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ADULT LITERACY WEEK EVENTS HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Each year, Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire designates a week in October as Adult Literacy Week to highlight the need for literacy services and their provider programs. This year, Adult Literacy Week was observed October 21-27. As part of the activities, Clark College sponsored and participated in a variety of events around the county. Students, volunteer tutors and staff addressed city council meetings in Battle Ground and Camas on October 15 and received proclamations from the mayors of those cities. Basic Skills Director Mark McLean made a presentation to First Aid Only in recognition of the English as a second language (ESL) classes it offers to employees.



On October 15, Patsy
Mitchell (standing) told the
Camas City Council: "I can't
tell you how wonderful it
is to have the gaps filled in
my education. The barriers
are being removed so I can
take notes without having
to correct them later, and
I can read words I couldn't
pronounce before."



When Wei Lee Hsu (standing) addressed the Camas City Council, it was the first time she'd ever spoken in public – either in the United States or in her native Taiwan. She's obviously blossomed under the guidance of her teachers and tutors. "I'm not afraid to speak to Americans anymore," she said. Wei Lee also let the council in on a secret about her tutor: "She has a lovely smile and loves sweets."



(from left) Adult literacy program student Marisol Monge, tutor Molly Patronick, tutor Marti Todd, Clark College Basic Skills Director Mark McLean, student Valiya Klimovitch, tutor and Battle Ground Adult Literacy Volunteer Coordinator Nettie Pullella-Barca gather to address the Battle Ground City Council and receive their proclamation.



Lynn Miller (right), human resource coordinator at First Aid Only, receives a Community Partnership Certificate from Clark College Basic Skills Director Mark McLean (left). Clark and First Aid Only have teamed to offer an ESL class to employees at their workplace to improve their ability to speak, listen, read and write English.

INVESTING FOR LIFE



Clark College
Foundation
scholarship
recipient Chris
Alex thanked the
Foundation and
Clark alumni,
donors, teachers
and staff members
for helping him
continue his
education.



Endowed scholarship donors and their beneficiaries had the opportunity to meet during the Foundation's scholarship reception on October 4. It was a chance to recognize the hard work of Clark students – and for them to thank those who have helped contribute to their education.

When you invest in a scholarship, you invest in a life.

That was the message from the Clark College Foundation to the men and women who have endowed scholarships at Clark College. They were honored – with Clark's 2007-2008 scholarship recipients – at a reception in the Gaiser Student Center on Oct. 4.

At dozens of tables, grateful students had the opportunity to thank the people whose scholarship support has enhanced their educational opportunities.

Auto dealer Alan Webb told the crowd he was proud to be a scholarship sponsor at Clark College. Webb is supporting six students in various vocational and academic disciplines with dream scholarships – covering tuition and books – and has made those scholarships renewable.

Student Chris Alex is now in his second year at Clark College. An electrical engineering major with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Alex had been the class salutatorian at Camas High School, graduating with a 3.99 grade point average (GPA) and numerous extra-curricular activities on his resume. He is an accomplished pianist who also plays the flute and recently learned to play the cymbals. Last summer, he went to Hawaii where he performed on the Battleship Missouri with the Clark College Symphony and Clark College Jazz Band. He has even played the piano with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's Symphonic Band.

Chris Alex said he chose to attend Clark College for several reasons. "For one, I hadn't yet narrowed down my major," he said. "Despite my strong background in music, I needed a place where I could continue in that but pursue a separate career as well. Clark College allowed me to take some extra time and determine what I would want to do with my life. A second reason I came to Clark was [that] I wasn't quite ready to leave home; there were still some things I wanted to accomplish before I headed out for good. But the third, and probably most important, reason I came to Clark was because of the scholarship money I received."

Chris Alex thanked "the Clark College Foundation, and the generosity of alumni, donors, as well as teachers and staff members" for allowing him to "continue my educational career without having to delve into the world of student loans for these two years....My family has a goal of staying out of debt as much as possible while my brothers and I are in college, and this goal would be unattainable without the help of scholarship money."

Vice President of Development Ara Serjoie noted, "Students are the lifeblood of every institution of higher learning. Through their zest for learning, and by holding the promise of our future in their hands, students inspire us on a daily basis and remain as the number one focus for all that we do at Clark College."

Statewide Worker Retraining conference held at Clark College

On Friday, October 12, Clark College hosted the annual statewide Worker Retraining meeting. This year's agenda included topics related to eligibility, marketing, recruiting and system-wide performance. Dean of Enrollment Services Alex Montoya discussed the financial aid process, recruitment, enrollment and marketing as it is practiced at Clark College.

Attendees were also involved in small group breakout sessions on working effectively with our public partners. Lisa Nisenfeld, executive director of the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, presented her views on "system alignment;" with her colleague, Brandi Stewart-Wood, she facilitated an exercise that was highly interactive and valuable in identifying what works, our challenges and how we can improve our services.

Carolyn Cummins, policy associate for Economic Development for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, presented the state board's report. Cummins provided an overview of current impacts on the program and identified potential changes that may be recommended for the next biannual funding request that will go to the Legislature for the 2009-2010 program year.

By all accounts, feedback from the meeting was positive. It provided an opportunity for Clark College to host and share

Clark College is one of only six Washington community and technical colleges that has met and exceeded its enrollment targets for worker retraining for the last two years.

the college's physical resources with representatives from 27 other colleges in the state.



Representatives from 27 colleges attended the annual statewide Worker Retraining conference, held at Clark College on October 12.





The Worker Retraining conference provided attendees the chance to learn more about the topics of eligibility, marketing and recruiting.

Gateways shows path to further education

On Friday, October 19, approximately 115 students visited Clark College as the Office of Student Recruitment held the first Gateways: Student of Color Open House. This new visitation program is intended for prospective students of color who are currently in grades nine through 12.



Students from Vancouver and Portland high schools attended the first Gateways: Student of Color Open House, held October 19 at Clark College.

Gateways provided students the chance to explore opportunities available to them after high school. Students who attended Gateways participated in a variety of activities to help them understand the options available to them at Clark College and in a college setting in general. Class visits, program information sessions, campus tours, admission and financial aid sessions – in English and Spanish, and opportunities to talk with Clark College faculty, staff and current students were offered.

Students represented Vancouver and Portland high schools, including Fort Vancouver, Hudson's Bay, Evergreen, Battle Ground, Skyview, the Washington School for the Deaf, Roosevelt (in Portland, OR) and Woodburn (in Woodburn, OR).

Comments from students who attended Gateways were positive:

- "I just want to say that I had a great day that helped me learn new things about the college and scholarships.
 I also thank all the people for preparing the program for us." — freshman from Fort Vancouver High School
- "I'm glad I decided to come. It was a great learning experience." — senior from Evergreen High School

- "This whole trip to Clark really inspired me to look more into Clark as a first choice." — senior from Legacy High School
- "[I learned] that education is going to be very important to my future success. That there are a lot of options and a lot of financial help available." — junior from Evergreen High School



During the Gateways recruitment event, students attended program information sessions, went on campus tours and visited with Clark College faculty, staff and students.

Dreaming on behalf of children and education



Early Childhood Education Department Chair Debi Jenkins was recently appointed to a two-year term as a member of the I Have a Dream Foundation-Oregon board of directors.

"Now I have the chance to impact the lives of children and youth from struggling communities to become successful college graduates. This is something that I always have been - and always will be - passionate about."

Debi Jenkins, chair of the Early Childhood Education Department at Clark College, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the I Have a Dream Foundation-Oregon (IHAD-Oregon).

The I Have a Dream Foundation is an educational enhancement program designed to increase the overall high school completion rate of students. The foundation's goal is that all "Dreamers" graduate from high school prepared for advanced study or rewarding employment.

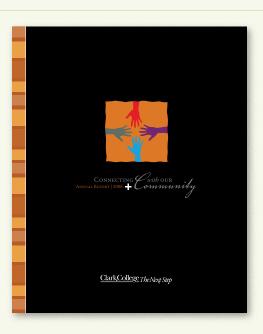
The foundation's board of directors ensures effective organizational planning, adequate resources, and effective management of resources at IHAD-Oregon. The board also monitors the organization's programs and services and has responsibility for fiscal accountability, budget, and policies.

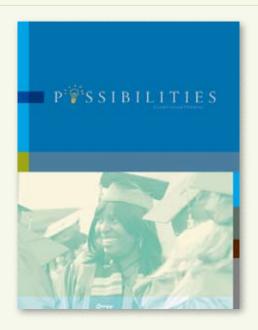
As a member of the board, Jenkins will serve as chair of the committee that monitors both qualitative and quantitative data collection for grants, publications and reports. The committee aligns annual goals with the organization's strategic plan, creates the annual report to the community and tracks project effectiveness. Jenkins' two-year term will end in July 2009.

Jenkins said, "I am extremely humbled to be chosen to serve this organization and its 'Dreamers' as a member of the board of directors. I firmly believe in education and come from a family who also believed in it. My mother had ten siblings. Six were college graduates at a time when the opportunities for a college education for people of color were quite rare. I want to provide that same opportunity for as many young people as possible. Now I have the chance to impact the lives of children and youth from struggling communities to become successful college graduates. This is something that I always have been - and always will be - passionate about."

GOOD AS GOLD: COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING EARNS TOP HONORS







For their work in publications and design, Clark College communications specialists have been honored by District VII of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR). In the district's 2007 competition, Clark College won two gold medallions and one bronze medallion, which were presented during the annual conference in Seattle on Oct. 18.

The Clark College Communications and Marketing Department received a gold medallion award for "Connecting with Our Community," the college's 2006 annual report. The report, which was a joint project of Clark College and the Clark College Foundation, reflected work done by Graphic Designer Wei Zhuang, Photographer Ian Beckett and Executive Director of Communications & Marketing Barbara Kerr. Clark College Foundation contributors to the annual report included President Lisa Gibert, Vice President of Development Ara Serjoie, Chief Financial Officer Barbara Chen and Special Projects Manager Shirley Schwartz.

A second gold medallion was received for the new college logo, which was created by graphic designer Pat McDonald.

"Possibilities," the college's new adult student viewbook created by representatives of the Communications & Marketing Department and Student Affairs, received a bronze medallion. It reflected the work of Zhuang, Beckett and communications specialist Erica Schwenneker, as well as Associate Directors of Student Recruitment Dan Overbay and Jennifer Reeves, who also contributed to the adult student viewbook.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight said, "All of these projects were created to celebrate our students, faculty and staff and our college as whole, as well as our role in the community. This is a terrific accomplishment – for our Communications and Marketing department and for Clark College."

Executive Director of Communications and Marketing Barbara Kerr noted, "There were 168 entries this year in the regional NCMPR competition. It's always wonderful when your work is acknowledged by your peers – especially in what the organizers called the most competitive field in regional NCMPR history." Kerr added, "In the past four years, members of the Clark College Communications and Marketing department have won 23 regional and national awards for their work. That's a tribute to their talent and hard work and to the college for supporting us."

Alpha Sigma Phi's Thanksgiving Dinner Project now underway

give Thanksgiving dinner

Alpha Sigma Phi, the Clark College chapter of the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa, is hard at work on the annual Thanksgiving Dinner Project. The chapter's goal for this year is to provide complete meals for 200 Clark College students and their families who would not otherwise be able to prepare a holiday meal.

Members of the college community are invited and encouraged to participate in this year's project. There are two ways to participate:

- Assist in identifying students in need to receive a Thanksgiving meal. Announce the opportunity to any students with whom you work. Students may be nominated or may nominate themselves by providing their name, telephone number and student identification number to Deena Bisig by Friday, November 9 at 5 p.m.
- Donate toward the cost of meals. The meals are valued at approximately \$35. Donations in any amount toward the partial or full amount may be made individually or by groups or departments. Send all donations to Deena Bisig in SHL 203 or FHL 222 by Friday, November 16 at 5 p.m.

Students will receive a complete Thanksgiving meal – including turkey or ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, dinner rolls and pie.

In 2006, Alpha Sigma Phi provided meals to 145 Clark College students. Help Alpha Sigma Phi reach this year's goal of 200 and share a Thanksgiving meal with a member of the Penguin Nation!

Join Alpha Sigma Phi for the second annual Cocoa & Cookies for Clark on Monday, November 19, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in PUB 257.

Clark College hosts Southwest Washington premiere of "The Underpants"



Steve Martin's adaptation of the 1910 social comedy "The Underpants" makes its Southwest Washington debut in the current Clark College Theater Department production.

The Clark College Theatre Department is currently presenting "The Underpants," Steve Martin's adaptation of the 1910 social comedy by German playwright Carl Sternheim, in the Southwest Washington premiere of the play.

Production staff for "The Underpants" are Dan Anderson, producer/director; Mark Owsley, scene and light design; Patricia Rohrbach, costume design.

Performances will be held on November 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and November 10 at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in Decker Theater on the Clark College main campus.

Young hoopsters get support from Clark College employees



The 2007 Hoops on the River basketball camp was held August 17-19 along the Columbia River.

(from left) Cody Asper, Austin Flessas, Amaya Pressley and Caysen Pressley were sponsored by Clark College employees to participate in the 2007 Hoops on the River basketball camp. Children enrolled in Clark College's Child and Family Studies program were sponsored by college staff members for the 2007 Hoops on the River basketball camp. Held August 17-19 on outdoor courts along the Columbia River, participants were treated to a one-day training camp in preparation for their games in the three-on-three competition.

Proceeds from the event supported Share Vancouver, a local organization designed to assist the hungry and homeless to self-sufficiency.



Upcoming Events at Clark College

Several years ago, when *Clark 24/7* was created, survey feedback indicated that members of the college community didn't want to receive multiple messages regarding events. In other words, they didn't want to hear about the same event through the college newsletter, e-mails to the college master list and other sources. However, we've recently been hearing from members of the Penguin Nation that they're finding it hard to keep up with all of the events at our vibrant college. With that in mind, we're introducing a list of event highlights to *Clark 24/7*, sharing what's new – and what's next – at Clark College.

Mental Health Mondays: The Impact of War (video and workshop)

Monday, November 5, 2007 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Penguin Student Lounge, PUB 161

ASCC Auditions - Viva Las Vegas

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 Penguin Student Lounge PUB 161

Evening Smart Classroom Training

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. JSH 120

Lecture and book signing by former State Senator Al Bauer

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Penguin Student Lounge PUB 161

Election Night 2007

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 8:30 p.m. Gaiser Hall Student Center

Admissions 101

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Learning Styles Workshop

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. "T" Buliding room 162

2007-2008 Distinguished Lecturer David Gergen --Student Forum

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Penguin Union Building -- rooms 258 B&C

2007-2008 Distinguished Lecturer David Gergen

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Gaiser Hall Student Center

Women's Volleyball vs. Green River

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 7:00 p.m. O'Connell Court

Stress Management Workshop

Thursday, November 8, 2007 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. "T" Building room 301

Forecast deadline for Winter Quarter

Thursday, November 8, 2007 4:30 p.m. Running Start Office, "T" Building

Clark College Theatre Department presents "The Underpants" by Steve Martin

Evening performances: November 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee: November 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Decker Theater

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Upcoming Events at Clark College

NWAACC Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships

Saturday, November 10, 2007 Lewisville State Park, Battle Ground

Career Exploration Resources Workshop

Monday, November 12, 2007 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. "T" Building, Career Center

Smart Classroom Orientation

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Teaching and Learning Center, Cannell Library, room 212

ASCC Side Splitting Comedy Event

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Gaiser Student Center

Student of Color Luncheon

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Penguin Student Lounge PUB 161

eLearning Workshop

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cannell Library, Cannell Room

Phi Theta Kappa Scholar Dollars

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. PUB 258C

NWAACC Women's Volleyball Championships

Wednesday, November 14 – Saturday, November 17 Gresham, OR

eLearning Workshop

Thursday, November 15, 2007 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cannell Library, Cannell Room

ASCC Viva Las Vegas Event

Thursday, November 15, 2007 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Gaiser Student Center

Jazz Ensemble Concert

Friday, November 16, 2007 7:30 p.m. Gaiser Hall

NWAACC Men's & Women's Soccer Championships

Saturday, November 17 – Sunday, November 18 Starfire Field, Tukwila, WA

Running Start Registration

Monday, November 19, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Gaiser Hall Student Center

Admissions 101

Monday, November 19, 2007 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. PUB Lounge

SAVE THE DATE:

Holiday Reception and Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Gaiser Hall Student Center

FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

Now is open enrollment period for medical and dental coverage

The open enrollment period for state employees' medical and dental coverage is October 29 through November 30. Open enrollment is an opportunity to make changes in plans and to reinstate previously waived coverage for yourself or your dependent(s) and add eligible dependents. Changes are effective January 1, 2008. Additional information is available on the HCA Web site: www.pebb.hca.wa.gov

Important changes in benefits for 2008:

Medical plans no longer available as of 1-1-08:

- Regence BlueShield Classic
- Community Health Plan Classic

Subscribers must choose another plan. If you do not make a plan change, you will be assigned to Uniform Medical Plan.

New medical plan available:

Aetna Public Employees Plan of Washington

Uniform Medical will have a new mail order pharmacy:

ODS will be Uniform's new mail order pharmacy

Dental plan change:

Regence BlueShield Columbia Dental Plan will no longer be contracted. The new contract will be directly with Willamette Dental, and the same provider network currently offered through Regence Dental will continue to be available through Willamette Dental.

New 2008 monthly premiums for medical:

Kaiser Classic	2007	2008
Employee	70	101
Employee & Spouse	149	212
Employee & Child(ren)	122	177
Empl & Sp & Child(ren)	202	288

Kaiser Value	2007	2008
Employee	31	59
Employee & Spouse	72	128
Employee & Child(ren)	54	103
Emp & Sp & Child(ren)	95	172
Aetna Public Employee Plan	2007	2008
Employee		104
Employee & Spouse		218
Employee & Child(ren)		182
Empl & Sp & Child(ren)		296
Uniform	2007	2008
Employee	24	28
Employee & Spouse	57	66
Employee & Child(ren)	41	49
Empl & Sp & Child(ren)	75	87

If you have any questions, call Pagean Pallamounter, 360-992-2119.

2007-2008 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

When making holiday plans, be sure to remember the seven holidays coming up during the 2007-2008 academic year:

Veterans Day

November 12, 2007 Monday

Thanksgiving

November 22 & 23, 2007 Thursday & Friday

Christmas

December 25, 2007 Tuesday

New Year's Day

January 1, 2008 Tuesday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 21, 2008 Monday

President's Day

February 18, 2008 Monday

Memorial Day

May 26, 2008 Monday

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FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT

Employees on alternate schedules must return to a regular schedule during holiday weeks.

If classified and administrators earned a personal holiday during 2007, you need to remember to use it by December 31, 2007 or you will lose it! Employees are asked to give supervisors 14 days notice of the date on which they would like to use their personal holiday.

Questions regarding the holiday schedule or personal holiday accrual may be directed to Pagean Pallamounter, 992-2119.

WELCOME NEW CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Laryn Dole was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as program coordinator in Workfirst, Student Affairs effective September 27, 2007. Laryn has an AA in graphic technology from Clark College and a BA in human development from Washington State University. She has previous work experience with Clark College and Columbia River Mental Health Services.

Edward Madore was appointed to the part-time, 80 percent, nine-month classified position as classroom support technician 2 in the Data Networking and Computer Networking Departments effective September 24, 2007. Edward is completing an AAS in DNET at Clark College and has previous work experience with New Edge Networks, Clark College and Tractivity Inc.

Cheryl Mancini was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as library and archives paraprofessional 2 in Cannell Library effective October 1, 2007. Cheryl has an AA from Clark College and a BS in biology from Washington State University. She has previous work experience with Clark College, Michael's Arts and Crafts, and Washington State University.

Janella Radetich was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as program assistant in Registration effective September 27, 2007. Janella has previous work experience with Associated Administrators Inc., Omnivite Nutrition, Eclectic Institute, Inc., PDA Communications and Intel Corporation.

James Robertson was appointed to the part-time, 75 percent, permanent classified position as early childhood specialist 3 in Child and Family Studies effective September 12, 2007. James has an AA in early childhood education from Clark College, a BA in sociology from the University of Montana, and an MS in education from Capella University. He has previous work experience with Educational Opportunities for Children and Families, Tapestry Conference, Innovative Services Northwest and Clark College.

Michael Wright was appointed to the full-time permanent classified position as program coordinator in Career and Employment Services effective October 1, 2007. Michael has a BA in liberal arts from The Evergreen State College and previous work experience with Lower Columbia College, Accelerated Learning Centers, The Evergreen State College and WorkSource.



OPEN POSITIONS

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN INSTRUCTOR: a full-time, tenure-track faculty position. Closing date: November 28, 2007.

CURRICULUM ADVISOR: a full-time classified position in Advising and Counseling. Closing date: November 13, 2007.

WPEA MEETING SCHEDULE

The Clark College unit of the WPEA/UFCW will hold monthly meetings, open to all represented staff, on Wednesdays as follows:

November 21, 2007

Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

December 19, 2007

6:00 – 7:00 a.m. BHL 109 Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

January 16, 2008

Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

February 20, 2008

Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

March 19, 2008

6:00 – 7:00 a.m. BHL 109 Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

April 16, 2008

Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

May 21, 2008

Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

June 18, 2008

6:00 – 7:00 a.m. BHL 109 Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

July 16, 2008

Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

August 20, 2008

Noon – 1:00 p.m. BHL 109

PENGUINS MIGRATE NORTH TO OLYMPIA



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It appears that the Penguin Nation now officially includes Olympia. Gov. Chris Gregoire dressed as a singing penguin when she greeted children at the Governor's Mansion for trick-or-treating on Oct. 31.

Gregoire dressed up as Mumble, the "world's worst singing penguin," and her husband, Mike, was costumed as Loveless the Guru, another penguin. Both are characters in the movie "Happy Feet." In addition, the first 500 guests each received a penguin book.

Who knows? Perhaps next year the governor will consider dressing up as Oswald.

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