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**January 20**

Don Meier MD  
Surgery, El Paso

**February 3**

Revathi Ravi  
School of Medicine  
Class of 2012

**February 17**

John Baldwin MD  
School of Medicine

**March 3**

Candice Allen  
Paul L. Foster  
School of Medicine  
Class of 2010

**March 17**

Miguel Pirela-Cruz MD  
Surgery, El Paso

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## **TTUHSC Establishes Office of International Employment Services**

by **Gabriella Manolache, J.D.**

The Office of International Employment Services, working within the Human Resources Department in Lubbock, will serve all campuses of TTUHSC in offering employment immigration counseling, non-immigrant work visa processing, permanent residency processing, and I-9 compliance regulation.

IES' Managing Director, Gabriella Manolache, J.D., joins TTUHSC after practicing employment immigration law with a firm in a suburb of Detroit, MI. Ms. Manolache's prior experience centers almost exclusively on devising immigration strategy to assist foreign physicians with their goal of working and staying in the U.S. She and her team bring a wide range of immigration knowledge to the department, including the handling of J-1 waivers, high-volume H-1B applications, O-1 petitions, PERM Labor Certification applications and other EB petitions.

Ms. Manolache's interest in immigration law is both professional and personal. She was born in Romania and emigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1985. After majoring in International Relations at Michigan State University's James Madison College and studying abroad in Belgium, Ms. Manolache accepted a partial academic scholarship to Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

The Office of International Employment Services aspires to support and enhance Texas Tech Univer-

## **India Tourist Visa Regulations to Change**

U.S. Embassy New Delhi released the following Warden Message on December 9, 2009:

The U.S. Mission in India wishes to inform U.S.

***When in...  
Egypt***



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## **Republic of Cuba**

Cuba is a Caribbean island approximately the size of Pennsylvania located a little more than 90 miles off the Florida coast. It has a population of 11.2 million. It's multiracial population consists mainly of individuals of Spanish and African origin. Cuba is a totalitarian communist state whose current government assumed power in January 1959.

Cuba was settled by Spain primarily for the raising of cattle, sugarcane, and tobacco. It remained a Spanish colony until December 1898 at which time Spain relinquished control to the U.S. Cuba was granted independence in May 1902. The Platt Amendment, which allowed the U.S. to intervene to preserve Cuban independence and stability,

## The Buena Vista Social Club and Other Moments in Cuba's Musical History

Few would argue that Latin music continues to gain acceptance and notoriety. The increasing popularity of *Salsa* dancing and *Zumba* classes has made Latin music accessible to the public in brand new ways. The unique combination of rhythm and lyricism has made Latin music the rising star of the music industry. Many music critics agree that perhaps the country with the greatest influence on the evolution of Latin Music is the small Caribbean island of Cuba.

Prior to Columbus's discovery of Cuba in 1492 the island was inhabited by indigenous *Taino Arawak* and *Ciboney* people.

## International Flavor

### ***Tostones cont.***

Place each plantain between two pieces of grocery bag paper (fold over grocery bag) and mash with the bottom of a glass. Squish them to 1/4—1/3 inch. I like them thin. You now have plantain flying saucers.

Heat the oil up to 350-375F. When the oil is hot, re-fry the plantain flying saucers until they are crispy. Do not burn them. They should just be golden brown. Place on a new paper towel lined plate and squeeze fresh lime juice over them then sprinkle with kosher salt. Eat them while they are hot.

### ***Buen provecho!***

For more Cuban recipes visit <http://icuban.com/>

For a step-by-step guide to peeling plantains visit <http://www.elboricua.com/platanos.html>

