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Dr. Vincent Moss and Dr. Vance Moss

Dr. Vincent Moss and Dr. Vance Moss, surgeons and twin brothers

Throughout their educational and medical careers, Drs. Moss and Moss have received many honors and recognitions including: 92 Eagle Scout merit badges, an Army Commendation Medal and an Army Achievement Medal. They have also been honored by the New York City Police Department for their remarkable care for undercover detectives in 2003, and were both awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service

Medals and National Defense Service Medals.

After graduating from medical school, they were each commissioned as a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps in 1998, and both promoted to Major in 2004.

Dr. Vince Moss completed his General Surgery Residency at Saint Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, having trained at the SUNY Brooklyn campus for cardiothoracic training. Meanwhile Dr. Vance Moss completed his fellowship at Stony Brook University Medical Center. Drs. Moss and Moss

work out of their private practice in Southern New Jersey. They are currently serving our country in Iraq.

Rep. Burrell meet the Moss brothers while attending the Annual Trumpet Awards, Atlanta, Georgia, January 10 – 13, 2008. The Trumpet Awards were created to herald the accomplishments of Black Americans who have succeeded against immense odds. Special recognition is given to the few, who symbolize the many, who have overcome the ills of racism and pov-



Dr. Vincent Moss and Dr. Vance Moss cont . . .

erty and achieved special greatness. Drs. Moss and Moss were 2008 Trumpet Honorees. In February 2008, the doctors were featured in an ABCNEWS.com article entitled *Two Brothers Work Together for Sake of Humanity*. The link is <http://abcnews.go.com/WN/PersonOfWeek/story?id=4263270&page=1>

Recently, Rep. Burrell received a special package from Operation

Iraqi Freedom with the following handwritten note: *"Sir, greetings from the War on Terror. It's been sometime since we corresponded. Wanted to congratulate you and your son, Dr. Burrell, on a successful match. Please find enclosed two flags flown on 2 different days in March in honor of both of you. While we fight here in Iraq for our country, we do recognize there are true Americans we can call heroes like yourselves who exemplify duty,*

respect and accomplishment in an effort to make African-Americans proud. God Bless, Vince and Vance Moss."



News For Constituents

ARTS, READING, AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Target Corporation -- Local Store Grants

Application Deadline: May 31, 2008

Description: The program offers support in the following areas:

Arts Grants: These grants are awarded to programs that bring the arts to schools or make the arts accessible to children and families.

Early Childhood Reading Grants:

These grants support programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age 9, to read together with their families.

Family Violence Prevention Grants:

These grants support programs that strengthen families and communities

by keeping them safe.

Funding Amount: Most grants average between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

Who May Apply: Federally tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, schools, libraries, or public agencies

For more information, go to:
<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

FINRA -- FINRA Investor Education Foundation Grant Program

Application Deadline: May 2, 2008, and July 12, 2008

Description: Through its grant program, the FINRA Investor Education

Foundation funds research and/or educational projects that support its mission of providing underserved Americans with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary for financial success throughout life.

Funding Amount: There is no set minimum or maximum grant amount. In considering grant requests, the merits of the proposed work are the primary focus. For summaries of funded projects (inclusive of the grant amounts), please see the foundation's Web site.

Who May Apply: The foundation will award grants to entities designated as tax-exempt according to Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and state and other public colleges and universities.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.finrafoundation.org/grants.asp>

News For Constituents continued



As reported on the Shreveport Times website on April 22, 2008

Highland Area Partnership offers home improvement funds

Property owners and residents in the Highland neighborhood may apply for home improvement program money offered by the Highland Area Partnership.

Homes south of Interstate 20, east of Southern Avenue, west of Youree Drive and north of Kings Highway are eligible for the program. People must submit plans for significant, highly visible home improvements.

The application deadline is May 23. Applicants must agree to finish their work and turn in receipts for reimbursement by Aug. 31.

Visit the organization's Web site at www.highlandareapartnership.org or call (318) 869-5706 for more information.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction.

Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$800 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.



Every year, nearly 20,000 black women in the U.S. are diagnosed with breast cancer.

If one of those women is your sister, there is something you can do to help. You can join the Sister Study today!

The Sister Study wants to find the causes of breast cancer so that future generations, including our daughters, granddaughters and nieces don't have to experience the disease.

Sign up for the Sister Study if you are:

- a woman between the ages of 35 and 74 years old
- and you have never had breast cancer yourself
- and your sister (living or deceased), related to you by blood, had breast cancer
- and you live in the U.S. or Puerto Rico.

To learn more about the Sister Study, visit www.sisterstudy.org or call toll-free 1-877-4SISTER (1-877-474-7837).

House District 2 Business Spotlight



V's Teacake Factory

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Mail: 1958 Milam Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103

Email: rseaberry@bellsouth.net

Website: www.vteacakefactory.com

Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Friday: 11am – 6pm

Saturdays: 12noon – 6pm



V's Teacake Factory is located at 1958 Milam Street close to Booker T. Washington High School on the corner of Milam Street and Elder Avenue. Reverend Roosevelt Seaberry, the pastor of Union Spring Baptist Church, is the owner of the business. **The grand opening date will be May 24, 2008.**

Come out and sample their teacakes.

V's Teacake Factory has an assortment of the finest teacakes ever made.

Some of the flavors include:

Almond
Chocolate Chip
Classic
Coconut
Lemon
Pecan
Peanut Butter
Raisin
Strawberry
Walnut

V's teacakes are "guaranteed to give you a nostalgic moment" that will remind you of grandma! Come see why everyone is talking about Miss V's teacakes!

V's Teacake Factory is a good choice for special events such as Baby Showers, Birthdays, Holidays, Congratulations, and/or Wedding occasions.

According to the company website, "V's Teacake Factory was founded in 2006 by a husband and wife team. Miss "V" loves to bake and experiment with recipes. Her husband loves to sample and he knows how to recognize a truly excellent teacake. He also understood how much people crave teacakes and he recognized making a delicious, moist teacake that's full-flavored was almost

a lost art. Miss "V" spent months perfecting all the different teacake flavors she has now developed. After making her famous teacakes for her family, friends, and church members, Miss V and her husband decided to make their teacakes available to the public. It wasn't long before everyone went wild about their teacakes!

V's Teacake Factory's goal is to provide our clients with soft, fresh, decadent teacakes that are so good you are guaranteed to have a nostalgic moment! Our aim is to remind you of grandma baking in the kitchen a teacake so fresh you know it just came out of the oven.

Our teacakes are baked to order from our professional kitchen. Miss V doesn't spend a lot of time or waste a lot of money on specialty boxes with our names engraved neatly on them. Instead we concentrate our energy on making the very best teacakes we can possibly make. All of our teacakes are shipped in plain white boxes packed with packing bubbles to save money while delivering all the flavor of an excellent teacake. We hope our simplicity meets your needs while satisfying your craving for an excellent teacake."

Economic Stimulus Payments



This information is directly from the Internal Revenue Services' website—
www.irs.gov.

Economic Stimulus Payments Information Center

Updated April 25, 2008

Starting in late April, the Treasury will begin sending economic stimulus payments to more than 130 million households. To receive a payment, taxpayers must have a valid Social Security number, \$3,000 of income and file a 2007 federal tax return. IRS will take care of the rest. Eligible people will receive up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples), and parents will receive an additional \$300 for each eligible child younger than 17. Millions of retirees, disabled veterans and low-wage workers who usually are exempt from filing a tax return must do so this year in order to receive a stimulus payment.

Even though April 15 has passed, there is still time for retirees, disabled veterans and others who normally do not file a tax return to submit a 2007 form to receive an economic stimulus payment.

But there are more details to know about and even a calculator to use. Find out more here and visit the IRS page regularly for the latest updates.

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=177937,00.html>

IRS Warns of New E-Mail and Telephone Scams Using the IRS Name; Advance Payment Scams Starting

Updated April 21, 2008

Some people have received phone calls about the economic stimulus payments, in which the caller impersonates an IRS employee. The caller asks the taxpayer for their Social Security and bank account numbers, claiming that the IRS needs the information to complete the processing of the taxpayer's payment. In reality, the IRS uses the information contained on the taxpayer's tax return to process stimulus payments, rather than contacting taxpayers by phone or e-mail.

An e-mail claiming to come from the IRS about the "2008 Economic Stimulus Refund" tells recipients to click on a link to fill out a form, apparently for direct deposit of the payment into their bank account. This appears to be an identity theft scheme to obtain recipients' personal and financial information so the scammers can clean out their victims' financial accounts. In reality, taxpayers do not have to fill out a separate form to get a stimulus payment or have it directly deposited; all they had to do was file a tax return and provide direct deposit information on the return.

What to Do

Anyone wishing to access the IRS Web site should initiate contact by typing the IRS.gov address into their Internet address window, rather than

clicking on a link in an e-mail or opening an attachment.

Those who have received a questionable e-mail claiming to come from the IRS may forward it to a mailbox the IRS has established to receive such e-mails, phishing@irs.gov, using instructions contained in an article titled "How to Protect Yourself from Suspicious E-Mails or Phishing Schemes." Following the instructions will help the IRS track the suspicious e-mail to its origins and shut down the scam. Find the article by visiting IRS.gov and entering the words "suspicious e-mails" into the search box in the upper right corner of the front page.

Those who have received a questionable telephone call that claims to come from the IRS may also use the phishing@irs.gov mailbox to notify the IRS of the scam.

The IRS has issued previous warnings on scams that use the IRS to lure victims into believing the scam is legitimate. More information on identity theft, phishing and telephone scams using the IRS name, logo or spoofed (copied) Web site is available on this Web site. Enter the terms "phishing," "identity theft" or "e-mail scams" into the search box in the upper right corner of the front page.

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SCHOOL EXCELLENCE



National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the MetLife Foundation -- Breakthrough Schools

Application Deadline: May 15, 2008

Description: The MetLife Foundation and NASSP are seeking high-achieving middle and high schools, whose best practices and outstanding results can inform other schools in their school-improvement efforts. Selected schools must have 40 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Funding Amount: Each Breakthrough School will receive a \$5,000 grant and be featured in the association's monthly magazine, *Principal Leadership*. Principals of Breakthrough Schools will participate in dissemination efforts at the annual NASSP convention and other venues.

Who May Apply: Middle schools and high schools that demonstrate continuous growth on state assessments over time
specific efforts toward reducing the achievement gap
40 percent or more students eligible

for free or reduced-price meals.

For more information, go to:
http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec_inside.asp?CID=66&DID=66

ANIMAL CARE



American Humane Association -- Second Chance Fund

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Description: The medical costs of treating and rehabilitating an abused animal can easily become overwhelming for any animal welfare organization -- particularly when long-term care is necessary. The Second Chance Fund is one way American Humane works to support member organizations in their vital work. By providing financial assistance to animal welfare organizations responsible for the temporary care of animals as they are prepared for adoption into permanent, loving homes, the program provides animal victims of abuse or neglect with a second chance at life.

Funding Amount: Funding to any one agency is limited to \$2,000 per fiscal year.

Who May Apply: Only American Hu-

mane Association member animal-sheltering agencies (private or public) can be considered for the Second Chance Fund.

For more information, go to:
http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pa_shelter_services_secondchance&JServSessionIdr011=buxp62xlk2.app24a

CHILDREN'S WELFARE



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

Application Deadline: Deadline for receipt of all applications is July 15 of the current year.

Description: Proposals are accepted from nonprofit organizations for projects that meet one of the foundation's two basic purposes:
to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or their programs designed to benefit youth
to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge already possessed by

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well-established organizations, to the end that such information can be more adequately used by society.

Who May Apply: Grants are awarded only to nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations. Grants must have the potential of helping American children in a large geographic area (more than one state).

Funding Amount: Grants have ranged from \$1,500 to \$70,000, and average about \$22,000.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.cwf-inc.org/docs/?section=grantseekers>

TEEN DRIVERS



State Farm Insurance and the National Youth Leadership Council -- Project Ignition

Application Deadline: July 3, 2008

Description: Sponsored by State Farm® and coordinated by the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), Project Ignition is back, once again giving students in grades 9-12 and their teachers the chance to work together to address the issue of teen driver safety -- how it affects them, their community, and the world around them. How stu-

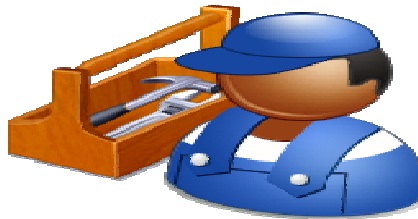
dents choose to communicate their message is completely their call.

Funding Amount: Twenty-five schools will receive \$2,000 grants to implement their programs. One program will be awarded \$10,000 as Best of the Best.

Who May Apply: Project awards are offered only to persons in grades 9-12 as of the date of entry, who are U.S. citizens or U.S. resident aliens. Project Ignition is offered only in the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Void where prohibited by law. Students must have teacher/advisor, school/organization, and parent/guardian permission to participate in this project, as evidenced by signatures on application materials.

For more information, go to:
<http://www.sfprojectignition.com>

WORKPLACE SAFETY



U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) -- Susan Harwood Training Grant Program

Application Deadline: May 23, 2008

Description: The Susan Harwood Training Grant Program provides funds for programs to train employees and employers to recognize, avoid, and prevent workplace safety and health hazards in any of eighteen different targeted training areas.

Funding Amount: Targeted Topic training grants will be awarded for a 12-month period. The project period for these grants begins no later than September 30, 2008. There is approximately \$6,700,000 available for this grant category. The average federal award will be approximately \$175,000.

Who May Apply: Nonprofit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, that are not an agency of a state or local government are eligible to apply. Additionally, state- or local-government-supported institutions of higher education are eligible to apply.

For more information, go to:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20081800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-6108.htm>

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As reported on the Shreveport Times website:

Caddo sheriff offers women's firearms course

April 10, 2008

Staff Reports

Caddo Parish Sheriff Steve Prator is offering a free personal safety and firearms familiarization course for women May 16-17.

It will be from 5:30-9 p.m. May 16 at the Caddo Correctional Center, 1101 Forum Drive in Shreveport, and from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. May 17 at the Sheriff's Training Academy, 15639 Highway 1 South.

Participants will learn personal safety and how to shoot and safely clean a gun the first day. They will receive individual instruction on the firing range from POST-certified deputies on the second day.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own weapon, but one will be provided for them. Ladies are asked not to bring a weapon to class on Friday.

To register, call the Sheriff's Office Community Programs Section at (318) 681-0875 or (318) 681-0871.

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