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Prospective UHD Graduate Loses Professional Boxing Match

By Jose Gutierrez
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UHD's famous business major, Juan Diaz, loses his boxing match against Juan Manuel Marquez on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Houston Toyota Center. The WBA, WBC and IBO unification match between Juan "Baby bull" Diaz and "Dinamita" Juan Manuel Marquez was scheduled for 12 rounds of action packed fisticuffs; however, Diaz faced a knockout in round 9. It is the inevitable dichotomy that seizes all people when they face youth vs. experience. Oddly enough, Juan Diaz had to face this dichotomy before graduating college. In the early part of the match, the 25-year-old boxer held, what appeared to be as, a dominating fight. Juan Diaz constantly pushed his opponent near the ropes, letting loose an explosion of energy in the form of earth-shattering punches; hence, his nickname "Baby bull." This type of technique was famous for a remarkable boxer, Jake LaMotta "The Raging Bull,"

former heavyweight boxer with 83 wins, 19 losses and 4 draws.

The energy Diaz performed was not enough to win against Juan Manuel Marquez. The experienced 35-year-old Mexican fighter took the blows from Diaz and waited for his opportunity to strike. After nine

rounds of fighting, Diaz led the fight decision by 5 rounds. By the ninth round, he received the first knock-down of the night. Within the same round Diaz fell once again and the match was over,

decision made by the fight referee. Diaz told news media that the tides turned in the seventh round after receiving a blow on his right eye causing blood to impair his vision. This win gives Marquez the three world titles, the WBA, WBC and Diaz's hard fought IBO, as well as the reigning Ring Magazine title holder.

This is Diaz's second loss leaving him with a record of 34-2 and 17 knockouts. Diaz told the Houston Chronicle, "I'm still 25. My career isn't over yet, and I graduate in May, so at least I got that to look



In the ninth round, Marquez sent a powerful hit to the right side Diaz's head. (Photo courtesy of Team Diaz on Myspace at www.myspace.com/teamdiaz1)

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STUDENT LIFE

"Sexpert" Preaches Sex Rules

By Ericka Perez
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Maria Falzone is someone who considers herself as a "Sexpert." On Thursday, Feb. 26, she was on campus to give UHD students a talk about the serious issues of sexual responsibility and sexual awareness.

Like many, Falzone admits that once upon a time she was no expert on the subject. As a result, she encountered the worst experiences and even contracted Herpes; however, it was her wake up call to reality. Today she is happily married and confesses to have the best sex now that her husband is next to her.

Falzone's enjoyable frank talk and random comments helped the audience feel a little less tense and embarrassed. She first began her sex talk in a very casual manner by asking the audience who had received the "sex talk" from their parents. It was no surprise to Falzone that very few students raised their hands. According to Falzone, the fact that parents do not speak to their children about sex at an early age increases the possibility of the child being an easy target to sex predators.

After the shocking revelation, Falzone's talk was more like a comedy show rather than a lecture about sex. The audience went crazy when she began to speak her mind about what sex really is and didn't bite her tongue with anything she said.

She didn't question anyone's integrity or sexual desire. She strongly believes that the rules of sex are exactly the same for everyone, whether you are straight, gay, lesbian, transgender or bisexual. The only difference between individuals when it comes to sex is the shame he or she holds inside about their sexual pleasures. She didn't hesitate to inform the audience to keep the opinions they hold about the rules of sex and who they apply it to

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GIVE A DOLLAR OR A MINUTE FOR KIDS

BY TYNISHA SCOTT
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UHD's first annual Dance Marathon is less than a month away and many of you who prefer not to bust a move (or break a fall) are still wondering what you can do to help in raising money for Texas Children's Hospital.

Throughout the month of March, you can donate \$1 or more at any register in the food court. By donating at least \$1 to the Dance Marathon you will put your name on a Children's Miracle Network Balloon which will

be displayed in the cafeteria until the day of the event on April 3.

Information booths will be setup near the Cullen Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on:

- Thursday, March 12
- Wednesday, March 25
- Thursday, March 26

The Dance Marathon's planning committee will be available to answer any questions you may have about joining the event. You will

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Friday, April 3, 2009
Special Events (A300)
3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Benefiting: Children's Miracle Network

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A Threat In The Making

Shariah Law May Affect U.S. And Other Countries

Muzzamil Zaidi

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Ever since the British left the sub continent, one way or another, the countries in South Asia have been the center of the news headlines; sometimes with the development of nuclear program, sometimes with the tensions between arch rivals, India and Pakistan or sometimes with the clashes between Tamil Tigers and Sri Lankan government. Lately, the main concern has been the new administration in Pakistan and their negotiations with Taliban in the tribal Northwest area of the country. It has not only brought disturbance among Pakistanis, but also United States and other NATO countries who

have expressed deep concerns over the truce deal between Pakistani officials and Taliban.

The Northern area of Pakistan has been the center of tensions and fighting between Pakistani soldiers and pro-Taliban fighters for months. After U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, several Taliban leaders migrated to Pakistan to seek refugee and launched their terrorist operations from cities like Peshawar, and Parachinar, which are right at the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. During the nine years era of Pervez Musharraf, the Pakistani army and ISI fought valiantly with Taliban in the tribal area and killed over a thousand terrorists and

arrested hundreds of them, but when new administration took charge and Musharraf was forced to resign, the situation just worsened. The number of suicide attacks increased drastically, especially in Swat Valley, where they closed more than 200 girls' schools. The Taliban who migrated from Afghanistan have been asking to implement Shariah law, which is the extreme version of Islam, in the northern part of Pakistan; however, the current Pakistani President, Asif Ali Zardari, signed a truce deal with Taliban leader Fazallullah and approved Shariah law in Swat Valley. This particular move would not only affect Pakistanis

who are living in Swat and the rest of the country, but also countries like the United States, England and other western democracies. Taliban was looking for a government or a country for shelter so that they could operate freely ever since they were forced to leave Afghanistan. United States has expressed concerns over the deal because Pakistan can very well be the next Sudan where terrorist organizations like Al-Qaeda and Taliban can build their training camps and cells. Peshawar already had Taliban training camps until Musharraf removed most of them, but they have started building it again with

government approval this time.

The United States and other democracies have to hold meetings with Pakistani President Zardari in order to get some explanation regarding his acts and try to reverse the decision of implementing shariah in Swat. The Taliban cannot be trusted as they have proved it in the past when Musharraf gave them money in order to lay down their arms and they refused to do so after collecting the funds from government. This particular move of truce with Taliban would only cause chaos and more disturbances in Pakistan and a definite future threat for United States.

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Obama's Action to Lift Economy of Recession

News From Speaker Nancy Pelosi

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Speaker Nancy Pelosi released the following statement regarding this the Labor Department statistics showing that 651,000 American jobs were lost in the month of February, with the unemployment rate rising to 8.1 percent, the worst since December 1983.

"America's workers are facing record job losses and home foreclosures since the recession began in December 2007, but after years of economic mismanagement by the Bush Administration, help is on the way.

"Congress and President Obama acted swiftly on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create or preserve 3.5 million jobs by making historic investments in health care, highways and bridges, education, science and innovation, clean, efficient energy and tax cuts for 95 percent of American workers. The first installment of recovery grants to help rebuild our nation's crumbling bridges and highways have been announced and in some states, jobs are already being created or saved.

"Yesterday, the House passed major legislation to protect millions of Americans from losing their homes due to foreclosures and to strengthen the housing market, which is



Obama said the cost of the package of tax cuts and spending measures he is proposing would be "considerable," but that it was needed to keep the economy from sinking into a vicious cycle of weak consumer spending, job losses and a further tightening of credit markets.

critical for economic recovery. We will soon move forward with a budget that reflects our national priorities, invests in jobs, and cuts the deficit in half.

"The New Direction Congress is committed to working with President Obama to take sustained, aggressive action to lift our economy out of recession and to restore America's economic strength."

CAMPUS NEWS

Students Work With National Client to Gain Real World Experience

Public Relations Department Report
MARKETING MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY CLASS

This spring semester, students at the University of Houston-Downtown have the opportunity to participate in a semester-long internship with the United States Navy. As part of the Navy Marketing and Recruiting Internship Program, students have the chance to develop and execute their own marketing campaign while addressing the needs of the Navy. Josh Kallus a Senior Marketing Major at UHD says, "Being able to have the opportunity to create and implement a marketing campaign, allows each student to have something that will be beneficial to them in their search for a job after school."

Marketing students at the University of Houston-Downtown, one of five schools participating in the program across the nation, will create a working marketing agency to research, develop, implement and evaluate a campaign, using a real budget to bring their campaign to life. By partnering with universities, the Navy is able to reach its

target market because students participating in the internship develop creative strategies that effectively reach their peers.

The goal of the campaign is to increase awareness and consideration of Navy career opportunities. The campaign is specifically targeted towards students of all majors searching for the opportunity of a lifetime. In addition to unparalleled educational opportunities, a Navy career offers students the chance to be trained in the job of their choice and provide humanitarian effort all over the world. This program is specifically designed to communicate with young Hispanic students who are currently working towards a diploma or degree. The Navy wants to increase awareness and consideration within the Hispanic community of available career and educational opportunities in the Navy.

The Navy Marketing and Recruiting Internship Program is designed to bridge the gap between

industry and education, providing students with valuable, hands-on experience. The program is coordinated by EdVenture Partners, an educational marketing agency that designs unique industry-education partnerships at campuses around the United States. EdVenture Partners, in conjunction with the Navy and Accentmarketing, provides each student agency with the resources and guidance to design and implement their marketing strategy. This will not be the first time that EdVenture Partners and UHD have joined forces to design and implement marketing strategies. Under the direction of Madeline Johnson, Professor of Marketing at UHD, graduating seniors have implemented marketing campaigns for Bausch and Lomb, Honda U.S.A., and the U.S. Army.

For more information regarding the program, please contact MC1 Kimberly Stephens, (713)953-5959 X 249 or kimberly.r.stephens@navy.mil.

Spring Fest Health Fair

Who: Community Involvement Center ,
Student Health Services, Sports & Fitness and
Food Services

Where: Special Events Room Located in A-300

When: Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Time: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Faculty & Staff
10:00 to 2:00 p.m. UHD Community

We will provide provide basic health screenings, blood pressure, nutrition counseling, fitness tests and various informational booths. Giveaways, food samples and healthy information will be provided.

The Writing Reading Center Says Let It WRoCk

By Joe Martinez
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tucked away behind the math lab on the ninth floor of the UHD main building is a place many students have never had the occasion to visit. The UHD Writing Reading Center, known as the WRoCk, has remained a hidden treasure that is both an invaluable and perhaps more importantly, free resource that can help students with their reading and writing assignments. By embracing Facebook, the social networking site, posting a comedic video on YouTube, and developing a student friendly approach, the WRoCk is re-branding itself to spread the word about itself to UHD students. Accordingly, WRoCk Director-Professor Dagmar Scharold has unleashed the creativity of her peer tutors in order to create a strategy that will attract more students to the WRoCk. "We were looking for creative and unique ways to reach our students," Professor Scharold says, "and we thought Facebook would be a great way to communicate our news, activities and resources to the student body." With an online membership of 40 members and growing, the Facebook group is fast becoming known in many circles on campus.

The WRoCk not only wants to appeal to those students involved in the Facebook phenomenon, but also hopes to appeal to those students who enjoy comedy as well. With the upcoming launch of a new promotional campaign, The WRoCk has its very own star in the making. Peer writing tutor Jacob Reyna, donning a hot dog suit, will soon capture the hearts and minds of UHD students in a video that is scheduled to be released on YouTube later this month. "From Weenie to Winner," written and directed by peer writing tutor Becky Black

and filmed by student James Duvall, is a comedy short aimed to promote the WRoCk as a place that no one should be afraid or hesitant to visit. Instead, it is portrayed as a place that can definitely help students at any level of writing or reading prowess. Filmed entirely on location with the help of UHD students and faculty, "From Weenie to Winner" is sure to provide a LOL or two. According to Becky Black, "this video will forever raise the bar on Writing Center promotional videos. Other Writing Centers had better 'bring it' if they want to compete with our video."

Creating a promotional video and embracing Facebook are not the only ways in which The WRoCk is seeking to change the image of writing centers. Peer and faculty tutors are establishing positive and improved strategies in their work with UHD students. Gone are the days when English professors "metaphorically" beat students mercilessly with 20 pound grammar books. In its place is an approach that is primarily directed by the student. "This approach allows for our students to take ownership of their tutor sessions and provides an informal and relaxed atmosphere that is conducive to improving their writing," states Professor Scharold.

Thus, with a fresh campaign to gain UHD students' attention and an approach that puts them in the driving seat of tutor sessions, the WRoCk is clearly

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

South By Southwest Film Festival 2009 Preview

By Wilbert Chinchilla
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The SXSW Film Festival will take place March 13-22. This year's film premiere is John Hamburg's comedy "I Love You, Man" starring Jason Segal, Paul Rudd and Rashida Jones. The movie is about Peter Klaven (Rudd) and his girlfriend, now fiancé (Jones) about to get married even though there is a dilemma. Peter doesn't have any male friends that could suffice as a best man; therefore, Peter goes on "mandates" to find a best man. Peter finds Sydney Fife (Segal), but in finding his best man he is losing touch with his fiancé leaving him to choose which relationship is more meaningful to him.

This comedy seeks to address the growing "bromance" trend with laughter, helping everyone realize that even Kevin Arnold and Paul Pfeiffer on "The Wonder Years" were, in fact, bros-in-mance. Another great addition in the cast is Andy Samberg (of "The Lonely Island" and SNL fame) who plays Peter's younger gay brother. In Marshall Heyman's interview with director John Hamburg for SXSW World Magazine, Heyman said, "Andy Samberg's character is not what you'd expect from a gay male, while Paul Rudd's character is straight, but has inclinations toward more female things." In response Hamburg said, "I thought it would be interesting to create a metrosexual leading character and then have him have a younger brother who doesn't fit any of the stereotypes of being gay and is more of a traditional guy's guy than his straight older brother. I hadn't seen that story told a lot." This tidbit along with the stunning cast should entice everyone enough to go see "I Love You, Man," at SXSW Film Festival on March 13 and everywhere on March 20. Co-writer director Hamburg as well as the cast will also participate in a Film Panel at SXSW titled: "I Love You, Man: Are



Paul Rudd and Jason Segal star in their own movie, "I Love You, Man" which opens everywhere March 20 and premieres at SXSW March 13 kicking off the film festival.

you Man Enough to Say It?" on March 14.

More Saturday Night Live players show up in another film also premiering at SXSW. "Adventureland" is a comedy set during the summer of 1987 where a recent college graduate cannot find a job anywhere around town, so he ultimately gets hired at his local amusement park, aptly titled "Adventureland." SNL's Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig play the married couple that own "Adventureland." This film also stars Twilight's Kristen Stewart and new-comer Jesse Eisenberg in his first starring role. This film's premiere will be on March 15 and open on wide release March 27.

Yet another comedy premiering at SXSW Film 2009 is "Observe and Report," starring Seth Rogen as Ronny Barnhardt, a mall security officer

that strictly patrols his mall. As he finds out that Brandi (Anna Farris), a make-up counter clerk he has a thing for, has just been flashed in the parking lot of the mall he decides that this is his chance to prove that his crime fighting skills are superior to the local police, especially Detective Harrison (Ray Liotta). The question is, can he catch the flasher before the cops can? This movie premieres March 16 at SXSW and opens nationwide on Apr. 10. SXSW will also feature a panel with the cast and Director Jody Hill titled "Observe and Report: A Case Study-A Man and His Gun" with a possible discussion of the art of great timing, and possibly highlighting Rogen, whose hit movie "Knocked Up" premiered at SXSW in 2007.

Music is obviously closely related to SXSW and last year's Film Festival

served as proof with the documentary titled "The Night James Brown Saved Boston." This year a rock documentary titled "Iron Maiden: Flight 666" will premiere at SXSW Film. The documentary follows the historic "Somewhere Back in Time World Tour" of legendary British band Iron Maiden, who also recently won the Brit Award for Best British Live Act in 2008. Aside from his legendary voice, lead singer Bruce Dickinson is also an Airline Captain and flew to 23 shows as the pilot of Flight 666.

In what feels like something out of a Jules Verne tale, Iron Maiden literally flew around the world in 45 days in a specially fitted Boeing 757 named "Ed Force One," visiting 13 countries around Asia, Australia, and North, Central and South America. With each

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has them, but no one wants to hear about them," said Falzone.

Falzone's Rules to achieving greater and better sex are:

1. Communicate
2. Protect yourself
3. Know yourself physically
4. Know yourself psychologically

For further question, comments, and/or concerns about Maria Falzone and her "sex talk", feel free to visit her website at www.mariafalzone.com.

Kids

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be able to try Guitar Hero or Dance Dance Revolution in order to get warmed up for the big event.

So whether you have a dollar or a minute to spare, there are limitless ways you can help support many of the great services that the Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network offer to many kids in need.

For more information about UHD Dance Marathon, visit the website at <http://www.kidsmiracles.org/uhammad> and remember, it's all for the kids.

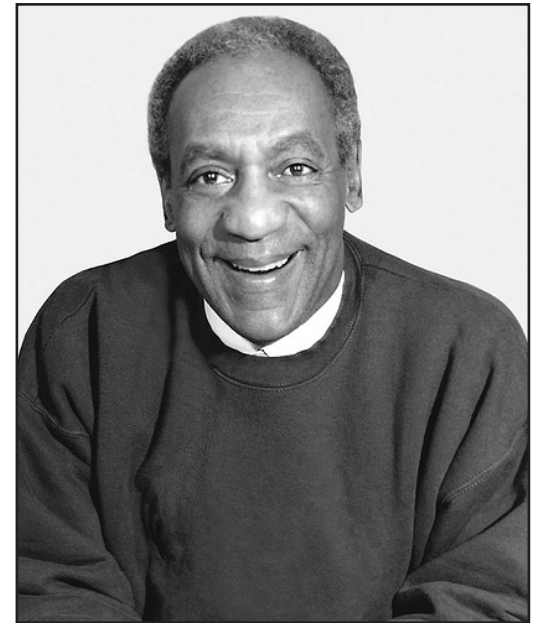
COSBY TO PERFORM WITH HOUSTON SYMPHONY

Holly Cassard
HOUSTON SYMPHONY

Back by popular demand, TV and comedy star Bill Cosby will join the Houston Symphony on March 13, 2009 at 8 p.m. to charm audiences with his hysterical stand-up. Cosby will perform his trademark comedy routine in the second half of the program while the orchestra and Assistant Conductor/American Conducting Fellow Brett Mitchell perform popular jazz favorites in the first half.

One of the most influential stars in America today, Cosby has captivated audiences for decades with his uncanny ability to point out the humor in our lives and touch our hearts. Audiences will remember his original TV series "The Cosby Show" that ran for eight successful seasons as well as the countless number of comedy albums for which he won five GRAMMY awards under the category "Best Comedy Album."

Tickets start at \$45 and are available from the Jones Hall box office Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., by phone at (713) 224-7575 or online at www.houstonsymphony.org



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show sold out throughout the tour, everyone onboard was a part of this rock documentary. This film answers the question many people have probably always wanted an answer to: what goes on behind the scenes of a rock tour? The filmmakers Scot McFadyen and Sam Dunn work with a team on

and off stage, in the cockpit and the press pit, which gives the audience international event coverage unlike anything seen. Iron Maiden: Flight 666 premieres March 18 in North America and in selected digital screens on Apr. 21.

The Dateline Downtown will be in Austin to cover the 2009 SXSW Film Festival.



OPINION PIECES

Government Gone Wild

By Gina Parker Ford

CEO OF DENTAL CREATIONS, LTD.

Big Brother has lost his mind; and the government has gone wild! Conservative talk show host Gary Bauer describes the enormity of the stimulus bill in these terms: "It is the largest single expenditure in America's history. It dwarfs major initiatives like the Louisiana Purchase, the space program, the New Deal, and the Iraq war, even in inflation-adjusted dollars." Moreover, the Congressional Budget Office projects this package of pork will do more harm than good.

Surely, the democrats in Congress have been drinking! U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX) describes just how much the trillion dollar plan will cost. He said, "...this plan will cost taxpayers the equivalent of a million dollars a day for the next 3,000 years to

fund a long wish list of items that won't create jobs."

Not only did they get drunk and go on a spending spree and run up a tab they cannot afford, but they were so drunk that they decided to be peeping toms as well. The bill pours billions of your hard earned tax dollars into the creation of a new agency, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. This agency is responsible for creating a GOVERNMENT electronic database of the personal medical records of ALL Americans.

There is no way to ensure privacy of these medical records because there will be government officials, employers, insurers, lawyers, and even ex-spouses that will find a way to access this information. Joe the Plumber can tell

you about how privacy of records plays out with government databases. The cost to create and maintain a database of the health records of 300 million Americans is astronomical to say the least.

The bill also provides for a federal coordinating council for "comparative clinical effectiveness research." This is liberal-speak for scheming up ways to ration health care based on some government bureaucrat's review of these records. Beware Grandma could be denied care because some bureaucrat said treating her cancer is not cost effective.

Maybe they inhaled too. Consider this slop. The bill wastes \$650 million for the switch from analog to digital TV of which a part of is dedicated to educate "vulnerable populations" that

they need to get their converter boxes or lose their TV signals. After all, the democrats cannot create new jobs if you can't watch Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.

President Reagan must have seen into the future of the Obama administration when he said, "Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

Let us seriously consider the words of President Thomas Jefferson, "I predict the future happiness of Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." We will all have a hang-over when we wake up to the reality of the enormous cost of this "stimulus" bill.

UHD Sponsors 50th Science and Engineering Fair

News from the University of Houston-Downtown
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The University of Houston-Downtown is supporting college readiness by co-sponsoring (with the Houston Museum of Natural Science) the 50th Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. The fair is free and open to the public, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, March 14 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Hall E, where more than 1,000 projects are exhibited by individuals and teams. The awards ceremony is 2-5 p.m., Saturday.

The SEFH is committed to project-based learning. Houston secondary students display original projects from a wide array of sciences for judging. Winning projects receive awards. Last year's Grand Award winning projects addressed subjects such as biofuels, wind energy, marine engineering, and preventing pollution using nanotechnology, for example.

Houston secondary students display their original projects from a wide array of scientific

and engineering disciplines for judging. Winning projects receive awards. First place winners are eligible to enter the State Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio, March 28-30. The four grand award winners will represent SEFH at the 60th International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Reno, Nevada, May 10-16.

The fair also honors science teachers by conferring Teacher of the Year awards.

"The science fair's significance is critical," says fair executive director Dr. Larry Spears, professor of chemistry at the University of Houston-Downtown. He says that the fair increases student interest in the sciences, helping students use complex and analytical reasoning skills to find an answer or a solution to a problem, and effectively present their works to society.

For information on the science fair, go to <http://www.SEFHouston.org>

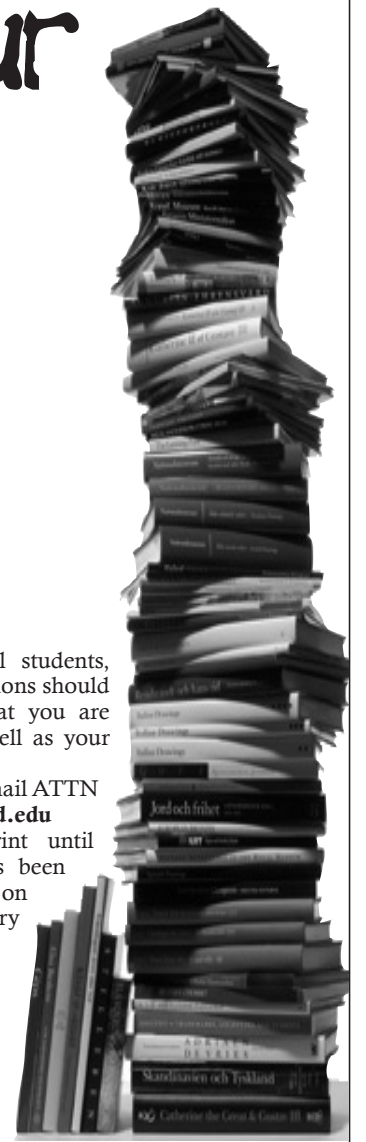
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Will Technological Fixes Stave Off Global Warming?

EarthTalk™

FROM THE EDITORS OF E/THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE

While most of the world fixates on how to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases we emit into the atmosphere, scientists and engineers around the world are busy working on various "geo-engineering" technologies—many of which are highly theoretical—to mitigate global warming and its effects. Many scientists oppose using new technology to fix problems created by old technology, but others view it as a quick and relatively inexpensive way to solve humankind's most vexing environmental problem.

One of the theories proposed for reducing global warming involves deflecting heat away from the Earth's

surface with solar shields or satellites with movable reflectors. Computer models suggest that blocking eight percent of the sun's Earth-bound radiation would effectively counteract the warming effect of our CO₂ pollution. The idea was inspired by the cooling effects of large volcanic eruptions—such as Mt. Pinatubo in 1991—that blast sulphate particles into the stratosphere. These particles reflect part of the sun's radiation back into space, reducing the amount of heat that reaches the atmosphere.

Another technological fix involves "sequestration," the storage of CO₂ either deep underground or deep in

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Among the many technological "fixes" that utilities are using to try to stave off global warming is "coal washing" to filter out impurities. Pictured here is a now-decommissioned coal washing facility located in Clay County, Eastern Kentucky. (Photo courtesy of Wikipedia)

UHD ECONOMICS PROFESSOR WINS EDUCATOR AWARD

News from the University of Houston-Downtown
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Anisul Islam, professor of economics at the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) has won

the Educator of the Year Award from the Academy of International Business U.S. Southwest Chapter. Islam will receive the award during the joint meeting of the Academy and the Federation of Business Disciplines, Feb. 25-28 in Oklahoma City.

The award is one of three given annually by the Southwest AIB Chapter and recognizes outstanding international business faculty members.

The Academy of International Business (AIB) is the leading association of scholars and specialists in the field of international business. Established in 1959, today the AIB has approximately 3000 members in 65 different countries around the world. Members include scholars from leading academic institutions as well as consultants and researchers.

Islam started teaching at UHD in 1990 as an assistant professor. He was instrumental in developing the university's international business degree program and served as the first coordinator of the program. He founded UHD's International Business Association in

2003 and started study abroad programs in the UHD College of Business in 2005.

Islam has also won all three of UHD's faculty excellence awards – awards that recognize outstanding teaching, service and scholarly and professional activity. -

Islam has served as president and program chair of the Southwestern Society of Economists and as president of the Academy. His research about U.S. economic, trade, and diplomatic relations between nations has been widely published. He has served as co-editor of the Southwest Review of International Business Research since 2004.

Kabir Hassan, professor of finance at the University of New Orleans, recognizes Islam's contribution to both research and teaching. Hassan, who is the past president and chapter chair of the AIBSW wrote, "I support Dr. Islam because of his excellent leadership in the organization and his significant contributions to the profession."

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WRoCk

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help improve the quality of our students reading and writing.

To join the Facebook group, type UHD Writing Reading in the group search engine. The WRoCk is located in Room 925 North and open to students Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturdays 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Due to popular demand,

The WRoCk will begin providing additional tutoring services on the 3rd floor of the Commerce Street Building in the Comet Computer Lab Monday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment with a tutor, go to <http://www.rich15.com/uhd>, or stop on by for a walk-in consultation.

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forward to." Diaz is currently taking his final three classes to graduate from UHD and start law school upon graduation. He told his classmates to, "follow [his] example now and graduate as well," as he participated in a workout hosted at the UHD south deck.

On a side note, Dateline reporter, W. Chinchilla, asked Diaz about the name change and he said, "My first year here the name was UHD and I got used to the name. I am kind of sad that the name might be changed. I really didn't want it to change, but I guess the higher board members know what's best."

Award

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Fazlul Miah, president of the AIBSW and professor of economics and finance at Fayetteville (N.C.) State University wrote, that Islam “is very active and has contributed extensively in all areas of the profession for the past two decades.”

“I cannot think of anyone else more suited for the best educator award,” says Miah. “His courage, motivation and hard work are unparalleled. He deserves the recognition from his peers.”

“It feels great to be acknowledged,” Islam said. “I feel humbled because I work for the benefit of the students, not for recognition. That is the goal that guides me.”

Islam, a native of Bangladesh, uses creative techniques to teach his students. Islam is known for taking students out of the classroom and into real-world situations. He uses the thriving Houston business community as an extension of his classroom. His students visit places such as The Federal Reserve and the Port of Houston.

Islam’s believes in making himself available to his students.

“I tell students, ‘I am always available during office hours and I check emails on the weekend,’” he said. “If they are having trouble, I give them additional material to bring them

up to speed. They can reach me any time inside or outside of class.”

When Julia Gilio was thinking about applying to graduate school to pursue a master’s degree in business administration, she called on her former economics professor for advice. “I always enjoyed your lectures,” she wrote. “You were one of the professors that left a lasting impression on me.”

Former student Najia Khan says that she applies lessons she learned in Islam’s classes to her job as a financial analyst. “At work we incorporate forecasting in our monthly, quarterly and yearly reports” wrote Khan. “Your business forecasting and international economics classes helped me to understand several procedures on the job.”

Former UHD student Michele Wilson finished her MBA and serves as an adjunct professor in UHD’s College of Business. “I never imagined all the effort that professors put into every hour of class,” she said.

Islam says that his background gives him a unique perspective. “I grew up in a poor family in a poor country,” he says. “I wasn’t a whiz kid and I needed guidance. It took a lot of hard work, but I am stronger because I survived the hardships. I try to pass this on to students.”

Fixes

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the ocean. Some of the nation’s largest utilities, which are also “washing” coal to filter out impurities, are working on ways to capture the CO2 they emit and store it miles below the Earth’s surface. Costs of such technologies have been prohibitive, but new regulations could force the issue in the near term.

Another leading theory, “ocean fertilization,” entails scattering iron powder throughout the world’s seas, providing nutrients to boost the amount of phytoplankton that thrive in the water’s upper layers. Through photosynthesis, these plants absorb CO2, which in theory stays with them when they die and fall to the ocean floor. Initial experiments have not lived up to the hype, however, but more research is underway.

Yet another take on altering the seas for the sake of the climate, “engineered weathering,” entails replacing some of the oceans’ carbonic acid with hydrochloric acid. This, the theory goes, accelerates the underwater storage of CO2 otherwise destined

for the atmosphere. According to Harvard Earth and Planetary Science Ph.D. Kurt Zenz House, engineered weathering “dramatically accelerates a cleaning process that nature herself uses for greenhouse gas accumulation.”

While the cost of many of these so-called “geo-engineering” fixes would not necessarily be prohibitive in light of the cost of transforming our global energy economy, the risks of unintended consequences weigh heavily on even the researchers proposing them. “Personally, as a citizen not a scientist, I don’t like geo-engineering because of the high environmental risk,” Ken Caldeira, a researcher at California’s Carnegie Institution of Washington, told New Scientist. “It’s toying with poorly understood complex systems.” But he also wonders: “Is it better to let the Greenland ice sheet collapse and let the polar bears drown their way to extinction, or to spray some sulphur particles in the stratosphere?”

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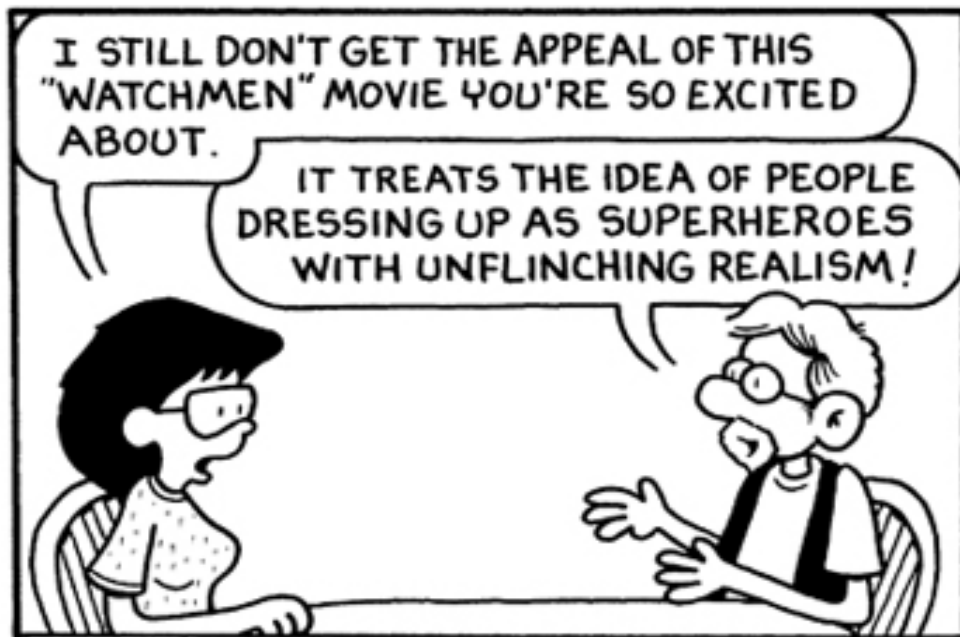
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Editor for UHD student newspaper needed for 2009-10. The Student Publications Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for the position of editor for Dateline: Downtown, the student-run bi-weekly newspaper at UHD. Flexible beginning date, but candidates must commit for the entire 2009-10 academic year. Duties include working cooperatively with student business manager and student adviser, developing and managing a stable of student freelance writers to cover news and events on campus, and assertively managing staff and producing newspaper approximately every two weeks. Must know page-making software program Adobe InDesign. The paper needs stories on events of interest to students, including student life, academics, university administration, and student government, as well as cultural coverage of theatre, film, music, and the arts. Typical commitment is 20 hours/week. Qualifications include at least sophomore standing; at least one semester at UHD; successful completion of basic writing and/or communications courses; and the maintenance of at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications are sought immediately and will be accepted until April 30 or until the position is filled. To apply, contact Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, at Chiaviello@uhd.edu, then download and complete electronic application from UHD web site, and forward it as an attachment to an email.

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