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Congressman David Scott's 9TH ANNUAL JOBS FAIR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012, 10AM - 3PM Georgia International Convention Center

2000 Convention Center Concourse - College Park, GA 30337 Located off Camp Creek Parkway on I-85 and I-285, near Hartsfield-Jackson Airport

Once again, Congressman David Scott is teaming up with **more than 100 of Atlanta's major corporations**, **small businesses, and government agencies** who are offering a rich variety of job opportunities. Employers looking to participate should register by March 23rd. Participation is free.

With many of our veterans heading home from Iraq and Afghanistan, this year's jobs fair will also include **job** assistance resources for veterans.

Attendees may take **MARTA** to the **Airport Station** and then take the free ATL SkyTrain to the Convention Center. **MARTA** will also provide shuttles from the **College Park Station** beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running every half-hour to the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC); the shuttle will also leave GICC and return to the College Park MARTA station every half-hour until 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call 770-432-5405. Click here for directions.

Career Resources

- Find a local career center at this link.
- Jobs posted in Georgia at this link
- Federal Government job listings -http://www.usajobs.gov/
- Unemployment insurance handbook at this link

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City, State or ZIP		

Overland Park, KS (03/28/12) Hartford, CT (03/29/12) Indianapolis, IN (03/29/12) Boston, MA (04/02/12) Charlotte, NC (04/05/12) Raleigh, NC (04/05/12) Houston, TX (04/03/12) Orlando, FL (04/04/12)

For details, visit <u>http://www.nationalcareerfairs.com/</u> .

2012 NSHP & LatPro Diversity Job Fair Series:

- <u>Chicago, March 29</u>
 - Time: <u>March 29, 2012</u> from 10am to 3pm Location: <u>Lakeview Terrace at Chicago Navy Pier</u> Street: 600 East Grand Ave City/Town: Chicago, IL 60611 Website or Map: <u>http://www.navypier.com</u> Phone: (954) 678.1807

CivilianJobs.com

CivilianJobs.com, where America's military connects with civilian careers, announced their <u>2012</u> <u>military job fairs schedule</u> along with expanded staffing solutions in support of military-friendly companies and employers seeking to hire military. Upcoming career fairs include the following:

March 29 (Ft. Hood, Killeen, TX)

women for hire

Women for Hire Career Expos

New York: March 28

If you're between jobs, mark your calendar so that you can take advantage of these upcoming job fairs. For more information, click on the related hyperlink.

March 2012 Job Fairs

03/28, 2012 - Catalyst Career Group Job Fair Palm Beach Gardens, Florida Location: Embassy Suites Palm Beach County Contact Phone: 815-308-5426 Website: <u>www.catalystcareergroup.com</u>

03/28, 2012 - Catalyst Career Group Job Fair

Santa Ana, California Location: Embassy Suites Hotel Santa Ana Orange County Airport North Contact Phone: 815-308-5426 Website: <u>www.catalystcareergroup.com</u>

03/28, 2012 - Catalyst Career Group Job Fair

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Location: Embassy Suites Oklahoma City-Will Rogers World Airport Contact Phone: 815-308-5426 Website: <u>www.catalystcareergroup.com</u>

03/28, 2012 - Choice Job Fair

San Antonio, Texas Location: Norris Conference Center, 4522 Fredericksburg Rd Contact Phone: n/a Website: <u>www.choicecareerfairs.com</u>

03/28, 2012 - NKY Job Fair

Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky Location: Draw Bridge Inn Contact Phone: 859-372-8413 Website: www.nkyonestop.org/component/content/article/34-jobfairs/89-nky-veterans-job-fair.html

03/28, 2012 - Women For Hire Job Fair

New York, New York Location: Hilton New York Contact Phone: 212-290-2600 Website: <u>www.womenforhire.com</u>

03/29, 2012 - Catalyst Career Group Job Fair

San Diego, California Location: Embassy Suites San Diego- La Jolla Contact Phone: 815-308-5426 Website: <u>www.catalystcareergroup.com</u>

03/29, 2012 - Catalyst Career Group Job Fair

Salt Lake City, Utah Location: Embassy Suites Salt Lake City Contact Phone: 815-308-5426 Website: www.catalystcareergroup.com

03/29, 2012 - Job News USA Job Fair

Jacksonville, Florida Location: EverBank Field, One EverBank Field Drive Contact Phone: 954-252-6640 Website: www.jobnewsusa.com

03/29, 2012 - Targeted Technology, Engineering & Security Clearance Job Fair

Silicon Valley, California Location: Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway Contact Phone: 513-251-1400 Website: <u>www.targetedjobfairs.com</u>

03/29, 2012 - Choice Job Fair

Seattle, Washington Location: Seattle Center (In the North West Rooms) Website: <u>www.choicecareerfairs.com</u>

03/29, 2012 - Choice Job Fair

Denver, Colorado Location: Red Lion Hotel, 4040 Quebec Street Website: <u>www.choicecareerfairs.com</u>

03/29, 2012 - Choice Job Fair

St. Louis, Missouri Location: Doubletree Hotel, 1973 Craigshire Road Website: <u>www.choicecareerfairs.com</u>

03/31, 2012 - Cancer and Biomedical Research Career Fair.

Chicago, Illinois Location: AACR's Annual Meeting Contact Phone: 215-440-9300 Website: www.cancercareers.org/Pages/SaveTheDate.aspx

SCHOLARSHIPS



Click on the links below for more information on available scholarships.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012... Write a Winning Essay

High school seniors, juniors and students currently registered at post-secondary institutions can write an essay to qualify for the B. Davis Scholarship. The deadline to apply for the \$1,000 award is May 28, 2012.

There is no age requirement for this non-academic scholarship. Be sure, however, to include your name, where you are currently attending school, and what your future academic plans are. Please do not send transcripts or letters of recommendation at this time.

An essay of less than 1,000 words is required on a topic designated on the website. The current essay topic is to discuss how your education has contributed to who you are today and how it will affect who you will become. Your submissions must be sent via email at <u>awards@studentawardsearch.com</u>.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012 . . . Everything's Just Ducky!

Can you imagine yourself wearing duct tape to the prom? If you can pull it off with style and pizazz, you just might qualify for a Stuck at Prom Duct Tape College Scholarship. High school students over 14 years old can apply between March and mid-June for awards up to \$5,000. The Stuck at Prom scholarship requires applicants to create their prom outfits, or accessorize them, with items made of duct tape. A photo of the couple wearing their items should be submitted to qualify for the award. There are also categories for accessories embellished by duct tape. To learn more, visit <u>duckbrand.com/promotions/stuck-at-prom</u>.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012... Win the Sweepstakes

High school seniors and current undergrads are eligible for the SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes. Between October 28, 2011 and May 11, 2012, 15 winners will receive \$1,000 to be applied toward their educational expenses. The deadline entry is May 11, 2012.

The SunTrust scholarship sweepstakes is an easy way for students to possibly win a \$1,000 scholarship by just completing an entry form. You may complete the on line form at their website or send in a 3x5 index card as outlined on the website. Only one entry is allowed per person per month. The money may be used at any accredited college or private career school. For additional info, visit <u>http://suntrusteducation.com/sweeps</u>.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012... Get A Jump Start!

Most high school seniors are looking for a jump start on educational expenses. Current high school students in grades 10 through 12 are eligible to apply for the College JumpStart Scholarship of up to \$1,500. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2012.

Financial need is not a consideration for this annual, merit-based scholarship. The main requirement is a commitment to going to school and the ability to express your goals for getting a college education. To get additional info, go to <u>http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net</u>.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012... Do YOU Love Science?

Do you look forward to your school science fair every year? Current students between the ages of 13 and 18 are eligible to apply for the Google Global Science Fair Scholarships of up to \$50,000. This prestigious scholarship is in partnership with leaders such as National Geographic and Lego. Google is searching for the best and brightest young scientists from around the globe. Creative, interesting projects should be relevant to the world today. Full information will be available soon. If you would like to be notified when registration opens for 2012, sign up at http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012... Entrepreneurial Drive?

Do you have perseverance, entrepreneurial drive and financial need with the desire to get a college education at an accredited public institution in your state? You may be eligible for the KFC Colonel's Scholars Program with awards up to \$20,000. The rules of entry and complete information regarding this scholarship program is posted on the KFC website at http://www.kfcscholars.org. You may apply after 2/08/12.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012 ... Can You Communicate?

Jim McKay was well respected successful in the television broadcast industry, and for many years was the voice of the Wide World of Sports and the Olympics. The Jim McKay Memorial Scholarship awards a high school senior pursuing a communication major with \$10,000. Applicants must complete a registration form, and write an essay about a specific topic provided by the scholarship committee. Scholarships are usually awarded to those high school seniors who go above and beyond the normal boundaries of their classmates. This scholarship requires submission of SAT and ACT scores, so you will need to have those tests completed before your application. Academic merit is also considered when determining winners of this award. For complete application details and deadline information go to the website at http://www.emmyonline.org/scholarship/.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012 . . . Dedicated to the Prom

Have you been planning for and eagerly awaiting the prom for years? Your prom enthusiasm coupled with your imagination might score you the Prom Guide Scholarship for Creative 2012 Graduates for \$1,000. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2012.

Applicants must submit a short YouTube video explaining the benefits of using the PG Card with the word "prom" in its title. You can also win a \$1,000 scholarship by helping Prom Guide look for models for the Prom Guide Teen Model Search. Get additional details about these scholarship opportunities at <u>http://www.promguide.com/scholarship</u>.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012 ... Substance Abuse

Have you or someone you know personally ever had a personal encounter with drug and/or alcohol abuse? If you can express yourself in a compelling manner, you may qualify for the Alert Scholarship of up to \$500. Winning essays are also published in Alert Magazine. There are no deadlines to apply for this award but students must attend a high school located in Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington or Wyoming.

Applicants much have a minimum 2.5 GPA, plan to attend college after graduation and submit an essay between 650-800 words about their encounter. The essay should discuss the drug/alcohol abuse, how it was dealt with, and whether it was handled right or wrong and why. To get additional details, visit http://www.alertmagazine.org/scholarship.php.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012... Buried Treasure

Can you write an effective essay about future buried treasure? If so, you may qualify for the Big Dig Scholarship of up to \$3,000. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2012. High school seniors who will be entering their first year of college in Fall 2012, as well as first and second year college students may apply. You must submit an essay of 500-1,000 words describing what particular item you could bury today for your future relatives to discover 200

years from now that would have such immense value that it would end all of their financial problems for good. To learn more about this thought-provoking scholarship opportunity visit www.antiquetrader.tv/studentscholarship.php.

Scholarships for High School Seniors 2012 . . . \$2,000 No Essay Prize

How it works -- the \$2,000 "No Essay" Scholarship is open to all students and those planning on enrolling within 12 months. The monthly winner is determined by random drawing and then contacted directly and announced on our Facebook page. One entry per person, but you can come back each month to try again. Visit our website for more details at https://collegeprowler.com/scholarship/apply.aspx about this most unusual scholarship program.

GRANTS FOR KIDS' PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAMS



<u>ChildObesity180</u> and the <u>Partnership for a Healthier America</u> have announced the launch of the Active Schools Acceleration Project, a national competition to identify and reward effective school-based programs and technological innovations that promote physical activity for children.

The ASAP competition will award a total of \$500,000 to schools with the most innovative, impactful, and costeffective physical activity programs, and to technology developers who create new ways of using technology to promote increased physical activity among youth. In addition to monetary awards, top winners will participate in funded pilot studies aimed at expanding their programs' reach and impact.

Entries are invited in two categories — one for school-based programs and one for technology innovations.

The school program category is for programs that target children between the ages of 5 and 12 and are already being deployed in a school setting. Ideas for programs not yet developed will not be considered. Entries will be accepted from teams of two to six individuals from public, private, charter, and parochial schools. A school's physical activity program may be any curriculum, activity, environmental modification, event, or other initiative that promotes quality school-time physical activity among the target population. Each school team must include a team leader who is an employee of the school or district where the program such as students, parents, teachers, coaches, and volunteers. The competition will award prizes of \$25,000 to up to ten regional school program winners, and prizes of \$100,000 to up to two national school program winners.

The technology innovation category seeks to identify technological innovations, including both newly developed technologies and unique applications of existing technologies, that can motivate kids to get at least sixty minutes of moderate to vigorous activity every day. "Technology" may include but is not limited to devices, tracking and measurement systems, software applications and platforms, innovative uses of social media, gaming, smart phones, mobile phones, and more. These technologies may be practical for increasing physical activity in many settings and among students of all ages; however, all entries must be able to demonstrate at least one application of the technology that could be feasible and impactful within an elementary school environment. Entrants to the technology innovation category should form a team of two to six individuals age 18 or older to present their concept. Two grand prizes of \$50,000 will be awarded in the technology innovation category to execute a school-based pilot study featuring the winning technology.

Complete competition details and the application portal are available at the ASAP Web site (<u>http://www.activeschoolsasap.org/</u>).

Deadline: April 2, 2012

EDUCATION GRANTS



The <u>McCarthey Dressman Education Foundation</u> seeks to serve as a catalyst in maximizing the skills and creativity of K-12 educators and in cultivating pioneering approaches to teaching that result in dynamic student learning. To that end, the foundation has announced a call for applications for its 2012-13 Academic Enrichment grants, Teacher Development grants, and Student Teaching scholarships.

The Academic Enrichment grants program provides funding for in-class and extracurricular programs that nurture the intellectual, artistic, and creative abilities of pre-2 grade students from low-income households. The foundation considers proposals for projects that aim to deepen students knowledge and provide opportunities to expand their awareness of the world around them. Applications will be considered from educators who are employed by schools or nonprofit organizations (e.g., community centers, museums, etc.); have the background

and experience to complete the project successfully; have direct and regular contact with students in grades pre-K to 12; work with students from low-income households; and are willing to work in collaboration with the foundation. A project may have one to many participants involved in its planning and implementation. However, the foundation does require that each application be submitted in the name of one individual even if there are two or more participants involved in a single project. Grants will be awarded to individuals in amounts of up to \$10,000 per year, for a maximum of three years.

Teacher Development Grants provide funding to individuals or small teams of teachers in the formation and implementation of groundbreaking collaborative K-12 classroom instruction. The grants provide opportunities for teachers to integrate fresh strategies that encourage critical inquiry and to observe their effects on students. Teachers have the opportunity to reflect and write about their projects, as well as to share their results with other teachers. Applications will be considered from individuals who are licensed K-12 teachers employed in public or private schools, have the background and experience to complete the project successfully, and are willing to work in collaboration with the foundation. A project may have one to many participants involved in its planning and implementation. However, the foundation does require that each application be submitted in the name of one individual even if there are two or more participants involved in a single project. Grants will be awarded to individuals in amounts of up to \$10,000 per year, for a maximum of three years.

Student Teaching Scholarships in the amount of \$6,000 provide financial and one-on-one mentoring by foundation members to student teachers in their final year of teacher education programs at New Mexico State University; the University of California, Santa Cruz; the University of Texas at Austin; and West Virginia University.

Complete grant and scholarship program guidelines, summaries of funded projects, and application materials are available at the McCarthey Dressman Education Foundation.

For more information, visit <u>http://www.mccartheydressman.org/</u>.

Deadline: April 15, 2012

EDUCATIONAL VIDEO GAME GRANTS



The Entertainment Software Association Foundation, in partnership with the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, the Federation of American Scientists, the Association for Middle Level Education, and the California Endowment, have announced the Education Challenge Grant Program, a new funding opportunity for K-12 educators seeking to incorporate computer and video games into their curricula. The competition is designed to help foster a unified movement around the incorporation of video games into the classroom environment.

All schools wanting to utilize computers and video games to strengthen their current curricular offerings or create new learning experiences for their students are encouraged to apply. The awards will be based on the originality and creativity of lesson plans that reflect the contributions that games make to a child's learning.

A judging panel of educators and game developers will choose the winners based on their demonstrated ability to utilize computer and video games to both strengthen their current curricular offerings and create new learning experiences for students. Three prizes in the amounts of \$40,000, \$20,000 and \$15,000 will be awarded to the most innovative entries to use toward implementing the proposed lesson.

All proposals must be submitted by a K-12 teacher, administrator, or other educator, and must be implemented in a public, private, parochial, charter, magnet, or other accredited nonprofit school in the United States.

Visit the ESA Foundation Web site for complete program guidelines and the application form.

Deadline: April 6, 2012

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS



NACA SAVE THE DREAM TOUR AMERICAN DREAM EVENTS

The events below are for homeowners with an unaffordable mortgage and homebuyers wanting to purchase a home with the best mortgage in America.

For more information, visit <u>https://www.naca.com/nacaWeb/index_main.aspx</u> .

Orlando, FL Flyer Mar 24-28 Rosen Center Hotel

Jacksonville, FL Flyer Mar 30-Apr 3 Prime F. Osborne

Detroit, MI Apr 12-16 Cobo Center

Washington, DC

Apr 19-23 DC CC Hall A

New York, NY

Apr 26-30 Javits North

Cleveland, OH

May 3-7 IX Arena

Batlimore, MD

May 10-14 1st Mariner Stadium

MORTGAGE RELIEF (HARP 2.0 FOR UNDERWATER HOME LOANS)



HARP 2.0 – Do you qualify for mortgage relief?

By Alison Paoli

The HARP 2.0 refinance program will become <u>widely available to underwater homeowners</u> today and is expected to bring mortgage relief to those who are current on their home loan, but have been unable to refinance into today's historically low mortgage rates because of their negative equity status.

The full implementation of the revamped HARP 2.0 program, which was initially announced by President Obama in late October 2011, has taken several months to come to fruition. And while in recent months it's been available on a manual basis and limited to just the homeowner's current servicer, the series of changes that the computerized version of the program has undergone will dramatically increase the volume and speed of applications processed. (Compare flying 100 people across the ocean versus 100 people swimming across it).

To be eligible for a HARP refinance, you can either use this <u>HARP eligibility calculator</u> with detailed eligibility explanations or follow the general guidelines below:

1. Your loan must be owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. If you are unsure, you can check both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's websites or you can call their toll-free numbers for confirmation.

Fannie Mae: <u>http://www.fanniemae.com/loanlookup/</u> 1-800-7FANNIE (8 am to 8 pm ET) Freddie Mac: <u>https://ww3.freddiemac.com/corporate/</u> 1-800-FREDDIE (8 am to 8 pm ET)

2. You must have closed your current loan on or before May 31, 2009.

3. You must not have made a late payment within the past six months and have had no more than one late payment within the past 12 months.

4. Your loan must fall under the current conforming loan limits. If you are unsure, you can find out here: http://themortgagereports.com/loan-limits/

If you met the general guidelines, what's next?

Zillow's Director of Mortgages, Erin Lantz, recommends you start by contacting your current loan servicer to see if you are eligible.

"You current servicer should be able to tell you if your loan qualifies for a HARP refinance and can help you apply for it. However, just like a regular mortgage program, it makes sense to shop around and compare rates, fees and lender service levels. So start with your current servicer, but it is also a good idea to check out at least one other lender."

HARP Program-specific contact information for major mortgage servicers with whom you already have a mortgage. (Not for new loans or shopping for a new servicer):

Bank of America: 1-800-846-2222 Wells Fargo: 1-877-937-9357 Chase: 1-800-848-9136 Citi: 1-800-283-7918 US Bank: 1-866-932-0462

HEALTH FAIRS



Click on the hyperlinks below for more information about the upcoming health fairs shown here.

11th Intensive Interactive Head and Neck Imaging Conference

March 26 - 30, 2012 University of Utah Department of Radiology Salt Lake City, Utah

NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition

March 27-30, 2012 Tampa, Florida The leading event for collegiate recreational sports professionals, students and vendors - join your colleagues for four days of education, networking, career-building and the latest in programming, products and services for today's recreational facilities.

ACSM Health & Fitness Summit & Exposition

March 27-30, 2012 Las Vegas, Nevada

International Meeting on Celiac Disease

March 29 - 31, 2012 Palazzo dei Congressi, Villa Vittoria Florence, Italy

Divas (Wahine) Half Marathon® at Honolulu Health & Fitness Boutique

March 30 - 31, 2012 ING Direct Cafe Honolulu, Hawaii

UK Fitness Expo

March 2012 (Date TBD) London, England

Multisport World Conference and Expo

March 31, 2012 Boston, Massachusetts

Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon Health & Fitness Expo

March 31, 2012 Knoxville Convention and Exhibition Center Knoxville, Tennessee

Cherry Blossom Health and Fitness Expo

March 31, 2012 National Building Museum Washington, DC

Abilities Expo

March 30 - April 1, 2012 Los Angeles Convention Center Los Angeles, California

SCW California MANIA

March 30 - April 1, 2012 Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Burlingame, California

Southern New England Women's Expo

April 1, 2012 Twin River Event Center Lincoln, Rhode Island

Shreveport Sport Outdoor & Fitness Expo

April 6 - 8, 2012 Shreveport Convention Center Shreveport, Louisiana

UNITED WAY SHOEBOX PROJECT (TOILETRIES DRIVE)



Homeless women and children need your help! Create personal care packages by donating decorated shoeboxes filled with toiletries. Shoeboxes will be distributed to homeless women and children on Mother's Day. Please make sure your box can be opened for safety inspections. Please submit all boxes by May 1.



DONATE!

Encourage your family, friends and coworkers to fill a shoebox with a combination of new, unopened toiletry items.

Host a shoebox party and gather a group to fill and decorate shoeboxes together. View awesome <u>shoebox party</u> <u>tips.</u>

Plan on donating shoeboxes? Let us know

Needed Items List

Drop-off Information- Bring your filled shoeboxes to one of our metro Atlanta drop-off locations.

Pick up Information- Collect 150+ shoeboxes and we'll pick them up! Email <u>shoeboxproject@unitedwayatlanta.org</u> no later than April 20 to schedule. <u>Click here for pickup</u> <u>instructions.</u>

Win a pair of Delta Air Lines tickets!

United Way wants to discover the most creative shoebox designer in metro Atlanta! Is that you?

To enter the 2012 Shoebox Project Decorating Contest:

1. "LIKE" us on Facebook and join our events page to upload a photo of your shoebox

OR

2. Twitpic your shoebox with the hashtag #shoeboxproject on Twitter

Increase your chances and submit several shoeboxes! The winner receives a pair of roundtrip Delta Air Lines tickets and will be announced by May 17. United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta staff is not eligible for the contest.

Let the decorating begin!

Deadline to send in photos: <u>April 20, 2012</u>



VOLUNTEER!

Help sort and inspect donated shoeboxes to ensure safety in April and May. Volunteer with a group! <u>Sign up</u> <u>now</u>

FOR AGENCIES

Sign up to receive shoeboxes to distribute to homeless women and children. Must be a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Apply Now

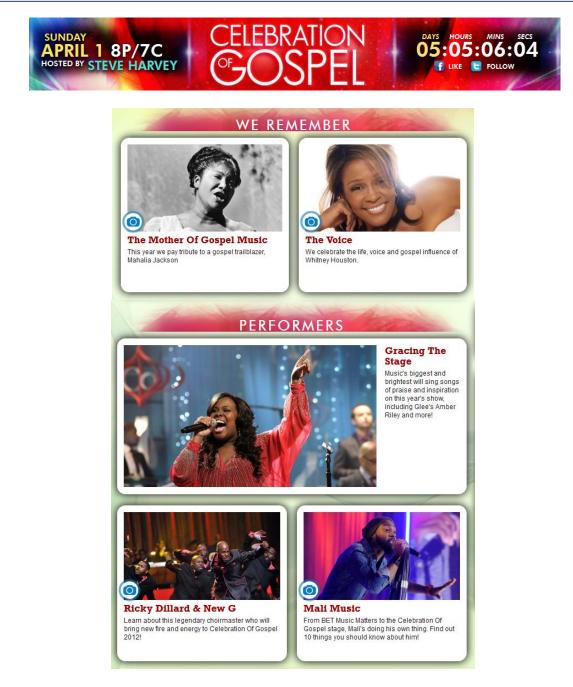
Deadline to apply: April 18, 2012

For more information about United Way's Shoebox Project 2012, contact shoeboxproject@unitedwayatlanta.org or 404.614.2911.

Shoebox Project 2012 Flier

Customizable Flier

BET'S CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL



BET's annual Celebration of Gospel is set to air on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 8 PM ET. For more information, visit <u>http://www.bet.com/shows/celebration-of-gospel/2012.html</u> or check your local TV listings.

CASTING CALL: ABC'S NEW SINGING COMPETITION "DUETS"



NOW CASTING FOR THE NEXT GREAT SINGING COMPETITION

Do you want to sing with KELLY CLARKSON, JENNIFER NETTLES, LIONEL RICHIE or ROBIN THICKE? Are you an aspiring amateur singer? Have you always wanted a music career but life kept getting in the way? Do you know you have the talent to make it big but just need that big break? Do you want one of our four Superstars to guide you to a record deal grand prize? We are currently on a nationwide search for the next breakout amateur singers to partner up with one of our four Superstars in ABC's Summer Singing Competition Show, *Duets*!

HOW TO APPLY:

Simply email us at <u>DuetsCasting2012@yahoo.com</u> In the subject line of your email submission be sure to list the Superstar you'd like to partner with. Your email submission should include the following:

- Name, age, occupation, location
- Contact information (phone number & email)
- Brief description of your singing ability and why you want to sing with your specific Superstar.

- Recent video link of you singing (preferably A capella) Upload your UNLISTED video to YouTube.com and make sure the settings are set for UNLISTED.

All submissions become property of producer and you MUST be at least 18 years old to participate. Good luck.

Deadline: April 10, 2012

CASTING CALL: DR. PHIL SHOW



DOES YOUR STUBBORN HUSBAND REFUSE TO GET HEALTHY?

Are you afraid your husband is headed for a heart attack if he doesn't change his eating and exercise habits? Is he 45 or OLDER AND ALWAYS TIRED? Is he the life of the party, cracking jokes, cooking delicious foods that you fear may end up clogging his arteries? Does he take social drinking to a new level? Does he smoke periodically? Is he a charismatic showman who lives life to the fullest but you've noticed an expanding waistline that he insists is no problem? Do you fear he might not be around for your children's graduations or weddings? If you believe your husband could use a wake-up call from Dr. Phil, please submit your story today.

*** EMAIL THE SHOW IF YOU'RE WILLING TO APPEAR ON TV WITH DR. PHIL and you LIVE IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA AREA***

To contact the show and for more information, visit <u>http://drphil.com/plugger/?Sort=Category</u> .

Deadline: April 11, 2012

OTHER UPCOMING TOPICS

Children/Teens

- Teen Son Have No Relationship With Dad?
- Is Your Child Spoiled and Entitled?
- Parents-To-Be and ALREADY Overwhelmed?

Family

- Do You Know a Mama's Boy?
- Mother-In-Law Stirring the Pot?
- Mother-in-Law Creating Conflict in Your Marriage?

Marriage

- Stubborn Husband Refuse to Get Healthy? IN LV, NV
- Fighting With In-Laws?
- Mother-In-Law Drama?

Women's Health

- Husband's Fat Comments Not Funny?
- Think P.I.N.K. Method is for YOU?
- You and Your Sibling Battling Over Weight Issues?

L.A. Only

- Stubborn Husband Refusing Doctor Appointment?
- Caught in a Love Triangle?
- Relationship Causing an Uproar?

Relationships/Dating

- Having Issues with Your In-Law to Be?
- Don't Feel You Should Pay Child Support?
- Is Something Just Not Right in Your Relationship?

Behavior

- In Your 30s and Still Live at Home?
- <u>Are You a Grown Man Living with Your Mom?</u>
- Living with Multiple Personalities?

Sexuality

- Controlling Family Member?
- Accused of Something Horrible?
- Daughter a Victim of Statutory Rape?

Current Events/In The News

- Victim of an Attack that Posted on the Internet?
- Are You Afraid to Report A Crime?
- Have a Child Star?

General

- Husband Strict About YOUR Weight & Appearance?
- Mother-In-Law Causing Problems in Marriage?
- Leading a Secret Double Life?

Health

- Husband with Bad Manners?
- Overweight and Sick of it?
- Trouble at Home?

Money

- Big Money Big Problems?
- Victim of a Love Scam?
- You & Your Partner Constantly Fighting over Money?

Addiction

- Are You Trapped by Your Toxic Past?
- Addicted to Spending?
- Sex Addiction Tearing Your Family Apart?

RESTAURANT WEEKS



New Mexico Restaurant Week March 4, 2012 thru April 1, 2012

Dine Around Seattle March 1 - 29, 2012

Boston Restaurant Week March 18-23 and 25-30, 2012

Austin Restaurant Week March 25th-28th and April 1st-4th

Hudson Valley, NY Restaurant Week March 18-31, 2012

Portsmouth, ME Restaurant Week March 22 – 31, 2012

Newport, RI Restaurant Week March 23 – April 1, 2012

Western New York Restaurant Week March 26-April 1, 2012

BRIDAL EXPOS



New York Weddings Event

March 28, 2012 Show Times: 5pm-8pm Admission: \$40-\$60 Location:125 West 18th Street, Metropolitan Pavilion, New York NY 10011

There's so much you have to think about to ensure your special day is extraordinary—why not find a way to make it easier? The New York Weddings Event does the legwork for you, bringing together the most creative and stylish wedding service providers for one incredible evening. As you sip cocktails and stroll through the Metropolitan Pavilion, you'll discover the city's top jewelers, caterers, photographers, bridal fashion designers, venue liaisons, planners, and much more. It's the most exciting wedding event of the year!

CONTACT INFO: 212-508-0876 | email | website

Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa Bridal Show March 31, 2012 Show Times: 2pm-5pm Admission: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door Location: 4165 Mears Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732 Directions to Show: visit website Romance awaits at the Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa Bridal Show. Let our waterfront views sweep you off your feet as you discover our new Waterfront Wedding Dome. Come sample culinary delights, listen to live music and envision your perfect wedding day. Featuring the best vendors in the area, the Resort will be lined with florists, deejays, bakers and more for planning with ease. To purchase advance tickets visit http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=224453

CONTACT INFO: 410-257-2735 | email | website

Perfect Wedding Guide Bridal Show

April 1, 2012 Show Times: 1:00-4:30 Admission: \$7.00, Pre-register online and receive \$2.00 off Location: Marriott Crabtee Valley, 4500 Marriott Drive | Raleigh, NC 27612

Meet the top wedding experts in the Triad and Triangle at the Perfect Wedding Guide Bridal Shows. We host the most elegant and intimate bridal events in the Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Durham areas! Everything you need to plan your wedding from the ring to the honeymoon. See new ideas, sample food and discuss your needs with professionals. You could win great gifts or the grand prize honeymoon.

CONTACT INFO: Gail Gallowayi | 336-676-9631 | email | website

Portland Trail Blazers April 1, 2012 Show Times: 4:00pm-6:00pm Admission: \$12.00 each ticket Location: Rose Garden, 1 N Center Court Street, Portland, Oregon 97227

Brides and Basketball has partnered with certain NBA teams around the country to bring you the most exciting, innovative bridal show event! An hour before the doors open to the general public for the game, the doors open to brides, grooms and their guests for the bridal show. This unique concept is designed to get the grooms involved in the wedding planning process. When you buy a ticket to the bridal show, you get a ticket to the NBA game! It's the best of both worlds! NBA teams salute YOU, the Bride and Groom, as you take on the task of planning your wedding....together! Bring your groom with you to speak with bridal professionals who will answer all your wedding planning questions on site, book with you directly, and set you up for the wedding of your dreams. Visit with florists, caterers, dj's, photographers, videographers, wedding planners, and more! See the latest in bridal fashion. But the fun doesn't stop there! With each paid admission you get a FREE ticket to consult with our wedding professionals, and afterwards, take your seats to watch the high intensity action of a professional NBA game-- at no additional cost. It's a fantastic way to spend a date night out with the love of your life and most likely the only bridal show you will ever get him to attend with you! We'll see you at the game!

CONTACT INFO: 601-795-8254 | email | website

I Do In Tucson Bridal Show

April 1, 2012 Show Times: 3 PM - 7 PM Admission: Free Location: Saguaro Buttes, 5825 South Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ

Tucson bridal show presented by Tucson's best local wedding businesses. Services include Gowns, Cakes, Flowers, DJ Services, Invitations, Photographers, Videographers, Reception Sites, Wedding Planners and many more. FREE Admission & Vendor Specials.Visit <u>www.idointucson.com</u> for more information. You say "I Do" and we do the rest!

CONTACT INFO: Annyce Meiners | email | website

Scottsdale Bridal Expo

April 7, 2012 Show Times: 10pm - 3pm Admission: Free Location: Scottsdale Stadium (Spring Training Home Of The San Francisco Giants), 7408 E. Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Join us on a beautiful Saturday in April at Scottsdale Stadium, the Spring training home of the San Francisco Giants, for the first Scottsdale Red Carpet Bridal Expo. Relax and sip on a glass of wine while you meet the top wedding professionals in the area who are committed to making your wedding day the day you have always dreamed of. From Disc Jockeys to hall rentals, honeymoon destinations to the perfect wedding cake, luxury transportation to insurance teams to meet your new needs, and everything in between, the exhibitors at the expo are there to assist you in every way to realize your vision and make your special day perfect. Attending the event is free for all registered attendees! Pre-Register now at Scottsdalebridalexpo.com, and you will be entered to win one of our fabulous door prizes!

CONTACT INFO:Dominick DiMichele | 610-350-9960 | email | website

Bridal Trade Shows

Thur. April 19

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The Great Bridal Expo

3/31/2012 12:00 NOON

RADISSON LOS ANGELES AIRPORT HOTEL

6225 West Century Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045 map

4/1/2012 12:00 NOON

ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER 800 W. Katella Ave. Anaheim, CA 82802 map _

4/7/2012 12:00 NOON

SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS 55 4th Street

San Francisco, CA 94103 map _

4/16/2012 5:30 PM

NEW YORK MARRIOTT MARQUIS 1535 Broadway New York, NY 10036 map_

4/22/2012 12:00 PM

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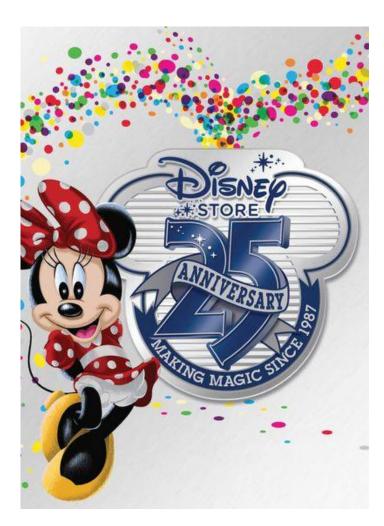
Free Easter Crafts & Activities at Bass Pro Shops (thru 03/31/12 thru 04/08/12)



In celebration of Easter, free photos, crafts and Easter egg hunts will be held at Bass Pro Shops from 03/31/12 thru 04/08/12.

- Saturday, March 31 & Sunday, April 1 (Noon-3:00 p.m.): Make a Magnetic Photo Frame
- Friday, April 6 (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) + Saturday, April 1 & Sunday, April 8 (Noon-3:00 p.m.): Decorate an Egg or Paint a Suncatcher
- Saturday, March 31 & April 7, and Sunday, April 1 & April 8 (1:00 p.m.): Easter Egg Hunt. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.; children ages 2-10 will find five eggs & return to registration for candy.
- Saturdays (11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), Sundays (1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.), and Monday-Friday (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.): Free 4×6 family photo with the Easter Bunny.

For times and activities, call your local Bass Pro Shop or visit <u>http://www.basspro.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/CFPageC?storeId=10151&catalogId=10051&langId=-</u> <u>1&appID=86144&cm_sp=EasterMar2012_HM</u>. Free Mickey Mouse Ears at Disney Stores (Wed., March 28, 2012 only)

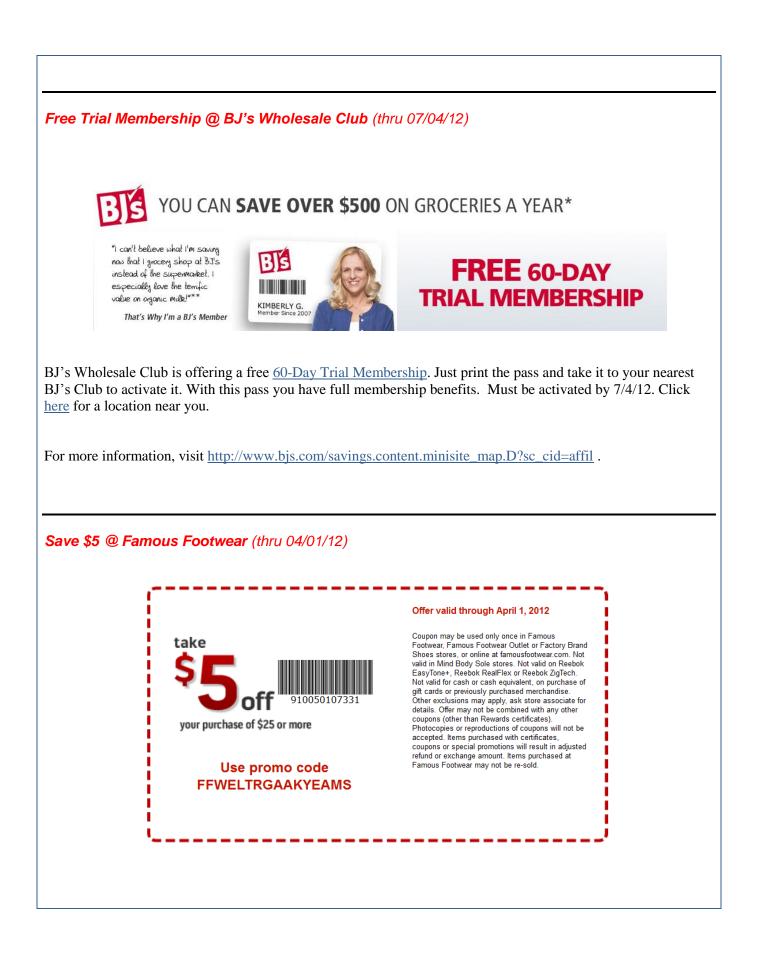


Wednesday is the big day! It's Disney Store's 25th Anniversary!! The day is sure to be chock full of excitement, fun, and festivities as <u>Disney Stores</u> across the nation are hosting a complete day of activities for the whole family!

Some of the awesome things to look for Wednesday:



For details on other events planned for the week-long celebration, visit http://blog.disneystore.com/blog/2012/03/25th-anniversary-day-1-complete-celebration-details.html.



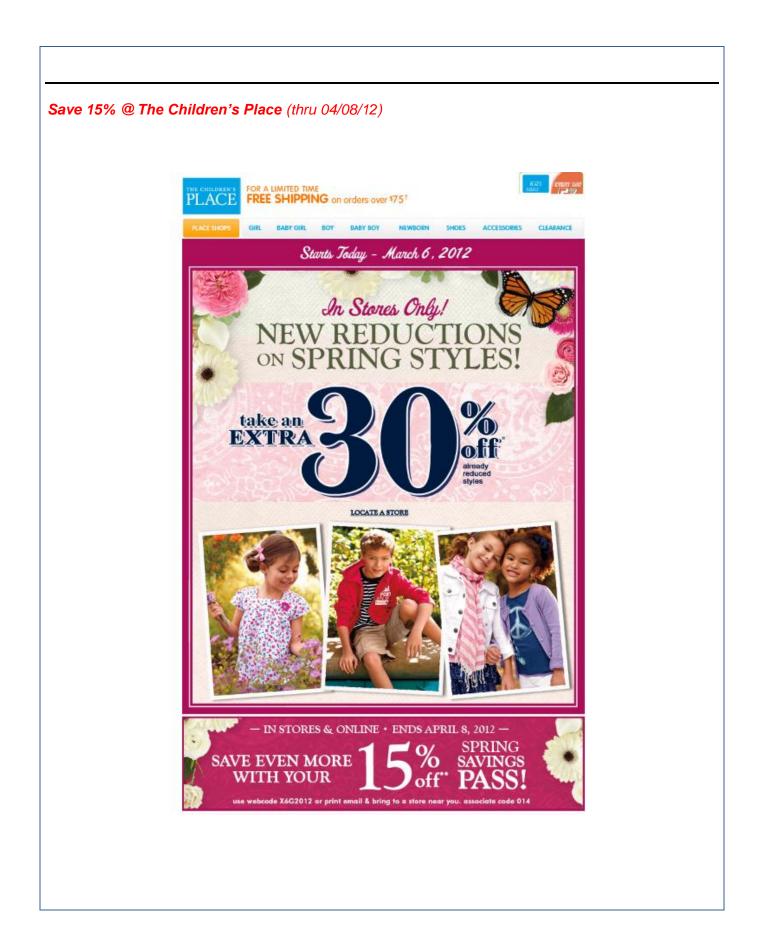


Offer is 25% off your entire regular priced purchase when you use your dressbarn credit card OR 20% off with any other form of payment.

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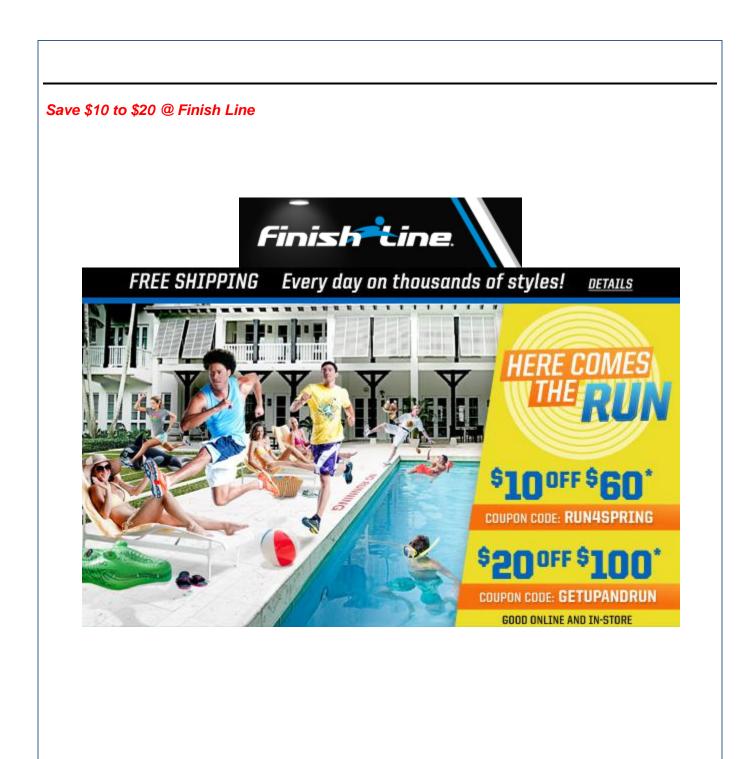




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Redemption Instructions for POS Associate: At Tender menu, TOUCH-Modify Transaction-, TOUCH-Kohl's Coupon-, Scan Bar Code.

Yes Pass good now through March 31, 2012.



Save \$20 to \$60 @ Rue 21 (thru 04/09/12)



MEALS & DEALS

FREE CONE DAY @ BEN & JERRY'S (04/03/12 only)



Free Cone Day @ Ben & Jerry's

12:00p to 8:00p

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

For more information, visit <u>http://www.benjerry.com/</u>.

FREE ENTRÉE @ SMASHBURGER (thru 04/08/12)

FRESH MEX BURGER AND CHICKEN SANDWICH.



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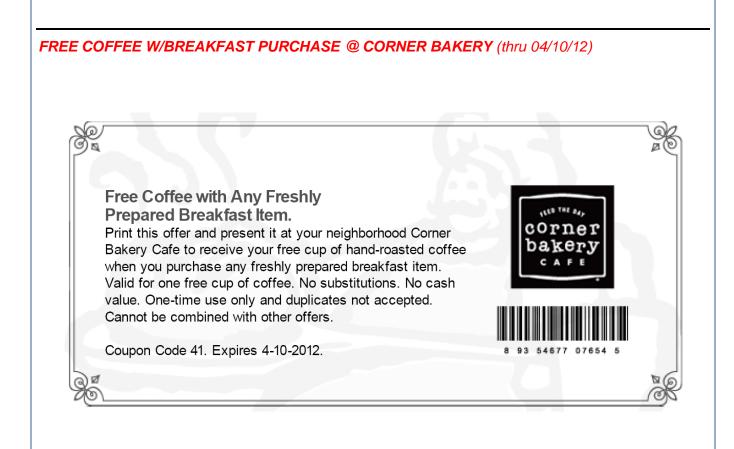


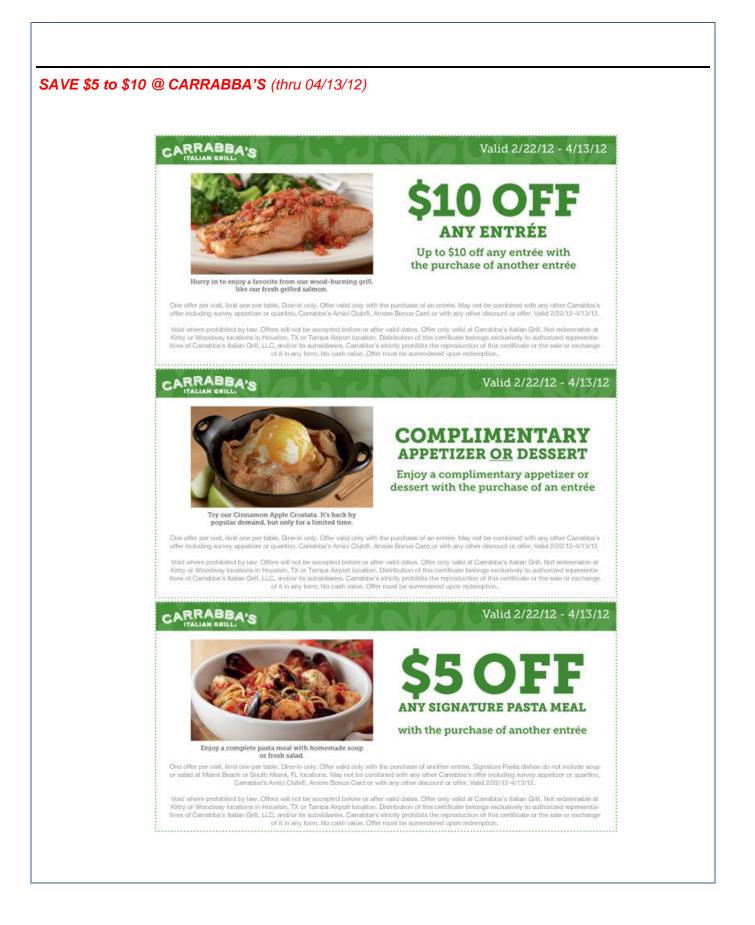
FRESH MEX BURGER & CHICKEN SANDWICH.

Fresh avocado, chopped cilantro, onions, pepper jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, sour cream and spicy chipotle mayo on a Mexican roll. Served with a wedge of lime.



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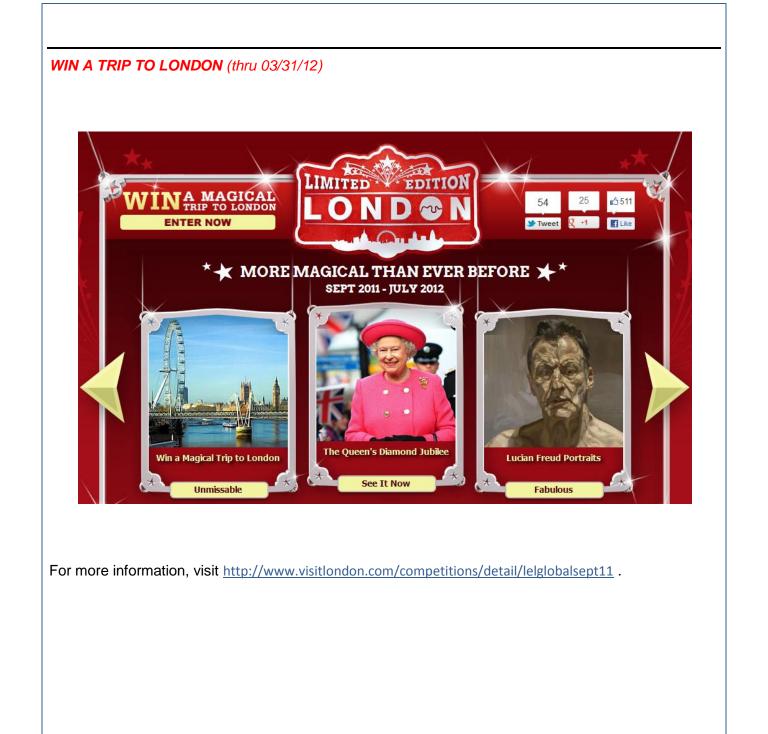
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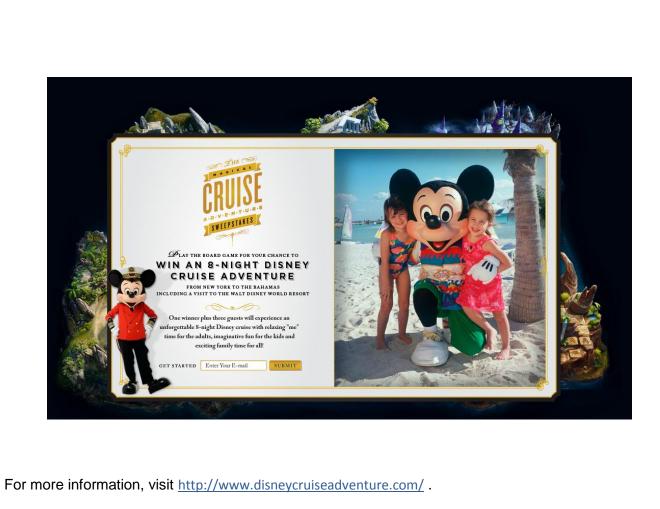
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