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On the Homefront:

Friday October 10, at the Plano Convention Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway @ Jupiter Rd. - 2003 NPC Heart of Texas Bodybuilding and Fitness Figure Championships and Martial Arts Festival and Health Fair Extravaganza. Health care professionals, food court, and lots of entertainment, including IFBB Bodybuilding Pro Vickie Gates. Call 972.247.1539, or visit: www.optimumfitness.com

St. Philip's School and Community Center hosts its 16th annual celebrity tribute and auction honoring Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Friday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 300 Reunion Blvd, Dallas. Call 214.421.5221 ext. 119.

Success Seminar to "Get Back On Track", a fundraiser to help the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County, featuring motivational trainer/speaker Robert E. Criner - "Mr. Enthusiasm". At The Plano Centre, Tuesday, October 14, 7:00pm-9:15pm (networking begins 7pm). Recharge your batteries, think "outside the box" and try some new techniques for success. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For more information contact Kelvin Smith: 972.424.1942, or visit www.mreenthusiasm.com

Plano Repertory Theatre presents "Chicago", October 16 through November 9, at the ArtCentre Theatre, downtown Plano. Call 972.422.7460 for tickets and information.

October 17 - 19. Third Monday Trade Days-Largest Flea Market in North Texas. Located on Hwy. 75 at 4550 W. University Drive. Over 700 outdoor vendors and 250 covered vendor booths. Indoor climate-controlled mall with shops and cafe. Concessionaires offer food and drink. \$3 parking Saturday and Sunday. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information: 972.562.5466, or www.tmtd.com.

Lupus Foundation of American, Inc., North Texas Chapter is hosting a Lupus Educational Symposium, Saturday October 18, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., at The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas. Program will include educational seminars from area physicians, free educational information on lupus, free sample products and exhibitor tables. Free. Please register as space is limited. 972.345.4824.

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Fifth Annual Fall Fest Commemorating Family, Independence, Success



Helen Macey, Executive Director, Plano Housing Authority; Brenda McDonald

By Cathy Johnson
Plano Housing Authority's (PHA) Fall Fest provided an afternoon of fun and food at Bob Woodruff Park in Plano, Saturday October 4, 2003.

The fest celebrated PHA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), and honored five of its graduates with plenty of BBQ, old fashion cake walks,

dance contests, pie-eating, sack racing, face painting, and a graduation ceremony.

FSS is a program designed to help lower income families reach various degrees of independence, gaining employment with adequate income and getting off public assistance programs. The five women honored on Saturday

have purchased homes through homeownership program with FSS. The program also helps with job skills, educational and technical support, and financial planning. JoAnn Rios, Resident Initiatives Director, said they were thankful and delighted this year for all the sponsors of the fest. She said that Junior League of Plano sponsored all the children's events, and minority owned Telecom Electric Supply (Fred Moses) was this year's biggest sponsor. Other sponsors included Legacy Bank, Milkes Realty Valuation, and Eitza Solutions.

City of Plano Mayor Pro tem Steve Stovall opened the ceremony, encouraging and praising the graduates. Barbara Money, Collin County Community College Dean of Students said, "Challenges are often faced when we are taken out of our comfort zones, but they create more responsibility.

Once you accept those challenges, you create an opportunity. You must learn to listen for opportunities because sometimes they knock very softly."

Helen Macey, PHA's Executive Director, presented the graduates with Certificates of Achievement endorsed by Senator Shapiro.

"You watch them achieve a little goal at a time. My heart is so full. This makes everyday worthwhile," Macey said.

Brandy Nelson, also enrolled in the FSS program was recognized for her completion of her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Dallas.

The FSS program is underwritten by a board of commissioners, led by Chairperson Linda Hester and FSS Committee Chairperson Gwendolyn G. Jones. The program was born out of a need, recognized by PHA, for help in many areas, not just housing. Consequently, applicants for housing assistance in the City of Plano were polled regarding their further needs and desires

for life-skills.

FSS committee member Brenda McDonald said the program was a long-time coming, and she now enjoys the opportunity to give to others, and to see a total makeover in their lives. McDonald said she is affiliated with the program through a partnership grant with the Boys and Girls Club.

One of Saturday's graduates, Yvonne Ford, transferred into the program from Amarillo, Texas.

"The program and the people were very supportive during a very trying time in my life. They helped me set goals and find realistic ways by which to obtain them," Ford said.

Ford, a mother of four, will receive her certificate for medical coding in December. She recently purchased a home with the escrow money she earned while in the program.

Under the FSS program, eligible candidates are

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Women of Vision International to Discuss Women in Corporate America

Women of Vision International meeting is Thursday, October 16, 2003 at 5:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Select, 1655 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX. Trudy Bourgeois, Author, Business Coach, and Professional Speaker will present - "Her Corner Office: Women Finding



Mary Boyd, First Vice President, Women of Vision International

their Voice and Place in Corporate America." Women of Vision International enhancing the lives of women through mentoring, education and leadership. RSVP via <http://www.womenofvisioninternational.org/> or contact Mary Boyd at (972) 578-1406.

Teen Writing Seminar A Big Success

(Dallas) - Students from First Baptist Academy, Duncanville, Cedar Hill, Mesquite Owens, Bryan Adams, The Windsor and other area high schools enjoyed a fun-filled, interactive day at Putting It On Paper: A Teen Writing Seminar.

Held September 27, 2003 at the Center for Community Cooperation, teens learned how to perfect their writing form for those dreaded college entrance essays and learned how to craft a fiction story and a non-fiction article. Also discussed during the one-day seminar was the development of poetry, songs and scripts.

At the end of the day, students received valuable feedback on their unique

writing style and performed before their peers, parents and volunteers a short script they wrote and directed in the session.

Brandon Jay, 16 said, "I



Center front: Ashley King; 2nd Row (L to R): Courtney Evans, Ami Wilson, Phillip Garner; 3rd Row (L to R) Phillip Washington, Heath McGee and John Walton. Not Pictured: Candace Rodgers and Brandon Jay

think the writing seminar is a very informative and effective way to better teens writing skills. I would strongly recommend people to this event."

"The Putting It On Paper" writing seminar was very informative and personal.

There were times when we were laughing so hard we forgot what subject we were on. It was great," said 18-year-old Ashley King.

Supports who helped make the event a success included Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce, Dr Pepper/7UP, Rolling Out Urban Style Weekly, Reginald Gates, Tony Jones, Wal-Mart, Sonia Jordan and Christy Timberlake.

Writer's Educational Services and Teen Graffiti Magazine plan to present Putting It On Paper in 2004. Please visit their websites periodically to stay abreast of upcoming dates: www.writersed.com and www.teengraffiti.com or call 972-223-3074 or 972-496-9457.

SBA's minority development programs are intended to help minority owned small businesses become successful for the future.

The Small Business Administration, established by Congress in 1953, provides small business loans and financial assistance to help minorities start, run, and grow their small businesses. SBA's minority development programs are intended to help minority owned small businesses become successful for the future. The most common question- How do I get a small business loan? Documentation requirements may vary; contact your lender for information you must supply.

requirements include: purpose of the loan, history of the business, financial statements for three years (existing businesses), schedule of term debts (existing businesses), aging of accounts receivable and payable (existing businesses), projected opening-day balance sheet (new businesses), lease details, amount of investment in the business by the owner(s), projections of income, expenses and cashflow, signed personal

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Garland Mayor Promotes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Garland, Texas - October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a national event promoted by mayors across the nation through the United States Conference of Mayors. Garland Mayor Bob Day and his fellow mayors recognize that breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer among women in America.

The mayors are urging women to take responsibility for their breast health and are promoting October 17 as National Mammography Day. Timely mammography screening among women aged 40 years or older could prevent approximately 16 percent of all deaths from breast cancer. For women over 50, one-third of deaths from this disease could be reduced. Mammography is the best available method to detect breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stage, an average of one to three years before a woman can feel a lump.

The statistics support the mayors' concern. Nationally, more than

200,000 women will learn they have the disease in 2003, and close to 40,000 women will lose their lives to it. Statistics show African American women are disproportionately affected by breast cancer deaths.

"Breast cancer is not just a woman's disease," Mayor Day noted, "because men and children and entire families are devastated when breast cancer takes a loved one."

During the October 7, 2003, Garland City Council meeting, Mayor Day will issue a proclamation recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urged women to seek proper health care.

"There is no better time than October; during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, for Garland women to talk with their health care providers about maintaining their breast health and seeking mammography," says Mayor Day. "Remember, early detection can save lives."

On-going

Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972.548.4114. You can also visit www.co.collin.tx.us.

The Stephanie Ward Gallery will host a series of seminars, through November. Topics include: understanding cubism; Art appreciation 101; Collecting 101; Framing and preserving your art work; The scoop on art appraisal; The philosophy of modern art, and other topics. Call for more details 214 752.5588, 2546 Elm St. Dallas, TX 75226 Sponsorship opportunities available.

Interactive Dallas Children's Museum at Valley View Center - a hospital fantasyland by Presbyterian Healthcare, a Kroger Foods miniature grocery store, a farm, a "Jungle Impressions" exhibit complete with rain forest, arts and crafts. Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Children 2-10 years \$4/Adults \$3. Call 972.386.6555.

Sistuh, Sistuh, Sistuh, a non profit organization, will provide life skills workshops Saturday's, through December 13, 2003, from 10:00-11:30, with the goal of empowering women with informational sessions on topics such as self-esteem, finances, computer literacy, obtaining employment and goal setting. At St Phillip's School and Community Center, 1600 Pennsylvania

Ave., Dallas Texas 75215. 214.421.5221 ext.122.

Interurban Railway Station Museum, 901 E. 15th Street, Plano, Historic Downtown. From 1908 to 1948, this was a station on the Texas Electric Railroads' Interurban Line. Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. You can also arrange for special tours. 972.941.2117.

Heritage Farmstead, 1028 15th Street, Plano. 972.424.7874. Dedicated to preserving the early 1900's way of life, this unique four-acre museum features a beautiful Victorian home and 12 outbuildings that were part of a 360-acre farm operated by Ammie Wilson, a colorful local resident. Guided tours available.

General Information

SPCA is hosting National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month - \$50 adoption fee for all dogs. Includes spay/neuter/shots/deworming/leash/carrier and microchip. Visit any of 3 locations: Dallas - 362 S. Industrial Blvd; McKinney - 8411 FM720; The Colony - 4720 E. Lake Highlands. Or visit: www.spcas.org/calendar.

Register by October 15 for the Hollywood Connection in Dallas. This benefits dance communities across the US, and helps experienced dancers get their break into the industry. Get an inside look at the entertainment industry, compete for scholarship and specialty awards, including auditions to be a LA Laker Girl, or a 6-month contract for a major

cruise lines. Held in Dallas November 8 and 9 at the Sheraton Park Central. To register and for more information visit: www.hcdance.com

Teen Graffiti magazine is recruiting members for all three Teen Advisory Councils: South Dallas, Garland/Richardson and Grand Prairie. Ages grades 7 - 12, diverse backgrounds. Interested teens must submit an application, available at middle high school and high school librarians, and online at www.teengraffiti.com. Or call Sharon Jones-Scaife at 972-496-9457.

Through October 18

The ArtCentre of Plano will feature works by contemporary Iranian artists in A Breeze from the Gardens of Persia: through October 18. Includes approximately 90 works by Iranian artists, including more than 20 women. Works were chosen in collaboration with Iranian curators from the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art and Tehran Arts University. Downtown Plano at the corner of 15th Street and Avenue K. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. For more information: 972.423.7809.

October 11

Mesquite City Animal Shelter will sponsor a remote pet adoption at Petco, 1500 Town East Blvd., from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information call 972.216.6283.

The 8th annual Dinner Under the Cedars, benefiting the

restoration of Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 701 E. Kearney St. Tickets: \$30 ages 12 to 54. \$25 for ages 55 and up \$20 for children 3 to 11. Meal provided by Johnny Carino's, tours of house, auctions, live entertainment by Reason. Call 972.216.6468 for tickets or more information. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

October 14

Attend a free reception to meet other gardening enthusiasts living with rheumatoid arthritis, and learn how to design your own arthritis-friendly garden. A rheumatologist will discuss the latest treatment advance, and an occupational therapist will talk about the physical and psychological benefits of gardening. At the Dallas Arboretum, 8617 Garland Road, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Free. RSVP to 1.877.992.2636.

October 17

Black Cinematheque Dallas and the Dallas NAACP presents a film program about voter fraud and the attack on democracy in America, particularly as it relates to the history of Black voting rights in Florida. At the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Street, Dallas. \$5.00. Call 214.426.1683 for more information.

October 18 - 19

BBQ Cooking Competition in Downtown McKinney. For more information contact the Downtown McKinney Association at 972.562.6880.

October 22

Humor & Healing: Aging with Laughter, hosted by The Senior Source at Temple Emanuel, Tobian Hall, 8500 Hillcrest Rd @ Northwest Hwy. \$7, reservations required. Presented by Liz Carpenter, author of 'Start With a Laugh.' Carpenter is a former spokeswoman in the Johnson Administration. Call 214.823.5700, or info@theseniorsource.org.

October 25

Primerica Financial Services will conduct a FREE Seminar For Prospective Home Buyers from 3:00-4:30pm on, at the Douglass Community Center, located at 1111 Avenue H, Plano, TX. To RSVP and for more information, contact Angela King at 877 265-5030.

Support Groups

Healing Matters Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death, or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For information call 972-519-1588.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at Pitman Creek Church of Christ, Room E112, 1815 W. 15th St. Call Rita at 972-423-3620.

Asthma Network of Plano meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Medical

Center of Plano, 3901 W. 15th St. Call 972.519.1475.

DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

Volunteer opportunities

The Institute for Women's Health at Texas Woman's University seeks female volunteers, ages 18-60, for an ongoing women's health research study. You will receive free testing including blood work, EKG, cardiac stress test, pulmonary function and bone density testing. Texas Woman's University, 8194 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, 75231. Call 214.706-2319

The Plano Animal Shelter need volunteers over 16 years old to wash and walk the animals, help with clerical services and customer service. 972.578.7510. And here's a friendly reminder that there are thousands of pets at shelters needing homes, or consider being a foster parent while permanent homes are found for animals. Contact your local animal shelter for details.

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Rush's Faux Pas A Royal Flush

Well, here we go again. Add another name to the long list of sport's race dunces. The uproar over a racist remark uttered by ultra right wing conservative Rush Limbaugh during a recent stint on ESPN's NFL Sunday Countdown makes one wonder why anyone is surprised. Rush has been doing this for years. And all the hot air simply embellishes his fame.

Limbaugh's controversial statement concerning Donovan McNabb, quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles proposed that McNabb's success was orchestrated by the liberal media intent on pushing black quarterbacks and coaches. McNabb was given credit for team performance that he did not deserve.

Rush has been spewing his conservative racial diatribes as a national superstar since 1988 on radio, TV, in columns, books and public appearances. He appeals to a largely young white, male, audience of closet racists captivated by his attacks on the liberal establishment, blacks, Jews, the NAACP and society's downtrodden. Rush feeds them vitriolic doses of characterizations such as "feminazis", "environmental wackos", and "hustlers for the homeless."

Limbaugh is Mr. Conservative radio. He recently renewed his radio contract for a reported record setting \$250-300 million over eight years. He is heard on over 650 stations across America. In addition to his three-hour radio show, he had a one-hour syndicated television program. His book, The Way Things Ought To Be, was a bestseller.

But if anyone should be pilloried, it is the ESPN network. They certainly knew what Rush was and what he represented when they hired him. What were they looking for? That unique Limbaugh provocative commentary that builds ratings and brings in the dollars. It was reported that Limbaugh increased the overall ratings for Sunday Countdown by 10 percent, and 26 percent among the 18-to-34 males. Is it any wonder that ESPN initially supported him?

Decisions about who appears regularly on national prime time TV are not made capriciously. Mark Shapiro, ESPN's executive vice president for programming gave this assessment of Limbaugh, "Rush is a great communicator and a fan's fan. His acute sense of what's on the minds of his listeners combined with his ability to entertain and serve as a lightning rod for lively discussion makes him the perfect fit for this new role. We brought Rush in for no-holds-barred opinions."

Has this brouhaha gotten more attention than it deserves? Yes, but because he is the undisputed voice of conservatism he is a ready target for the "victims" he has lambasted through out his career. Limbaugh gave this perspective. "For those of you who are saying, 'Rush, what were you thinking?' I thought about this the night before. I weighed it, I balanced it, but you know what I decided? Look, they [ESPN] brought me in to be who I am. This is what I think."

Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin was on the ESPN show with Limbaugh as a studio analyst and has been criticized for not immediately challenging the racist comments. Mr. Irvin

responded by saying he did not speak up because this was not his area of expertise. What message does this send to young Blacks when a high profile, middle aged, college educated Black man who grew up in the south during the Civil Rights era feels so intimidated by an overbearing white man that he does not feel qualified or capable of simply saying that racist remarks will not be tolerated. Maybe if Mr. Irvin and those of his ilk spent a little less time flashing, styling and grinning they would be more aware of the Black struggle and recognize racism when it stares them in the face.

But Rush Limbaugh is used to not being challenged. The lack of facts has never stopped his mouth. He has created a unique political base through the regular use of half-truth and distortion. His ability to redefine reality is well documented by the group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR). He rarely corrects anything he's said no matter how wrong it may have been.

The bottom line is all the indignation by the politicians and civil rights leaders over Rush Limbaugh's racist remarks will blow over like a pimple in a windstorm. When the dust settles Rush Limbaugh will remain strongly entrenched among his hard-core racist constituents and the media moguls will be straining at the bit to throw money at him. For Limbaugh, there is no such thing as bad publicity. Controversy made him a superstar and he knows how to use controversy to keep the spotlight on him.

James W. Breedlove
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Michael L. Williams

Michael Williams Steps Down as Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas

Texas oil and gas producers, their employees, communities and school children.

Supported efforts to extend state severance tax incentives and pass the National Energy bill.

Beefed up the Oilfield Cleanup Fund, plugged 5,851 wells and remediated 1143 production sites.

Stepped up enforcement of Commission rules; issued close to \$10 million in fines for the violation of Commission rules, including the largest fines in Commission history.

Increased the number of bonded oil and gas operators by more than 4,500 operators, or 750%.

More than doubled business with women and minority-owned companies from \$1,559,009 in 1999 to \$3,192,260 without the use of quotas or set-asides. In the first half of FY 2003 the

Commission's HUB participation was 26.7%. The Commission is regularly recognized as one of the state's Top 10 Agencies in HUB participation.

There remains much more work to be done. I am committed to our agenda of energy, the environment and inclusion and look forward to meeting the challenges and seizing the opportunities of the future.

I was pleased to nominate Victor Carrillo Monday, September 22 as our new Commission chairman. Victor has distinguished himself in the nine short months he has been on the Commission. I anxiously await his leadership. If you have not already met Victor, I strongly urge you to do so. You will be as impressed with him as I am.

CCCCD AND TWU SIGN AGREEMENT

PLANO--Thursday, October 2, officials from Collin County Community College District (CCCCD) and Texas Woman's University (TWU) signed an agreement allowing students dual admission to both institutions.

Dr. Ann Stuart, chancellor of TWU, joined CCCCCD President Cary Israel and Sam Roach, chair of CCCCCD's board of trustees, in signing the agreement. The ceremony took place at 3 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus conference center at Collin County Community College District.

This agreement--nicknamed "TWU Bound"--allows students to complete the first two years of their degrees at the community college and have automatic admission to finish at the university. College officials say the agreement will clear the path for students who are working toward bachelor's degrees.

"It is important to provide an affordable way for students to earn the baccalaureate degree and to reduce the time it takes to graduate. This agreement will accomplish both goals," said Israel. "TWU's strong health science and education programs are great complements to CCCCCD's unique offerings. This agreement stands to have a major

impact by creating more teachers and healthcare professionals to meet the high demands in these fields."

"Texas Woman's University is always pleased to cultivate stronger relationships with the community colleges," said Dr. Stuart. "The TWU Bound Program offers Collin County Community College students the opportunity to map their course to a bachelor's degree and further their prospects in life."

According to Chairman Roach, "Higher education has never been more important than it is today. Our trustees are committed to making education accessible and affordable for our students. Innovative programs like concurrent admission are valuable because they help remove the obstacles in transferring and give students a direct link to a prestigious university."

The details of the agreement state that CCCCCD students who meet TWU's admission requirements or complete an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will receive automatic admission to TWU. The university will designate scholarships to qualified TWU Bound students upon transfer to TWU. The agreement also provides participating students with special benefits on campus at TWU,

including the following:

- TWU Bound student ID card
- Access to the university library
- Complimentary visits to the wellness center
- Discounted rates of the golf course
- Complimentary admission to sporting events
- Free use of the Cyber Lounge and computer lab in the TWU Student Center
- Student or reduced guest room rate at TWU resident halls
- Free transportation on the Denton Link
- Discounted student ticket rates to art and entertainment activities

CCCCD broke ground in 2000 when it signed the first concurrent admission agreement in Texas. That agreement was with the University of North Texas, and the University of Texas at Dallas and Southern Methodist University followed shortly thereafter. The program is popular with students, and more than 170 CCCCCD students are participating in the program in fall 2003.

For more information, call Lisa Vasquez at 972.758.3894 or 469.964.9132.

Local Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Chapter Announces New Mentoring Program

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sorority, Denton County Alumnae Chapter will launch the Delta Academy for the 2003-2004 year. The parent/protégé orientation meeting is 2:30 pm, Sunday, October 19, at Lewisville Public Library, 1197 West Main Street, Lewisville, TX.

Delta Academy is a national mentoring program designed for girls ages 11-14. The focus of the

program is to provide enrichment in science, math, and technology. The girls will also receive some training and instruction in other areas such as History, Social Graces, and Etiquette.

Currently, they are seeking young ladies who attend schools in Denton ISD, Lewisville ISD, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Sanger ISD, Pilot Point ISD, Gainesville ISD, Frisco ISD, and McKinney ISD. Interested

students should attend the orientation. Those at the orientation intending to become a protégé will receive an information packet.

For additional information about Delta Academy, please visit www.deltasigmatheta.org or www.dentoncountydeltas.org. You may also contact Val Morgan, Chapter President, at 940-383-4295.

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

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Clint Brady, committee volunteer; Committee Chairperson Gwendolyn G. Jones



JoAnn Rios, Resident Initiatives Director, Plano Housing Authority; FSS Program Graduates Yvonne Ford, Sabrina Frenchie, Vernetta Lockridge, Olivia Rudd, and Executive Director Helen Macey



Children enjoy a potato sack race during the annual Plano Housing Authority's Fall Fest



Proud FSS graduates Yvonne Ford, Sabrina Frenchie, Vernetta Lockridge, Olivia Rudd, Destin White (not pictured)



Bonnie Jacobs, a member of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and mother, Nancy



Yvonne Ford, one of the honored graduates, and children Kenya 12, Rainey 15, Sheldon 13, Keith, 12

required to sign a minimum of a five-year contract, which outlines specific goals, client commitment statements and time-line goals of achievement. During the five years, participants are made ready to become independent of any governmental assistance.

Another graduate, Olivia Rudd, said she had many physical, emotional and social hurdles to overcome when she entered the program, including coping with Graves' disease. She said through the support of the FSS program, she has made great strides in her life, and she is now employed with PHA.

"When I took ill with Graves' disease, I was determined to still live on my own and take care of my child. PHA and the FSS program have allowed me to still be a parent and be a vital part of my daughter's life," said Rudd. "Sometimes you have to re-direct your dreams, but the key is to not let go of them."

Rudd has also been promoted from Wait-List Coordinator to Real Estate Services Specialist.

Clint Brady, committee volunteer, said he signed up to help because, "The program empowers them, and dismisses

the old stereotype that all Section 8 recipients are lazy and looking for hand-outs."

This year's festivities honored these graduates: Yvonne Ford, Sabrina Frenchie, Vernetta Lockridge, Olivia Rudd and Destin White.

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financial statements and personal resume(s). You should take the information, including your loan proposal and submit it to a local lender. If the lender is unable to approve your loan, you may ask if the lender can consider your request under the SBA loan guaranty program. Under this program, the SBA can guaranty up to 85% of a small business loan; however, the lender must agree to loaning the money with the SBA guarantee. The lender will then forward your loan application and a credit analysis to the nearest SBA District Office. After receiving all documentation, the SBA analyzes the entire application, then makes its decision. The process may take up to 10 days to complete. If the lender needs SBA applications and/or guidance it may contact the nearest SBA District Office by going to <http://www.sba.gov/regions/states.html>. Upon SBA approval, the lending institution closes the loan and disburses the funds.

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Minority-owned businesses have received 269 small business loans under the Minority Pre-qualification Loan Program since its inception in April 1995, and have obtained \$26,000,000 (\$26 million) in small business loans, representing an average loan of \$98,840, under the Minority Pre-qualification Loan Program.

The Minority Pre-qualification Loan Program helps minority-owned small businesses secure capital for start-up or expansion of their small businesses. This small business loan program uses private sector organizations to assist in the loan application process.

A prospective borrower works with an intermediary to develop a viable business loan application. The loan application is then submitted directly to the SBA for consideration of a small business loan pre-qualification. On approval, the intermediary also can assist the applicant in locating a competitive lender.

Small Businesses that are at least 51% owned and

managed by minority person(s) are eligible. The maximum loan amount under the Minority Pre-qualification Loan Program is \$250,000.

For more information about small business loans for

minority-owned businesses, visit www.sba.gov. Also, while visiting the State Fair of Texas, you can check out the SBA booth in the Grand Place and pick up a general information packet. SBA loan seminars are

held each Thursday, except holidays at attend 1402 Corinth St., Room 1534, Dallas, Texas. The seminars are free to attend. For additional information, call (214) 860-5865.

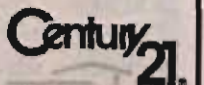
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There's Plenty to "Taste & See" at 2003 State Fair

An abundance of things to discover awaits visitors to the 2003 State Fair of Texas, Sept. 26-Oct. 19. Whether it's the very best in exhibits, entertainment, livestock events, contests or rides, guests will not leave disappointed.

Ever wonder just what is the number one attraction at the nation's largest annual exposition? That would be food. Whether on a stick, on the hoof, jellied-in-a-jar, hot, cold, spicy, powdered or plain, food surrounds visitors when they arrive.

Food is prominent at the Taste & See Pavilion. The adjacent conservatory houses exotic plants that provide nectar for thousands of brilliantly-hued butterflies, stars of "Take Flight" in Texas Discovery Gardens. Inside, celebrity chefs work their magic in a special demonstration kitchen. Outside, a spacious tent is home to wine tastings and wine education; a sunken garden bistro will sell wine and cheese. Humongous pumpkin-carving demos and theatrical-type face painting will be ongoing in the tent. Visitors are encouraged to explore the surrounding seven acres, including

something that's impossible to miss: the Texas Garden Railway, a miniature train running through a host of state landmarks and small gorges, tiny creeks and verdant countryside.

Meanwhile, Spirit of the Dance kicks up its heels in a foot-stomping celebration of Irish dance in the Coliseum. It's Christmas at the Texas Hall of State, where Holidays at the White House comes to life in a 20' x 60' replica of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Chevrolet's Main Stage presents Sandi Patty, Jo Dee Messina, Lisa Marie Presley, Jennifer Peña, Tracy Lawrence, Mark Chesnut and Joe Diffie, Blues Traveler and more in no-additional-charge concerts.

The Youth Livestock Auction of Champions took the spotlight Oct. 3; alternating shows and sales feature cattle, sheep, swine, goats, poultry and pigeons. Little Hands on the Farm allows kiddos to play "farmer," tending to their gardens from inception to harvest. The biggest new car show in the Southwest displays premium nameplates as well as 2004 models, concept cars, pickups, SUVs and collectibles in the Classic Corral.

Very Important Football is part of State Fair history: The Cotton Bowl is the site of two definitive match-ups each year - the State Fair Classic, pitting the Panthers of Prairie View A&M against the Grambling State Tigers (Oct. 4); and the Red River Shootout, where bragging rights dangle

between university rivals Oklahoma and Texas (Oct. 11). A nightly parade and laser show, museum exhibits, canine acrobats, jams, jellies and quilts, thrill rides, free-flight birds, multiple music stages and more make the 2003 State Fair of Texas a not-to-miss event!

Friendship Baptist Church to Host Life-Saving Cancer Awareness Celebration

THE COLONY Friendship Baptist Church (FBC) will host a Pink-n-Blue Day to promote screening and early detection of breast, prostate and other cancers. The celebration will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 4396 Main Street, The Colony, TX.

This program provides a platform for health educators, advocacy groups, the media, public officials, physicians and concerned citizens to focus their efforts collectively in the battle against cancer. It features cancer education and prevention, a panel of guest speakers, including cancer survivors, and free prostate cancer screening. Emphasis is placed on the importance of incorporating simple preventive and positive health behaviors into everyday life.

One out of every two men and one of every three women are at risk of having cancer in their lifetime. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 1.3 million Americans will be diagnosed with invasive cancer. African American men have a 20% higher incidence rate and 40% higher death rate from all cancers combined than white men. About 132,700 new cancers will be diagnosed among African Americans in 2003. When cervical and colon cancers are found at early stages, the five-year survival rate is better than 90 percent.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer, and is the second leading cause of death among African American women. All women are encouraged to receive an

annual mammogram beginning at age 40. By combining monthly breast-self examination with regular mammography and clinical exams, women have the best chance of finding breast cancer early-when it is most treatable. When breast cancer is detected early and treated at a local stage, the five-year survival rate is 97 percent.

The second leading cause of cancer death in American men, yet the most commonly diagnosed among African American men, prostate cancer is expected to claim 30,000 lives in 2003. In addition, at least 184,000 new cases of the disease will be diagnosed this year alone. Although screening guidelines may vary, most physicians agree men over age 50, or men age 38 and over who are African American or have a family history of the disease should be screened for prostate cancer annually. The good news is that with an increase in awareness and screening for prostate cancer, the survival rate has increased to more than 90 percent.

The Friendship Baptist Church Health Ministry is a consortium of physicians, health educators, scientists, and patient advocates dedicated to promoting health and wellness education. FBC urges individuals to contact their health care provider or local health department for more information. Or, call 1-800-4CANCER and 1-800-ACS-2345, or visit the websites www.nci.gov and www.cancer.org. Because we want to spend as many days as we can with our loved ones, let's talk more about cancer prevention. Remember, the best protection is early detection.

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ride DART in October

Experience the richness of Hispanic culture on the big screen at the 5th Annual Vistas Film Festival, Oct. 9-12. Ride DART Rail to the festival sites: Angelika Film Center at Mockingbird Station and the Dallas Museum of Art near St. Paul Station. Call 214.826.9560 or visit vistasfilmfestival.org.

Catch the Red River Rivalry at Texas/OU Weekend in the West End, Friday & Saturday, Oct. 10-11, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Take DART Rail to West End Station. Call 214.741.7185 or visit dallaswestend.org.

Join the Race for the Cure and run or walk to fight breast cancer, Saturday, Oct. 18. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m., events start at 7:45 a.m. Take DART Rail to Park Lane Station and board the NorthPark Center Shuttle. Get event info at 214.750.7223 or komen-dallas.org.

Get \$2 off admission to the State Fair of Texas when you ride DART's State Fair Shuttle, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 19. Shuttles depart Cityplace Station's east entrance for Fair Park every 10 minutes from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Last returning shuttle leaves the fairgrounds at 11:30 p.m. \$2 roundtrip. Visit DART.org or call 214.979.1111.

Share the spirit of family, friendship and community at the 25th Harambee Festival, Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Take DART bus Routes 12, 26, 44, 409 and 445 to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2922 MLK, Jr. Blvd. Call 214.670.8355 for details.

Stars and Mavs fans can glide between the DART Rail West End Station and American Airlines Center on free shuttle buses every 10 minutes. Board the shuttle at Lamar St. & Pacific Ave. or Record St. & Ross Ave. Coming to the game from west of downtown? Take the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) to Victory Station. Get DART info at 214.979.1111 or DART.org. TRE info at 817.215.8600 or trinityrailwayexpress.org. Please Note: There is no TRE service on Sundays.

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Arts & Entertainment

Brad Keller Tapped To Helm Filmcor Productions A Killer Within

Dallas, TX...Dallas filmmaker Brad Keller will direct Filmcor Productions first indie feature "A Killer Within" starring C. Thomas Howell ("The Hitcher," "The Outsiders" and "Gods and

Generals") and Sean Young ("No Way Out," "A Kiss Before Dying" and "1st to Die"). Filmcor is still in negotiations with Esai Morales ("La Bamba" and "NYPD Blue"), Kevin Dillon ("Platoon" and "The Doors") and Latin multi-platinum artist Cheyenne. The project has been in research and development for the past six months and is set to begin production on November 17th. The film will be shot entirely in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and is scheduled to wrap on December 20th.

"A Killer Within" centers around the character ADDISON TERRILL (Howell), a Dallas attorney, who comes home one night to find his wife brutally murdered with the words "Now we're even" scrawled across the bedroom wall. The cops suspect he killed her, and now ADDISON must race through the underside of Dallas to find the only other suspect. His ally is a grudging ex-cop (Morales or Cheyenne) who knows what it takes to deliver justice. If they can overcome their differences, they'll be able to solve the case before anyone else gets hurt. But sometimes the problem with crime is the deeper you dig, the darker the secrets you unfold...and together they might just discover that there is a killer within us all.

From the beginning of his filmmaking career, Keller has remained true to his desire to "keep it local" from the majority of the cast to the crew. "I'm really excited about being able to direct a film of this magnitude right here in Dallas," says Keller. "It has been such a long time since we've had a really big feature film project with star power behind it like this one in the city. There are another twenty-five roles yet to be cast in the film, and I'm looking forward to being able to pull actors from the local talent pool."

Local casting on the project will begin October 1st. Cast and crew resumes can be sent to MPS Studios, 139 Regal Row,

Dallas, TX 75247. The production office phone number is 214.905.9908.

ABOUT THE FILMMAKER

Brad Keller was born in Redondo, California in 1965. He moved to North Texas in 1985 to attend film school at North Texas State University. While there he made two short films.

His film Professor at the time recommended that Brad be hired to work on the film Born On The Fourth Of July, for which he worked under director Oliver Stone. In 1990, Brad graduated from the University with a Bachelors degree in Radio & Television Film Arts. Shortly after his graduation, Brad was asked back to work on JFK.

In 1991, Brad wrote, produced, and directed a short film hoping to get into the American Film Institute for Directors. In 1992, Brad was accepted into the program. While there, he directed the film Next Three Exits. The film was produced by Phillip Thomas, currently one of Goldie Hawn's producers. The film actors have landed extended television roles: Christa Miller worked as a regular on the "Drew Carey Show," Rodney Rowland was regular on "Pensacola: Wings of Gold," and Pat Brown played as the secretary in "Coach," and was a star in Sister Act.

In 1993, Brad went back to Texas to work as a Director on a

TGI Friday's commercial for a friend. After working on several commercials, such as "Shell," "Miller Genuine Draft," and "Six Flags," Brad decided to move back to Dallas. While steadily working on commercials and industrials, Brad wrote his first screenplay, "Shadowed Love." In 1995, Brad produced and directed his first feature film, Shadowed Love. The film was distributed by MC3 Entertainment.

Later that year, Brad wrote and directed the short film "Criminal." He worked with Michael Off, Director of Photography of It's In The Water and Children Of The Corn. In 1996, Brad met John

Steakley, author of Vampires and Armor, who had just finished writing his first screenplay and was looking for a producer and director. After viewing Brad's body of work, Mr. Steakley hired Brad to produce and to direct the feature film Scary Texas Movie. That same year, MC3 Entertainment gave Brad the financing to produce the feature film Six Dollars A Minute.

In 1997, Brad produced the comedy "Social Ladder," directed by Lenny Britton, who was the screenwriter of the feature film Precious Find. In 1998, Brad wrote, produced, and directed the feature comedy Loofa. It is now

being distributed by Salt City Home Video. In 1999, Brad wrote, produced, and directed the feature thriller Playing Dead which went on to sell over 80,000 copies worldwide. His latest project, Jacked, is currently in post production.

Brad has won two awards: One for Producing on the comedy film Thunderpussies, and the other for Directing Software Corporate video. Brad teaches as a professor of Film and Digital Processing at Dallas colleges on his spare time.



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Black Cinematheque Dallas and the Dallas NAACP to Host Film

Black Cinematheque Dallas will partner with the Dallas Branch of the NAACP to host a film program about voter fraud and the attack on democracy in America. Friday, October 17, 2003, 8:00 PM, at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 4605 S. Fitzhugh Street, Dallas, Texas. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. The public should call 214-426-1685 for information.

Film #1: Ocoee: Legacy of the Election Day Massacre by Bianca White & Sandra Kruse. 20 min. 2002 Urbanworld Film Festival - Winner, Best Short Documentary in the early twentieth century, Ocoee was home to one of Florida's most prosperous African American communities. In 1920, on election day, when Blacks tried to vote, they were harassed, bullied, beaten and murdered. One of Central Florida's most notorious incidents of racial violence, the Ocoee Massacre, began after Mose Norman, a Black farmer who migrated to Central Florida from South Carolina in a mule-drawn wagon, tried to vote in the 1920 election. Whites descended on Ocoee and found Norman at the home of a friend, Juby Perry. In the ensuing shootout, Norman escaped but Perry was lynched and strung up with a sign that read, "This is what we do to niggers that vote." Two dozen houses, two churches and a lodge were burned and, according to an NAACP observer, more than 60 Blacks killed.

Film #2: Unprecedented: The 2000 Presidential Election by Richard Ray Perez & Joan Sekler. 50 min. is a riveting documentary about the battle for the Presidency in Florida and the undermining of democracy in America. Filmmakers Richard Ray Perez and Joan Sekler examine modern America's most controversial political contest: the Election of George W. Bush. What emerges is a disturbing picture of an election marred by suspicious irregularities, electoral injustices, and sinister voter purges in a state governed by the winning candidate's brother, George W. Bush stole the presidency of the United States - and got away with it. Dallas historian Mr. Donald Peyton and representatives of the Dallas NAACP will lead the follow up discussion after the screening of the two films.

African-Americans first obtained the right to vote in 1870, via the 15th Amendment to the Constitution which stated that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on the basis of race, color or previous condition of servitude. In the decade after the Civil War, Blacks voted in far greater numbers in the South than Whites. But that quickly changed. With the withdrawal of federal troops and the collapse of Reconstruction, White Southerners, led by terrorist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, let loose a reign of terror to drive Blacks from the voting booth. In addition, many states instituted literacy tests, poll taxes, informal voting codes, grandfather clauses, vouchers of "good character" and disqualification for crimes of "moral turpitude" were utilized to disenfranchise Black voters. Tactics such as the all White primary and gerrymandering of election districts further reduce Black voting strength and almost eliminated the number of Black elected officials. By 1900, Blacks had virtually disappeared from Southern voting rolls.

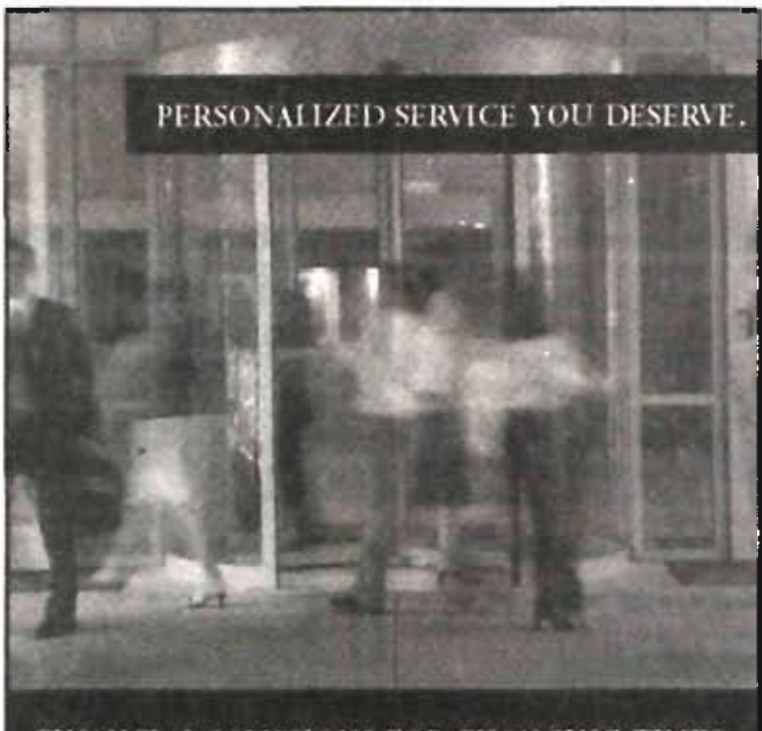
"Most African Americans passionately believed voters in Florida during the 2000 election. To believe otherwise would be to ignore the sordid history of the South's century-long effort to disenfranchise Black voters," states Marilyn Clark, Founder/Curator for Black Cinematheque. "We are pleased to join with the Dallas Branch of the NAACP in presenting these two important films and to discuss critical issues of empowering people of color." Columnist Junious Ricardo Stanton in his piece "Why We Should Be Better Informed About Current Events" writes "I have no vendetta against George W. Bush. My opposition to him is because he and his

Program on Voter Fraud in Florida

administration were put into office by fraud and widespread voter disenfranchisement in Florida. If you have a loved one in the military they may be sent to a far away land to die for Bush's oil and global hegemony agenda. What will you get out of it other than a flag draped casket? What if they return wounded or maimed? Are you aware Bush sponsored legislation to cut veteran benefits,

reduce hazardous duty pay and family separation allowances? Have you noticed the media rarely shows any funerals for the fallen soldiers and Bush never attends? What's up with that? Is the "war on terrorism" worth the billions of taxpayer dollars being spent on the innocent lives being lost? What about all the opium and heroin flowing into AMERIKKKA now that the Taliban has been

deposed in Afghanistan. How will these developments impact our communities? Robert Allen, editor of The Black Scholar, states "Of course, it was first and last, about race: the stolen election. And then Gore didn't want to touch it because Gore didn't want to break with White supremacists—even though that meant he'd lose the election? That's how much White supremacy means to him. Can you imagine? He'd rather lose the Presidency than stand with Black folks!"



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READING PUT TO GOOD USE

Over the years I have received things that helped me on my life's journey. This is another one that I believe you will like and perhaps put it to use.

Are Your Priorities Straight?

Author Unknown

One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and to drive home a point, used an illustration those student will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high-powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz" the expert pulled out a one-gallon mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. He also produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar could hold no more rocks, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class yelled, "Yes." The time management expert replied, "Really?"

He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the fist-

sized rocks. He then asked the students once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel.

Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim.

He looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!" "No, that's not the point," the expert replied. The truth that this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all.

What are the "big" rocks in your life—time with your loved ones, your faith, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, teaching or mentoring others?"

Remember to put the BIG

ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all." So, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the "big rocks" in my life? Then put those in your jar first.

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Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
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October 11, 9:00 am
Men's Prayer Breakfast
October 17-18
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October 19, 3:00 pm
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October 23, 7:30 pm
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October 26, 12:00 Noon
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October 26, 3:00 pm
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