I was very lucky/blessed to have worked as much as I did. It’s a tough business and I watched many friends struggle. I’ve performed in regional shows at theaters like Walnut Street Theatre, Maine State Music Theater, Prince Music Theater, Weston Playhouse, Virginia Musical Theater, etc. I’ve performed in the National Tour of Seussical the Musical, and in an Off Broadway original production called Sally & Tom: The American Way. I’ve loved performing in stages across the country, making friends along the way, and being able to make a living doing exactly what I love doing. But after a time, I became weary of the business, wanted to take a break from the grind and I had been writing my whole life. It was my minor in college and I’d won countless awards growing up in UD. I filled in for a writer on AOL’s Black Voices site last minute and the article got tons of hits and comments and they asked me to write for them weekly. From there, I pitched to other publications and started making money writing articles for online publications. I love the written word and am proud to call myself a writer. I also have a book in edits and am hoping for a 2012 publishing.

Q: What were some of the challenges?
A: In a house with 13 other people it is a challenge in itself, but the added pressure of camera EVERYWHERE, a half a million dollar prize pot, seclusion from the outside world and everything you hold dear, it’s a pressure cooker. It was literally one of the hardest things I’ve ever done. There were days I just cried in the Diary Room (a secluded room where only producers can see/hear you) all but begging to be “set free,” but I’m not a quitter, I go down swinging if that appears to be the best course of action. I was found the second week and I knew he was going to be voted out, so my vote made no difference, but it just sucked. I never realized I’d make such intense friendships on a reality show...See “PhillyBeat” next page

Q: What do they look for to be a house guest?
A: One of the worse things you had to do was vote someone out. I HATED voting out Dominic week three. It had to be done to keep myself relatively safe the following week knowing he was going to be voted out, so my vote made no difference, but it just sucked. I never realized I’d make such intense friendships on a reality show...

Q: Can you definitely look for big personalities that will most likely clash with others in the house.
A: It’s just reality TV! It makes for great TV!

Q: What do you think is the most memorable thing that happened to you while on the show?
A: The television viewing/night life experience was extremely exciting as I’d been watching the show for all 12 seasons prior to my own. I still can’t believe I was on Big Brother!!

Q: How does the money/endorsement deals work?
A: I was urged to come to a casting call and the rest is Big Brother history. It was all extremely exciting as I’d been watching the show for all 12 seasons prior to my own. I still can’t believe I was on Big Brother!!

Q: How did you prepare for your career?
A: It was a program I created based largely on my own experience with eating disorders, but spinning it with the role media plays in the distorted images around us. It went over quite well. That coupled with the interaction and talent section, I did musical theater-song/dance, so I made my focus I.S.O.M.: In Search Of Melting Positive role models in the media as a way of deters eating disorders. It was on a platform of their choice, so I made my own. I’ve loved performing in stages across the country, making friends along the way, and being able to make a living doing exactly what I love doing. But after a time, I became weary of the business, wanted to take a break from the grind and I had been writing my whole life. It was my minor in college and I’d won countless awards growing up in UD. I filled in for a writer on AOL’s Black Voices site last minute and the article got tons of hits and comments and they asked me to write for them weekly. From there, I pitched to other publications and started making money writing articles for online publications. I love the written word and am proud to call myself a writer. I also have a book in edits and am hoping for a 2012 publishing.

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A white minister who was to become president of a great African Ameri-
can University picked up a dictionary in his study at
the First Congregational Church, Washington, D.C.
He thumbed through the
tuiles until he found what
he wanted, and then made
some notes on a pad at his side: “Farewell-fare
thee well. Wherever you go, whatever you do,
happy and prosperous, may you fare well.”

K: There were countless pranks in the Big Brother
house, it sort of comes with the boredom of having noth-
ing to do in the house. One day, Dani, Jeff, and I decided
it was a great idea to rub it on the crotch of a pair of Dom’s boxers. We
waited for someone to discover his “dirty” undies.

K: I have a web show that I’ll be hosting in develop-
ment and will continue to cover events for online maga-
azines. Kalia, will be in Philadelphia next week. Great inter-
view.

Y: Kalia, will be in Philadelphia next week. Great inter-
view. Check out her photos…..

K: I went on my first diet when I was in the sixth
grade; just as soon as I realized I wasn’t like the other
girls in my grade. I developed a low self-esteem and had
some trouble shedding my baby weight. After a while, it
made sense to diet and unfortunately my dieting turned
into binging and purging, diet pills, and not eating a
variety of meaning, including “God make you strong; be
joyful and be full of joy.”

K: Oh goodness, it’s made me realize how strong I am.
The most difficult thing about the show was how much I ate (even though I barely did because of the stress and actually LOST weight on the show),

Y: The controversy over your weight, can you talk about your experience?

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Well all night you music lovers in Delaware, New Jersey, Philly, and Mary-land, what kind of Black music have you been listening to? Let's make Miss J in Ju happy this week...keep it short and sweet.

Robby Womack is on the box singing, "That's the way I feel about cha" and the "Bluesman" is counting his blessings and "keeps it moving."

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In June 2011, the Food and Drug Administration issued a warning that the diabetes drug Actos may increase the risk of bladder cancer when used for over a year. The announcement came five days after Germany and France pulled Actos from the market over similar concerns. The new cancer warning will appear on the Actos label, the FDA said.

The warning is based on FDA’s review of data from an ongoing clinical study, which found that Actos increased bladder cancer among patients taking the drug over a long period at high doses. Another current study published in the American Heart Association journal Circulation found that patients taking either Actos or the drug Avandia increased the risk of heart attacks, heart failure, or death by 4 percent.

The FDA advises that doctors not prescribe Actos to patients with bladder cancer, and to use with caution in patients with a family history of bladder cancer.

Actos patients should consult their doctor if they experience the following symptoms of bladder cancer: Blood or red color in the urine. - Urgent need to urinate - Pain while urinating - Pain in lower back or abdomen.

According to the FDA, Actos therapy lasting longer than 12 months is associated with a 40 percent increase in risk of bladder cancer. The agency says that the benefit of blood sugar control with Actos should be measured against the “unknown risk for cancer recurrence.”

Recent studies have indicated a connection between Actos usage and an increased likelihood of developing bladder cancer. The FDA analyzed data from the first five years of 10-year actos studies Takeda began in 2002 and concluded that risk of bladder cancer was 40 percent higher for patients taking Actos for at least a year, although still small: an extra 28 cases a year for every 100,000 people using the drug.

The FDA review is ongoing, and thus far Actos has not been removed from the U.S. market, though the FDA has updated the drug’s label to alert of the potential increased risk of cancer.

Regardless of the FDA’s ultimate decision, Berck maintains that the manufacturer did not provide proper disclosure of the risk of cancer to potential users of the drug.

If you or a loved one has suffered serious side effects from Actos, we encourage you to contact us for a legal consultation Call Now! 1-888-495-4786

FDA Drug Safety Communication: Updated drug labels for pioglitazone-containing medicines: This update provides a follow-up to the Drug Safety Communication: Update to ongoing safety review of Actos (pioglitazone) and increased risk of bladder cancer issued on 6/15/2011.

| August 4 | The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is informing the public that the Agency has approved updated drug labels for the pioglitazone-containing medicines to include safety information that the use of pioglitazone for more than one year may be associated with an increased risk of bladder cancer. FDA previously communicated these labeling changes to the public on June 15, 2011 (Drug Safety Communication). | 14-SCOOP U.S.A. - Friday, October 28, 2011

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Opal has been called the Cupid stone because it reflects the complexion of Eros, the Greek god of love. In the Middle Ages, opal was thought to render the wearer invisible, thus it was recommended for thieves to wear opals. Ancient Arab culture believed opals fell from heaven, acquiring their play of color from flashes of lightning. To the Romans, the opal was the symbol of hope and purity. They called it “Caput Faueros.” The stone was a children’s favorite. The Roman senator Nonius Niccaus chose to go into exile rather than surrender an opal to Mark Anthony and most opals are 0.65-0.75 years old, dating back to the Cretaceous period when dinosaurs walked the earth.

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Answer: To update or correct the name on your Social Security card, contact the Social Security Administration's Office of the Social Security Card (SS-5) online at www.socialsecurity.gov or by calling 1-800-772-1213.

Question: What is GPC?
Answer: GPC, through its subsidiaries, mobilizes service opportunities, customized corporate and non-profit programs, and a calendar of on-going service days, for local, regional, and national events.

Question: What are the project sites in Philadelphia?
Answer: Project sites in Philadelphia included: A.S. Jenks Elementary School (West Philadelphia), Norristown Area School District (Norristown, PA) and Paul V Fly Elementary School (Norristown, PA) and New Beginnings Academy (Chester, PA). Counties included: New Beginnings Academy (Chester, PA) and Paul V Fly Elementary School (Norristown, PA) and A.S. Jenks Elementary School (West Philadelphia).

Question: What help is available for disabled children?
Answer: For 2011, the maximum federal SSI payment for an eligible individual is $14,160. In the year you reach full retirement age: you will get your benefits with no limit on your earnings. For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi.
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FREE TUTORING
The Institute for the Economic Development for Children offers Free Tutoring for Eligible Students Grades K-12 SES Program
Monday through Thursday 3:30-6:00 p.m. If interested, please contact... (full text)

MASSACRE FUNDRAISER FOR IRISH INSTITUTE
Put on your costume and strut your stuff Friday, October 28 at the Madrid Gras Massacre Ball fundraiser for historic Irish Institute. The festivities begin 9:00PM until 1:00AM at 880 W. Girard Avenue. The cabaret-style event includes a dance contest, prizes for the best costume and hottest dancing. Bring your own bottle and the first set-up is free! Tax-deductible tickets are $25. To purchase tickets call 215-226-2277 or visit www.irishtimes.org.

RETIRED PARTY
Bill Simon is retiring after 30 years of Civil Service. Come out and Celebrate with Him on Saturday, October 29 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the G.C.O.B. Fellowship Hall, 6609 Germantown Avenue Glenmawn & Sharpack St. (Cost $20.00) Last day to purchase tickets Oct. 25. At Banquet Party at the Historical Frederick Douglas Political Club, 106 E. Shunkman Street. Admission is free with Banquet Cash Bar 10:30 - 4 a.m. For tickets contact Wayne Brown: 215-683-0335 or Fred Brown: 215-683-4053.

45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Join the 45th Anniversary Celebration of the Black Panther Party Hosted by National Alumni Association of the Black Panther Party, Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, October 28 from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 4200 City Avenue. Tickets: $65.00. Gourmet buffet dinner served. Five course meal.
Fixing House Party will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Workshop Topics include Political Prisoners; Abuse of Power and Punishment. There will be an Art & Photo Exhibit at the SIA Community Foundation, 1646 Ridge Avenue from 6pm – 9pm. $10.00
For more info: www.sia.org or phone: Clarence at (215) 787-0857

VETERAN’S INFORMATION SEMINAR
State Sen. Shirley Kitchen invites local veterans to attend her free Veteran’s information seminar on Wednesday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center in the multipurpose room on the third floor, 3900 Woodland Ave., in Philadelphia. There will be exhibits, guest speakers, resources for employment, health, Social Security and more. Free lunch will be served.
“Whether you’re an incredible dad of great men and women who served in our military, and there are many programs and services that are available especially to them, Kitchen said, “This information seminar will provide them with access to valuable information and resources.” For more information contact 215-227-6411.

FIXING YOUR HOUSE MIRTEHUES
Gospel Explosion presents Fixing Your House Ministries’ Pastor Sharon Arthur. Saturday, October 29 at Olive Grove Baptist Church, 821 N. 107th Street. Pastor Rev. Dr. Thelma Prescot Come Have a Great Time. Firewiser Opening, Door Prizes. For information contact 267-519-0321. Please RSVP by October 22.

BLACK ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH
Overcoming the Odds: A Career Workshop for High School Students will be held on Saturday, October 29 at PECO Energy, 2401 Market Street from Noon to 2 p.m. Guest Speakers:及び3: Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Free Registration and RSVP please contact uabphiladelphia2011@aol.com.

ENERGY WORKSHOP
State Rep. Louise Williams Bishop, D-Phila., will host an energy workshop and serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 6122 Riverdale Ave. The event will feature representatives from the Pennsylvania’s Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program who will educate the public on the energy assistance program and rebates, and discuss how residents can qualify for tax credits and new programs that are available. For more information, contact Bishop’s office at 215-879-6625.

QUEENS WORKSHOP: A DAY OF BONDING FOR WOMEN
Let’s Break the Barriers that Divide Us! Unite the “Queen in You” on Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Honikman Learning Center, 136 N. Judson St., Phila., PA. The event is free. Breakfast and lunch is included. Trip to City Sullivan.
RSVP to call Queen Lillian at 267-243-8630 or email sallasqueen@yahoo.com

COLLEGE FAIR FOR ADULTS
In celebration of National Non-traditional Student Week, Please join us in Returning to Learning: A College Fair for Adults, Tuesday, November 8 at the Municipal Services Building – Main Concourse, 1417 John F Kennedy Boulevard from 10 am to 6 pm. You are over 19 and have some college credits and want to complete a 4-year degree, or have an associate degree and want to complete a 2-year degree, or have no college experience at all but want to start college This FREE college fair is for you! Explore options, interview colleges, learn how you can complete your degree at accredited local colleges.

UPWORTH YOUTH GOT TALENT SHOWCASE
Upbeat Entertainment and Development Corporation presents Young Upworth Around Town Birthday Bash and Youth Got Talent Showcase. Friday, November 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Arts Garage, 1533 Ridge Ave. RSVP by calling 215-236,1878

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKE HISTORY
On Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m., local high school students from participating in the ScreenCraft Center’s 2011 Documentary History Project (DHPY) program will debut their documentary City of Sound, at the University of the Arts Philadelphia, Capael Recital Hall inside the Terra Building, 211 South Broad St. Philadelphia, PA. The premiere is free and open to the public with a reception following. Some of the featured stories in the documentary include “Taxi” in which the student filmmakers interviewed an uncle and nephew, both cab drivers from different generations, whom share their experiences in the profession. City of Sound will also include audio pieces by the students such as “A Time Passing,” which records the sounds of every day life demonstrating the noise behind silence, symbolizing the idea of time. For more information about the screening call 215-222-4201 or visit www.ucsbic.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Mothers In Charge, a community based organization offering advocacy and support for single mothers and their families affected by violence, will be holding a grief support program for those who have lost a loved one to violence at First Tabernacle Baptist Church 2800 Clendenen Avenue on November 3 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For more information call Mothers In Charge at 215-226-1714 or visit the website www.motherincharge.org.

by Judy Renay

Opportunity knocks Friday 9:45am to Sunday 11:30am E.S.T. Venus enters Sagittarius Wednesday 3:30am E.S.T. Mercury enters Sagittarius Wednesday 11:54am E.S.T.

ARIES - March 21 - April 19
You’re in the mood for romances and socializing. Do both and don’t make snap decisions about a new relationship. Opt for passionate moments with your mate. Best numbers for you are 6 and 9.

TAURUS - April 20 - May 20
You’re a people pleaser, especially close on one-on-one relationships. Finances also take a turn for the better if you conserve resources. Best numbers for you are 1 and 6.

CANCER - June 21 - July 22
The zest you feel for life could stimulate a readiness to explore more. Maybe that you really aren’t sure what you want, only that you need a change. Best numbers for you are 5 and 9.

LEO - July 23 - August 22
Whether it’s money or love, rein yourself in a little. Pleasure works to a point; after that, it’s too much of a good thing. Best numbers for you are 7 and 8.

VIRGO - August 23 - September 22
Your workplace lies buried in trivial pursuits. Survival depends on making art out of what you’re doing. Your personal life is too involved mentally stimulating. Best numbers for you are 0 and 9.

LIBRA - September 23 - October 22
You can gain from business and pleasure trips. Happy new year is gaining momentum and suggestions by neighbors may result in good fortune. Best numbers for you are 3 and 5.

SCORPIO - October 23 - November 21
Extra cash is coming in, because this is a good time to do things to increase your income so dust off those money making skills. Best numbers for you are 8 and 6.

SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 21
This is a favorable aspect for projects that can increase in value. More prestige is indicated since there is a protective power in these harmonious vibrations. Best numbers for you are 4 and 9.

CAPRICORN - December 22 - January 19
Wouldn’t you love to zoom off to a tropical paradise? Sorry. It’s important to pay attention to responsibilities. Staying on your path is your greatest assurance. Best numbers for you are 9 and 3.

AQUARIUS - January 20 - February 18
Make an effort to polish and use your public speaking skills. You can open avenues to new achievements. In off hours take a class to build career skills. Best numbers for you are 9 and 3.

PISCES - February 19 - March 20
Make the most of this transit. Communicate, plan, and finalize business deals. It’s also great for interviews because you can express yourself freely. Best numbers for you are 0 and 4.

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Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

Down Memory Lane

Above and below: People enjoying themselves at one of the popular nightclubs in Philadelphia years ago. The only information management that the name of the club was the initials K.B. written on the back of the pictures.

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