Girls Open District Play Hosting Bellville Tues.

Win Consolation In Katy Tourney; Play In Victoria Tour. Thurs.

The Rice High School Raider girls will open their defense of the District 20AA championship next Tuesday night when they host Bellville for their initial league game of the 1979-80 season.

The Raiders, coached by Reuben Wunderlich, are currently 6-1 on the season and will be coming off a win over Yoakum on Monday night and a consolation victory in the Katy Tournament last weekend.

The Raiders will have a scattered district schedule through December with only two league games scheduled, one this coming Tuesday and one a week from then against Waller on Dec. 18. The regular district schedule will get underway beginning on Friday, Jan. 4th with games scheduled each Tuesday and Friday nights, all beginning with the freshmen at 5:00 followed by the JV and varsity contests.

In Victoria Tourney Thurs.

Before opening their district play next Tuesday, the Raiders will participate in the Victoria H.S. 16-team girls tournament to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Raiders will meet the tournament hosts in the first round at 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Win or lose the Raiders will be back in action on Friday night against either Harlingen or Corpus Christi Carroll.

Win Consolation At Katy

Last weekend the girls won consolation in the Katy High School Girl's Tournament held Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

On Thursday the Raiders lost their opening game to Dulles suffering a very low scoring 25 to 21 loss.

Yolanda McTear led Raider scorers in the defeat, with seven points.

On Friday the Raiders met district rival Magnolia and scored a 46 to 29 win to advance to the consolation finals. McTear again was high scorer with 14 with Patricia Banks adding 10.

In the consolation finals it was McTear leading the way again with 10 points to help Rice to a 33 to 21 win and possession of a beautiful consolation trophy for their win over Lkein Forest.

Win Three In Yoakum

On Monday night the Raider girls swept three games in Yoakum.

Mabel Bluntson scored 16 points to lead the Raider freshmen to a slim 33 to 31 win in the first contest Monday night.

The Raider JV had an easier time with a 41 to 25 win. Gloria Amos had 17 and Angie McGrew 10 to lead Raider scorers in that contest.

The varsity upped its record to 6-1 for the season and made it a clean sweep for Rice with their 70 to 55 win.

Yolanda McTear scored 18, Patricia Banks 17, Sharon McTear 15 and Phyllis Carter had 10 to round out a well balanced attack in the Raider victory.

Garwood Raiders Win Two From Sheridan Raiders

The Garwood boys' and girls' teams both scored slim victories over Rice School District rival Sheridan last Thursday evening at the Sheridan School Gym.

Garwood won the girl's game 27 to 19 while the boys won their game 41 to 31.

The Garwood girls took a strong 12 to 0 lead over the Sheridan Raiders after one period of play, but foul trouble hurt Garwood and Sheridan was able to close the gap to 14 to 9 at half. The margin remained about the same after the third period with Garwood on top 22 to 16 and they held on to that lead to take the 27 to 19 win.

Sheila Dabney was the top Garwood scorer with 12 with Charlotte King leading Sheridan with nine.

In the boys' contest it was several costly mistakes by Sheridan and the aggressive play of Garwood that broke open a tight ball game in the third quarter leading to Garwood's 41 to 31 victory.

The two Raider teams played pretty even ball through two periods with Garwood on top 8 to 4 after the first period and ahead 19 to 16 at half. Sheridan did manage to take the lead at one point in the second quarter.

The third quarter turned out to be the turning point for Coach Mike Michalka's Garwood Raiders as they pumped in a quick 10 points in about a 30 second span to open up an 18 point lead.

Mel Pratt led Garwood scoring with 14 points with Douglass Baumgarten adding 11 and Michael Hemphill eight. Sheridan's Mark Munoz led all scorers with 15 points while James Williamson added eight in the losing effort.

Shiner Tourney Thursday

Both the Sheridan Raiders and the Garwood Raiders will be playing in the Shiner Tournament this weekend.

The Sheridan girls will play the Shiner eighth grade at 3:30 Thursday and the Raider boys will play the Shiner 8th grade at 4:30.

The Garwood girls will play Schulenburg seventh grade at 9:00 a.m. on Friday and the boys will also play the Schulenburg seventh grade at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

★★ Sports ★★

Waller, Edna Advance; Hallettsville Loses 10-0

Hallettsville, favored by many to win all the marbles in the State Class AA Championships, had their title hopes washed away last Friday night as they lost to Port Isabel 10 to 0. Waller, the District 20AA champ, also favored by many, kept its hopes alive with a 33 to 24 win over Port Arthur Austin.

Edna will also advance following their easy 47 to 15 win over Medina Valley last Friday.

Only eight teams remain in the Class AA race and matchups this week have Waller playing McGregor Friday at Memorial Stadium in Austin at 8 p.m. Edna will meet Port Isabel at Buccaneer Stadium in Corpus Christi at 8 p.m.

In Class AAA competition Bay City will meet Beaumont Hebert in a semifinal matchup in Pasadena Saturday at 6 p.m.

ELMS Boys Split With East B. Twice

The Eagle Lake Middle School Raider seventh and eighth graders split games on Thursday of last week and again on Monday night of this week. The eighth grade Raiders were winners over East Bernard each time while the seventh graders came up on the short end of the score.

In Iago Monday

The next action for both teams will be next Monday when they travel to Iago for two games beginning with the seventh graders at 5:30 followed by the eighth grade game at about 6:30.

Playing in East Bernard last Thursday, Coach Dale Norris' eighth graders scored an easy 52 to 31 victory over the Brahmas. Tony Long and Michael Davis were both listed as defensive standouts in that contest by the coach. Davis had nine rebounds in the game with Terry Cunningham getting six and Delbert Jarvis and Coby Shorter five each. Stanley Powell had six assists for the Raiders. Leading scorers were Powell with 11, Long with eight and Clarence Spears also with eight.

Despite the easy win the Raiders had a poor night shooting, hitting only 19 of 48 shots and connecting on only 14 of 31 free throws.

The seventh grade Raiders dropped their second in as many games in East Bernard last Thursday losing 47 to 27 to the Brahmas.

The Raiders, coached by Ric Weaver, fell behind early trailing 16 to 4 after the initial period and 22 to 13 at half. East Bernard pulled ahead 39 to 18 after three periods and wound up with the 47 to 27 win.

Despite the loss the Raiders had a couple of good performances, according to Weaver. Heading that list were Rodney Witte with 12 rebounds and seven assists and Malcolm Thomas with seven rebounds and three steals.

Split Again Monday Nite

On Monday night of this week the East Bernard boys visited the ELMS Raiders and the results were the same with the seventh grade losing and the eighth graders winning.

The seventh grade Raiders were defeated 33 to 29 in a close contest that had the Raiders on top 17 to 16 at half. But a cool shooting third quarter put them down by a score of 28 to 23.

In the final period the Raiders used their aggressive press to make a come-back but only got within four before the final buzzer.

Malcolm Thomas had 10 rebounds in the game for the Raiders and scored 15 points. George Castillo had 11 rebounds and seven points and Rodney Witte had 11 rebounds and nine points.

8th Grade Wins Again

The ELMS eighth graders picked up their third win of the season with a 53 to 36 win over the Brahmas. They opened up a 10 point lead at the half and were able to get most of the subs in the game in the second half and still take the 17 point victory.

Rodney Parker led the Raiders with 14 points and 15 rebounds, Michael Davis had 10 rebounds and scored six. Parker connected on 70 percent of his shots in that game.

The eighth grade is now 3-0 on the season while the seventh graders fell to 0-3.

Freshmen Boys Open Play Thurs.

Meet Caldwell In Brenham Tourney At 7:30 Thursday

The Rice High School Raider freshmen will open their 1979-80 season this Thursday participating in the Brenham Freshman Tournament which will last from Thursday until Saturday.

The Raiders' first round opponent will be Caldwell and game time is 7:30 Thursday night.

A win by Rice would move them to second round action at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and a loss would have them playing at 12:00 Saturday. The Raiders will play either Bryan or Navasota in that second round action.

The Raiders will be coached this season by Charlie Taylor. The first year coach is expecting a good season from his team but is not sure of its potential at this early stage of the season.

The Raiders are comprised of three successful eighth grade teams from Eagle Lake-Garwood and Sheridan and continued success is expected as well as good depth on the bench. Taylor now has 19 players working out but that number is expected to be cut before the opener on Thursday.

Listed as standouts in the early season practices were guards and forwards James Powell, Ed Thomas, Rodney Sanford and Rob Johnson. Top players listed for the inside positions are Darron Lanyon, Roger Meinecke and John Williamson.

In Bay City Tues.

The next action for the Raiders will be next Tuesday night when they travel to Bay City to play one of three games scheduled for that night against the Black Cats.

The freshmen and JV teams will play both their games at 6:00 p.m. in two different gyms while the varsity will play its game at about 7:30 in the main gym.

Raider Boys Play In Alief Tourney Thurs.

Win One, Lose One In Victoria Tour.; Beat Tomball Tues.

The Rice Raider boys will be back in tournament action this weekend playing in the Alief tournament hosted by Alief Elsik and Hastings High Schools on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Again the Raiders will be facing a number of Class AAAA teams. The Raiders are the only non-AAAA team entered in the competition and despite that they are expected to do well.

This Thursday the Raiders will open play in Alief facing Booker T. Washington High School of Houston at 3:40 p.m. Win or lose, the Raiders will play at 11:30 against either Aldine or Dulles.

Besides the hosts and those teams mentioned, other teams participating are: Sharpstown, Baytown Lee, Houston Reagan, Lamar Cons., Cypress Creek, Eisenhower, Westbury and Conroe McCullough.

In Bay City Tues.

Next Tuesday the Raiders will be in Bay City to play three games with the freshmen and JV both playing games at 6:00 against Bay City and the varsity playing at 7:30.

Last weekend Rice failed to place in the Victoria tournament which was also comprised of AAAA schools. Rice won second place in that tournament last year.

In the first round of action the Raiders knocked off Austin Reagan 56 to 51. Darryl Axel had 16 points in that game to lead Raider scorers with Dennis Bluntson adding 10 and Larry Haynes nine points and 10 rebounds.

The Raiders were eliminated in the second round as they faced Humble and lost 68 to 57. Despite a definite height advantage, Humble was unable to put the game away. Rice trailed 45 to 30 at half but cut that lead in half in the third period before the foul situation put 6-6 sophomore center Larry Haynes on the bench.

Although on the bench for most of the second half, Haynes led the Raiders in scoring and rebounds with 12 points and seven carroms. Dennis Bluntson ended the game with 11, Darrel Appelt had 10 and David Grammer eight.

Whip Tomball Tues.

On Tuesday night of this week the Raiders took two victories over Tomball in junior varsity and varsity action at Rice High School.

The Rice JV, led by Mike Johnson with 27 points, scored a 61 to 40 victory in the first contest. Ronald Dawson added 16 and Ronnie Fry had eight.

The Raider varsity struggled through the first quarter of their contest but finally pulled away from Tomball building up a 20 point lead in the second half and ending up with a 65 to 55 win.

Haynes was the big gun for Rice with 21 points. D. Bluntson added 17 and Axel had nine.

ELMS Girls Host Weimar Thurs., 5:00

The Eagle Lake Middle School Raider girls' teams both remained undefeated with a pair of wins in East Bernard last Monday night.

The seventh graders won the opener crushing East Bernard 44 to 5 with the Raider eighth grade winning 48 to 26.

Janet Scott was the leading scorer for the seventh graders with 14 points and was also listed as a defensive standout, according to Coach Vivian Rollins. Elaine Riggins and Janet Anderson were also listed as defensive standouts in that game.

In the eighth grade contest the Raiders trailed 8 to 6 after one period of play and were tied 15 to 15 at half. But the Raiders, led by Rosharon Foster with 13 and Pam Banks with 10, managed to pull away from East Bernard in the third period by a score of 29 to 20 and went on to win 48 to 26.

"They gave us a pretty good scare in that first half," said Coach Rollins, "We were having trouble getting our shots to fall and most of the calls weren't going our way."

The Raiders got their act together in the final half of the game, however, and outscored East Bernard 33 to 16 to take the 48 to 26 win.

Foster, along with Roxanne Ripper and Sheryl Hemphill were listed by Coach Rollins for their good defensive performances in the game.

Host Weimar Thurs. 5:00

This Thursday the Raider girls will host Weimar for two games beginning with the seventh graders at 5:00 and followed by the eighth grade game at about 6:00 at the ELMS Gymnasium.

Winners Named In Pool Tourney

Sarah's Lounge at 400 Beaks Street held a pool tournament last Sunday and the winners in the competition were:

First, Alvin Sosa; second, Gabriel Corona; third, Richard Lujan; and fourth, Julian Castillo.

BOWLING

Moonlighter's League

Father Tom's Alligators and Blood and Guts teams were tied for the Moonlighter's League lead, each with 29 wins, at the end of play at the Sealy Bowling Palace, on Thursday of last week. The Knights of Columbus and A. J. Smith Furniture are tied for third with 26 each and tied for fifth are Sand Baggers and Webb's Electronics. Jack's Restaurant is in seventh spot with 21 wins.

High individual scores are held by Mike Bienek with a 275-729 and the Sand Baggers are high team scorers with a 959-2703.

Last week, Ralph Gertson received a Century Club patch from ABC for bowling 100 pins over his average.

Commuters League

Four teams are bunched up in a tie for the lead in the Commuters League at the end of play last Thursday at Skull Creek Lanes. Each with 28 wins are the Mohata, Schiltz-Best, Sheridan Drilling and Grim Reapers. TNT holds down fifth spot with 26 wins, Abigails, Marek's and the Fireballs have 24 each.

In the action last week, Sheridan Drilling had top team series with 2226 and Marek's sod Big Poppers had high game of 785. Mabel Bolard set the pace for individual scoring with a 224-567. Lesztics Heimold posted a 199-584, Mary Obenhaus 177-508, Suzanne Pelkert 170-501, and Phyllis Thomas 203-509.

Monday Nite Mixed

The Pearl Lites bumped the 2 Nuts and 2 Squirrels out of first place in the Monday Nite Mixed League at the end of bowling Nov. 26th. Pearl Lites now have 33½ wins, followed by the Nuts and Squirrels with 32, S-Ques and Henskes have 31 each, Longhorns 27 and Broesches 24½.

S-Ques had the top team series with a 2442 and Henskes rolled high game of 884. Ralph Gertson posted the top scores for the men with a 237-548 and Alta Barten led the women with a 196-514. Fred Pelts rolled a 509 and Gayle Gertson a 501.

Initial League

Mano Graham's 222-605 set the pace for the individual scoring in the Initial League last Thursday night at the Skull Creek Lanes. J.B.'s Trojans had high series with a 3086 and tied with the Wood-Butchers for high game of 1089. Other high scorers were Ben Castillo 572, Billy David 570, Erwin Knippel 564, Freddy Pelts 562, Floyd Spenrath 211-560, Ronald Root 532, Bill Appelt 513, Les LeBouef 512, Mike Mangum 509, and Mike Grigar 200-506.

Weimar Lites lead the league with 223½ points, followed by J.B.'s Trojans with 209½, 44 Magnums 196½, Eagle Lake Imps 191½, Marvin's 190½ and Miller Ford 181½.

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Plucky, Versatile Goose, Rivals Dog As Man's Best Friend

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Although most people regard the dog as man's best friend, the lowly goose should also be considered as a contender for that title, according to a new book for bird lovers published by the National Wildlife Federation. This noisy but versatile bird once saved an ancient civilization, helped settle America, and is a shrewd, courageous, valuable addition to any barnyard, the book says.

The goose's story is told in The Gift of Birds", a 176-page anthology of bird legends, poetry, facts, color photographs, and paintings.

As one of our oldest domesticated birds, the goose has a place in ancient Roman history. Legend has it that in the 2nd century, A.D., the Gauls swept through Italy, driving back the Roman armies until only a single garrison was left to guard Capitoline Hill in Rome.

Late one night, the Gauls, planning a surprise attack, noiselessly climbed the steep cliff leading to the Capitoline. At the summit, they fed the starving watchdogs to keep them quiet, then crept toward the sleeping Roman garrison, unaware that a gaggle of wide-awake graying geese were also guarding the Hill. Suddenly, the night filled with shrill calls and honkings, alerting the Romans who sprang to action and routed the Gauls from Rome.

American civilization owes much to this domestic bird, too, according to "The Gift of Birds". Many a Conestoga wagon moving west had on board at least two of the birds, which provided feathers for beds and comforters, and fat for butter, lard, and a soothing ointment for the aching bones of pioneers. One goose egg could feed two people and the delicious, dark meat was nutritious. The loud honkers also warned of the approach of Indians, wolves, and coyotes.

Geese are still used as watchdogs. In Dumbarton, Scotland, 70 or so white geese guard about 30 million gallons of whiskey, valued at over $900 million. Any intruder would be greeted with a fanfare of hissing and honking. This web-footed security force has been found to be more effective than dogs, people, or mechanical devices. They work for free, don't drink the scotch, and even lay eggs.

Good Farm Workers

Geese are good farm workers, too, reports "The Gift of Birds". About a million of them were fattened on cotton, potatoes, corn, asparagus, strawberries, and other crops grown across the U. S. A pair of geese can clear an entire acre, eating only grass and weeds. A dozen or so do the work of one skilled person with a hoe, and are much more economical.

Although there are 40 different kinds of geese, the most common are the wild Canada goose and six domestic breeds which developed from the wild grayleg. Many naturalists believe that the goose has not fewer of its original characteristics is more than 4,000 years of domestication than any other bird or mammal.

The goose is a hardy animal, with powerful senses of hearing and sight, and often lives to the age of 40 or so. And while chickens stop laying eggs at about age three, the goose is still going strong at age ten or more. It is also a plucky bird, attacking with its sharp bill any creature that threatens its goslings.

Silly As A Goose?

Silly as a goose?. Whoever coined that phrase obviously never spent any time with geese, according to "The Gift of Birds," which notes that the animal is a "loyal helper and friend." For example, the book cites the case of one gander which led his aged, blind mistress to church every Sunday, "taking the hem of her dress to direct her." He clipped the grass in the nearby cemetery during services, then guided her home again.

Copies of "The Gift of Birds," suggested by NWF as a Christmas gift for nature lovers, are available for $10.95 each, plus 95 cents in handling charges, from the National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. After January 1, 1980, the price will be $12.95.

Duck and Dark Goose Seasons Re-Open Sat.

Continue Open Through Jan. 20

The second portion of the 1979-80 duck and dark goose hunting season will open this Saturday, Dec. 8th and club operators and hunters look for more excellent shooting during the period the season remains open through Jan. 20th, 1980. The first portion of the season was reported locally as "one of the best ever."

Snow geese have remained in season since October 29th and kills of the snow and blue geese have been good however many hunters have been "laying back" waiting for the ducks and dark geese to come back into season.

There are still an abundance of ducks and geese in the area.

The season on ducks and dark geese closed Nov. 26th and will remain closed through Friday, reopening this Saturday and all geese and most ducks remain in season through Jan. 20th.

Bag limit on the geese is five per day with no more than one Canadian or White-Fronted goose and the possession limit is also five, but the possession limit after the first day of hunting may include two dark geese.

The bag limit on ducks is based on 100 points per day with a possession limit of the equivalent of two days' legal kill.

The count on ducks is as follows:

100 Points - Canvasback ducks;

70 Points - Hooded mergansers, mallard hens, mottled ducks, redheads and wood ducks;

10 points - Gadwalls, mergansers (except for hooded variety), pintails, scaups, shovelers, all species of teal (blue-winged, cinnamon and green-winged) and widgeon;

20 points - All other species and sexes not listed above (included the greenheaded drake mallard).

The harvest of one duck was removed from the protected list and is now a 20 point duck.

Illegal ducks - include the black-bellied whistling duck and the masked duck.

Other Seasons

The mourning dove season in the South Zone of Texas, including this area, ended at sunset Sunday, Nov. 4th and will remain closed until Jan. 5th when it will reopen through Jan. 20th.

Quail became legal targets on Nov. 17th with a daily bag limit in this county of 16 per day with a possession limit of 48.

The season on King and Clapper Rail opened on Friday, Nov. 9th with a bag limit of 15 and possession limit of 30. Shooting hours for rail and gallinule are from half-hour before sunrise to sunset.

Deer season in regulatory counties, including Colorado County, opened Nov. 17th and ends on January 1st with a limit of two deer, however only one of the deer may be a buck, and a spike is considered a legal buck deer. The other deer may be an antlerless deer but may be killed only if a permit has been obtained from the landowner which had previously been issued to the landowner by the Parks and Wildlife Department in four designated areas of the county only.

Squirrel remain in season all year round in Colorado County with a daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20.

Snipe Season Open

The season on Jacksnipe, also known as common snipe or Wilson snipe, opened on Nov. 3rd and will remain open through Feb. 17th, 1980.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Woodcock also came into season Nov. 17th through Jan. 20th with shooting one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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BOWLING

Skull Creek Mixed

In Skull Creek Mixed League bowling action on Nov. 20th, the Rice Birds rolled high team series with a 2347 and Woolly Boogers had high game of 838. Ben Castillo led the men's scoring with a 211-584 and Shirley Rothbauer set the pace for the women with a 199-523. Other high scorers were: Lonnie Sommerlatte 203, Polly Sena 206, Larry Rothbauer 221, Mano Graham 516, Erwin Knippel 535, and Darrell Gertson 208.

On Nov. 27th, What Can I Say had high team series with 2426 and Night Stalkers had high game of 802. Floyd Spenrath rolled high series for the men with a 207-594-601 and Erwin Knippel had high game of 234-598. Darlene Hoskins had a 526 series and LaVerne Graham a 212-601 to lead women's scoring. Larry Rothbauer rolled a 518, Ruth Stein 202-506, Ben Castillo 204-202-593, Leroy Janda 504, "Chic" Stein 201-503, Billy David 509 and Rick Holden 509.

Catfish Farmers continue to lead the league with 35 wins, with Skull Creek Lanes a close second with 33½, Night Stalkers are third with 33, followed by Gooters 29, Rice Birds 27½, and Woolly Boogers and What Can I Say have 27 each.

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East Bernard Gridder Freshman Of Year At SWT

Norris Powell

Norris Powell of Southwest Texas State and a product of East Bernard High School has been named the Freshman of the Year in the Lone Star Conference.

Powell, a 5'9", 189 pound linebacker, was selected by the LSC coaches.

After earning a starting job halfway through the season, Powell had 32 tackles and 24 assists, a fumble recovery and broke up one pass. He suffered a knee injury in SWT's season finale against Texas A&I, but did not receive permanent damage.

"Norris blossomed into one of our top defensive football players," SWT coach Jim Wacker said recently. "There seems to be little doubt that he will be a 'key' to our defensive unit for a long time to come," Wacker said. "One of Norris' biggest assets is his enthusiasm for the game of football . . . he's exciting to watch and be around."

Powell was all-district and all-state as a fullback and linebacker for East Bernard High School where he was coached by Hank Kotzur, a former all-LSC tight end at SWT. Powell was also captain of the East Bernard team for two years.

He is the son of William Haywood of East Bernard.

George Pruitt, another SWT freshman from East Bernard, also saw action this fall at tight end.

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Hunting Seasons

DOVE — South zone, Sept. 22-Nov. 4 and Jan. 5-Jan. 20; north zone, Sept. 1-Oct. 21 and Jan. 5-Jan. 20.

DUCK AND COOT — Nov. 10-25 and Dec. 8-Jan. 20 (High Plains Mallard Management Unit, Oct. 30-Jan. 20).

DARK GOOSE — Oct. 29-Nov. 25 and Dec. 8-Jan. 20 east of U.S. 81.

SNOW, BLUE AND ROSS' GOOSE — Oct. 29 through Jan. 20 (Shooting hours are from half an hour before sunrise to sunset).

WHITETAIL DEER — regular, Nov. 17-Jan. 1; archery, Oct. 1-Oct. 31.

MULE DEER — regular, Nov. 24-Dec. 2; archery, Oct. 1-Oct. 9.

RAIL AND GALLINULE — Sept. 1 thru Nov. 9th.

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