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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE:
Wednesday, November 5, 2008 is the last day to register to vote to be able to participate in the Saturday, December 6, 2008, Congressional General Election in Louisiana Congressional Districts 2 & 4. The time period to request a mail ballot from the registrar ends on December 2, 2008. Early voting begins Tuesday, November 18, 2008 and ends Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

Hail to the Chief!



Picture source:
email circulation



Picture source: www.barackobama.com

On Tuesday, November 4, 2008, Americans came out in record numbers to vote for the presidential candidate of their choice. Barack Obama won by a landslide. On January 20, 2009, President-elect Obama will be sworn in as this nation's 44th president.



Congratulations to Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin for all that they have achieved. Picture source: www.johnmccain.com

Kendrick Farris



Shreveport Native, Olympian Kendrick Farris and Louisiana State Representative Roy A. Burrell



Shreveport Native, Olympian Kendrick Farris; Farris' mother, Monica Lockett; and Louisiana State Representative Roy A. Burrell

Rep. Burrell congratulated Shreveport native and Olympian Kendrick Farris on his excellent representation of American athleticism during the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Mr. Farris is looking forward to London in 2012.

BEST ATHLETIC PERFORMANCES

*Best Competition Snatch: 158 kg
Date: July 2007*

*Best Competition Clean & Jerk: 201 kg
Date: May 2008*

*Best Competition Total: 355 kg
Date: May 2008*

Favorite Competition Lift: Clean & Jerk

Favorite Training Lift: Dead Lift

Best Squat: 250kg for a triple

Best Front Squat: 217 kg

Best Power Snatch Single: 142 kg

Power Clean Single: 172 kg

American Records Held: Junior American Record for 85kg class; 198kg Clean & jerk; American Record for 85kg class; 201kg Clean & Jerk

National Championships Won: 2005, 2006, 2007

International Competition Best: Bronze Medal Pan Am Game

Source: <http://weightlifting.usoc.org/athlete/athlete/1093>

Stromile Swift

Rep. Burrell and Mr. Swift were showing their support for the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission.

As reported on KTBS.com:

NBA star Stromile Swift was in Shreveport this weekend. [September 6, 2008] Swift visited the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission where he signed autographs. The Fair Park and LSU graduate recently formed the Swift Foundation to help improve health care for children with kidney problems and to develop programs to help kids achieve their dreams. "I know a lot of these kids in here are kind of struggling. They've had a tough time so I just want to try to come in and brighten up their day. I just want to get to know some of the people in the community," said Swift. (<http://www.ktbs.com/news/Stromile-Swift-visits-Shreveport-16663/>)



New Jersey Nets #6, Forward - Center

Born: Nov 21, 1979, Shreveport, LA

Height: 6-10 / 2,08

Weight: 220 lbs. / 99,8 kg.

College: Louisiana State

Years Pro: 8

Source: http://www.nba.com/playerfile/stromile_swift/index.html

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LITERACY, TECHNOLOGY, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Verizon Foundation

Application Deadline: The Verizon Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous calendar-year basis from January 1 through November 30.

Description: The Verizon Foundation awards grants to charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus on improving basic and computer literacy, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas:

- Verizon Reads (Literacy)
- Verizon Connects
(Technology)
- Verizon Wireless HopeLine
(Domestic Violence Prevention)

Who May Apply: Proposals will be considered from elementary and secondary schools (public and private) registered with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), as well as eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c)(3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

For more information, go to: <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/application.shtml>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Singing for Change (SFC) Charitable Foundation

Application Deadline: Proposals are by invitation only. SFC Charitable Foundation does not accept unsolicited requests. If you think your project fits the foundation's guidelines, please submit a one-page letter of interest describing your organization and your project.

Description:

Areas of interest:

Children and families

Grants are awarded to programs that are concerned with the health, education, and protection of children and their families. Projects that foster self-esteem and self-sufficiency and that teach nonviolence and creative problem solving are most likely to be considered.

The environment

Grants will be awarded to programs that promote environmental awareness and teach people methods of conservation, protection, and responsible use of natural resources. Efforts to protect individual species or animals are not usually funded by SFC.

Disenfranchised groups

SFC defines these groups as people who have been marginalized in our society because of their low levels of skill, education, or income; people with AIDS or disabilities; and homeless people. Projects most likely to be considered are those that:

- help people overcome social or economic barriers

to education or employment
promote the empowerment of individuals toward self-sufficiency, and provide opportunities for personal growth
demonstrate human equality and encourage people to cross boundary lines to help others.

Who May Apply: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code, or other organizations that have a sponsoring agency with this status. SFC Charitable Foundation does not normally consider grants to fund individuals; research; basic-needs programs (for example, programs that exist to supply food or clothing) or single-service programs; governmental agencies; artistic, political, or fund-raising organizations or events; programs that promote religious doctrine; or organizations outside the United States.

Funding Amount: Grants range in size from \$500 to \$10,000 and are made on an annual basis.

For more information, go to: <http://www.margaritaville.com/index.php?page=sfc>

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

GE Healthcare -- Grants for Youth

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Education, Healthy Lives, and Diversity and Service (National)

Deadlines: Applications are reviewed quarterly. Deadlines are November 1 for review in December, February 1 for review in March, May 1 for review in June, and August 1 for review in September.

Description: Grants fund programs focused on youth education, healthy lives, and diversity and service. In the area of youth education, GE Healthcare is interested in proposals that address underserved communities with low graduation rates, support core competencies (such as math, science, reading, and writing), focus on arts in education, and support early childhood development programs. Healthy lives proposals should address childhood obesity, cardiac care, oncology (such as general and specific cancers), neurology (such as stroke, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease), women's health care, diabetes, or other health-related issues that address a need for increased awareness and/or community outreach. In the area of diversity and service, GE supports programs that impact minority populations or address local community issues, such as poverty, homelessness, the disadvantaged, food programs, and training.

Funding Amount: \$1,000 to \$25,000

Who May Apply: GE Healthcare supports registered, nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations that are nondiscriminatory in their policies and practices and that demonstrate program sustainability and

measurable results.

For more information, go to: http://www.gehealthcare.com/usen/about/gehealth-care_americas_charitable_giving_guidelines_02_08.pdf

ANIMAL WELFARE

DJ&T Foundation

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: The foundation's goal is to fund low-cost spay/neuter clinics and voucher programs as a way to help relieve animal overpopulation.

Who May Apply: Only nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt designations qualify.

For more information, go to: <http://www.djtfoundation.org>

EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND CULTURE

The William Randolph Hearst Foundations

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: The William Randolph Hearst Foundations assist institutions in providing opportunities to underserved and underrepresented populations. The foundations' specific areas of interest include:

- education
- health
- social service
- culture.

Who May Apply: Grant funds must be used for charitable purposes exclusively within the United States and territories. Private sector organizations are favored over those financed through taxation. Organizations serving larger geographical areas are favored over those of a neighborhood, grassroots, or community-based nature.

For more information, go to: http://www.hearstfdn.org/fp_home.html

RELATIVES AS PARENTS

The Brookdale Foundation -- The Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)

Application Deadlines: December 4, 2008, for local and regional agencies; January 7, 2009, for public state agencies

Description: The Relatives as Parents Program is designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting due to the absence of the parents.

Funding Amount: The program awards seed grants of \$10,000 over a two-year period in two categories: local and regional agencies and public state agencies.

Who May Apply: Local and regional agencies must have 501(c)(3) or equivalent tax-exempt status.

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For more information, go to:

<http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/RAPP/rapp.html>

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Character Education Partnership -- National Schools of Character Awards

Application Deadline: December 8, 2008

Description: Funding honors exemplary schools and districts for their outstanding work in character education. Grants assist these schools and districts in displaying their work and helping them to inspire, lead, and provide outreach (including staff development and mentoring) to other educators. Half of each grant is used to enhance the winner's program and send a team to present at the CEP Forum; the other half is used for outreach to other educators.

Funding Amount: Approximately ten awards of up to \$10,000 each

Who May Apply: Public and private schools that have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2005, and districts (K-12) that have been engaged in character education for a minimum of four full years, starting no later than December 2004, may apply.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.character.org/nsoc>

PET CARE

PetSmart Charities

Application Deadline: The due date for U.S. grant applications is determined by the state in which the applicant's services are provided. See Web site for details.

Description: PetSmart Charities' mission is to improve the quality of life for all companion animals through programs that save the lives of homeless pets and promote healthy relationships between people and pets. This grant program provides limited financial assistance to fund best practices and innovative programs with measurable results.

Funding Amount: Qualified groups may request no more than 15 percent of last year's annual income. There is a cap of \$10,000 for a first-time grant.

Who May Apply:

Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status and a pre-determination or decision letter from the IRS, and at least twelve months of financial records after date of incorporation. (This category may include educational institutions, community foundations, or religious organizations. However, PetSmart Charities does not typically fund private foundations.)

Municipal or tribal entities with a budget for animal care/control

For more information, go to:

<http://www.petsmartcharities.org/>

animal-welfare/grants.php

COLLEGE SUICIDE PREVENTION

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, SAMHSA -- Campus Suicide Prevention Grants

Application Deadline: November 25, 2008

Description: The purpose of this program is to facilitate a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide in institutions of higher education. This program is designed to assist colleges and universities in their efforts to prevent suicide attempts and completions and to enhance services for students with mental and behavioral health problems, such as depression and substance abuse, which put them at risk for suicide and suicide attempts. Grants support an array of activities to help grantees build a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining effective mental health prevention and treatment services.

Funding Amount: Up to \$100,000 per year each, for up to three years (21 awards)

Who May Apply: Eligibility for SAMHSA's Campus Suicide Prevention Grant program is limited to institutions of higher education. Both public and private institutions may apply, including state universities, private four-year colleges and universities (including those with religious affiliations), minority-serving institutions of higher learning, and community colleges.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/>

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grants/2009/sm_09_001.aspx

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, SAMHSA, CSAP -- Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Program for Substance Abuse

Application Deadline: November 7, 2008

Description: The purpose of the SPF SIG program is to provide funding to states, federally recognized tribes, and U.S. territories in order to:

- prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking
- reduce substance-abuse-related problems
- build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state, tribal, territorial, and community levels.

The program supports an array of activities to help grantees build a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining effective substance-abuse-prevention services and reducing substance abuse problems. SAMHSA strongly encourages all applicants to consider the unique needs of returning veterans and their families in developing their proposed project. SAMHSA/CSAP also encourages applicants to carefully consider the problem of underage drinking in their respective communities and population(s) of focus and address it when documented in their needs assessment.

Funding Amount: Up to

\$2,300,000 per year for up to five years (20 awards)

Who May Apply: Eligible applicants are the chief executives or highest ranking officials of U.S. states, U.S. territories, the District of Columbia, and federally recognized tribes.

For more information, go to: http://samhsa.gov/grants/2009/sp_09_001.aspx

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

The Shreveport-Bossier Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Inc. is currently offering grant opportunities for innovative projects in the areas of breast health and breast cancer education, outreach, screening, and treatment support targeting services not otherwise available to the medically underserved populations of Northwest Louisiana. Grants are available for up to one (1) year.

Statement of Need:

Through a community needs assessment, the Shreveport-Bossier Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has identified the following needs:

- Projects focusing on breast health education among medically underserved and minority women in Northwest Louisiana.
- Projects focusing on breast screening services among medically underserved and minority women in Northwest Louisiana.
- Projects focusing on providing culturally-appropriate support services to medically

underserved and minority women in Northwest Louisiana.

Application deadline is November 21, 2008. Applications must be postmarked by this date to be accepted.

For more information, go to www.komenshreveportbossier.org and click on the "Grants" page for the application.

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Website:
www.komenshreveportbossier.org



Three simple steps for early detection are regular mammograms, clinical exams, and breast self-exams.

EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, AND HEALTH

RGK Foundation

Application Deadline: There is no deadline for submitting an electronic letter of inquiry. Foundation staff reviews electronic letters of inquiry on an ongoing basis and typically responds within two days, but asks that applicants al-

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low up to two weeks for a response. The foundation will send an e-mail message either declining each applicant's request or inviting the applicant to submit a formal application packet for further consideration.

Description: The RGK Foundation awards grants in the broad areas of education, community, and medicine/health.

Who May Apply: Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax-exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a).

Funding Amount: While the foundation does award some grants of more than \$25,000, it is anticipated that most grants awarded will be under \$25,000.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MetLife Foundation

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: Grants usually fall within the following broad areas of concern: health, civic affairs, education, culture, and public broadcasting.

Who May Apply: MetLife Foundation makes contributions only to tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.metlife.com/Applications/Corporate/WPS/CDA/PageGenerator/0,1674,P296,00.html>

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation

Application Deadline: Although the foundation is not accepting proposals from individual organizations, it does invite organizations to complete its Youth Organizations Survey. Based on an organization's responses, the foundation will determine whether it should take a closer look at the organization's programs, leadership, and overall operations. Please note that completing this survey does not constitute a proposal to the foundation.

Description: At the present time, the foundation is working exclusively with youth-serving organizations across the United States that serve young people ages 9 to 24 from low-income families.

Who May Apply: To be considered as a potential grantee, an organization must:

- be a stand-alone 501(c)(3) organization with a history of service to young people
- be interested in and capable of increasing its capacity to serve more young people
- be committed to using data to improve program delivery and measure the impact of

its services on the lives of its service recipients have evaluated its programs and have evidence that it is achieving outcomes for youth in at least one of the following three areas:

- improved educational skills, achievement, and attainment
- preparation for the world of work and successful transition to employment and self-sufficiency
- success in avoiding high-risk behaviors.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.emcf.org/how/index.htm>

CANCER EDUCATION

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI) -- Cancer Education Grants Program (R25)

Application Deadline: See submission/receipt dates at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

Description: These grants will support the following types of programs:

- innovative educational pro-

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grams intended to motivate biomedical and other health science students to pursue cancer-related careers

short courses to update cancer-research scientists in new scientific methods, technologies, and findings

training of cancer-care clinicians and community health-care providers in evidence-based cancer prevention and control approaches

development of effective innovative education (dissemination) approaches to translate knowledge gained from science (discovery) into public-health and community applications (delivery).

Funding Amount: The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may not exceed five years. Direct costs are limited to \$300,000 per year.

Who May Apply:

Public or state-controlled institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education)

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education)

Small businesses

For-profit organizations (other than small businesses)

State governments

Indian/Native American tri-

bally designated organizations

Community-based or faith-based organizations

For more information, go to:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-540.html>

Charles Lafitte Foundation (CLF)

Application Deadline: None

Description: CLF's mission is to provide for and support inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and others around them to lead healthy, satisfying, and enriched lives. To fulfill this mission, the foundation acts as grant maker, innovator, and volunteer for four main programs: education, children's advocacy, medical research and issues, and the arts.

Who May Apply: The foundation funds organizations throughout the country but is limited to supporting 501(c)(3) institutions.

For more information, go to:

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<http://www.charleslafitte.org/applications.html>

Louisiana Creole Research Association, Inc. Announces Its

Fourth Annual Conference

The Louisiana Creole Research Association (LA Creole) is a New Orleans-based, non-profit geneal-

ogy and family research organization with more than 200 members across the nation. It was founded in August of 2004 for the purpose of assisting Creoles in researching their ancestry, educating the general public about the Creole culture, and celebrating the contributions and legacy of a "forgotten" people. Creoles as defined here are the offspring of European, African, and/or Native American settlers in colonial Louisiana.

In keeping with its purpose, LA Creole will be hosting its 4th Annual Conference on **November 15-16, 2008** at the DoubleTree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA. The theme of this year's conference is: **Louisiana Creoles of Color: Resistance and the Cause for Racial Equality.**

Conference registration of \$35.00 includes all of the above events on Saturday. The Sunday Jazz Brunch is \$40.00 by reservations only, as seating is limited. For more information, please contact: Jennifer Ellsworth at 504-241-1439 ellsworthii@aol.com or Lolita Cherrie at 504-453-5922 lolitac454@aol.com. Visit LA Creole online at www.lacreole.org.

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