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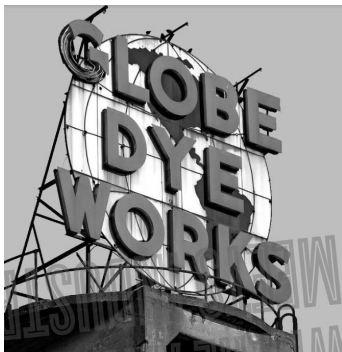
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Frankford 2017 Year in Review

By Bob Smiley

Overall it was a good year. In some respects it was a great year.

The **Globe Dye Works** over on Worth Street continues to attract new small businesses and it is one of the most successful examples of IRMX zoning (Industrial Residential Mixed use) in the city. When I first heard this idea it seemed kind of crazy. Who wants to live in an old building where they work in Frankford. There are more than 30 commercial tenants, including 19 who also live in the property. Current tenants include painters, photographers, floral designers, a cabinet maker, a potter, boat builders, a metal sculptor, a classic automobile broker, a tattoo artist, a creamery, a guacamole maker, a coffee roaster and a caterer, among many others.



State Senator Christine Tartaglione and State Representative Jason Dawkins presented a check for a \$1,000,000 Pennsylvania capital grant to the owners on January 10th. The RACP grant will support the final phase of Globe Dye's restoration, including the expansion of a special events space and the remodeling of office and manufacturing spaces.



Verizon Wireless opened a new store at Foulkrod and Frankford replacing the former Frankford Deli. **Nana's Day Care** on Oxford Avenue and **Artisan Smiles** on Frankford Avenue (dental office) are both under construction and the **Shoppes at Wisconsin** at Tulip and Bridge Street will bring a new **ShopRite** and several new stores to the area.



The Daral Building, against all odds, has been completely rehabbed by the Frankford Community Development Corporation. It seemed like a long shot but a great idea to stake a claim to a spot in the heart of Frankford and restore and occupy it. It cost a lot of money and that money had to be raised, a dollar at a time. Kim Washington and the CDC cobbled that financing together and the building is done. The vision became a reality. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

What seemed even more improbable was the idea of a park in the center of Frankford. What started out as a pop up temporary park, morphed into the **Frankford Pause**. The concept came right out

of a series of focus group meetings with Frankford residents sitting around talking about what they would like to see. Then the professionals got to work to see what could be done. The result is there on Paul Street, right next to the Daral Building. Completion of the concept still has a few steps to go but the park itself is ready to be used.

Food Truck Fridays were sponsored by the Frankford CDC and brought some new life to the 4600 block of Paul Street during the Summer. That was despite the reconstruction of the Arrott Transportation Center that closed off blocks of Frankford Avenue for days at a time.

The **Arrott Transportation Center** reconstruction moved ahead at what seemed like a ponderously slow pace but it is a huge job and the light is at the end of the tunnel. Construction is scheduled to be finished this year.



Regulatory progress that will help the quality of life came through at the end of the year. A controversial bill in City Council that will begin regulating **Stop and Go stores** that sell beer and liquor was passed. Some of these stores and the problems they attract are a flash point for crime. **State Representative Jason Dawkins** also managed to get regulation of **recovery houses** through the State Government. Both of those bills address issues that have

plagued the city for years. They will not solve all the problems but it is a step in the right direction and a sign that somebody has finally listened to the neighborhoods.

Northwood Civic Association took the lead in conservatorship in Frankford. They worked with a nonprofit builder to take possession of a house at Oxford Avenue and Wakeling Street that had been left to deteriorate by the bank who had taken ownership and left it neglected. After a year of legal haggling, conservatorship was awarded, and the house will be rehabbed and sold to a new single-family owner.

Squatters were in the news and a situation that developed in Northwood lead to legislation that will make it easier for owners to retake the property and prosecute the offenders.

Northwood Civic took on the Castor Avenue Speedway and got some results. Some new stop signs and some traffic calming measures have slowed down the traffic somewhat.

The Boys and Girls Club on Kinsey Street rebuilding has been going on all year long and it looks great. We will be doing a special tour this month to show you how it all turned out.

There was a new charter school application by **Qor Charter School** for the old St. Joachim school building. Since Sankofa left, the building has been vacant, and it will be good to see it occupied. It would also be good to have another school choice for our families.

The **Malankara Church** relocated from their building at Penn and Orthodox to a new location farther up in the Northeast. **Frankford**

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Friends School purchased the building and turned it into the Frankford Friends School Annex. The Annex is now home to a multi-purpose room for performances and physical education classes in addition to theater, music, and library/Lower School Spanish classrooms. Frankford Friends had doubled its footprint over the last few years which is a good thing and helps to stabilize the area around the school and Meeting House.



Frankford's oldest house at 1548 Adams Avenue has new owner who promises to care for it. It had been in limbo without the previous owner taking care of it.

Lenny Jaynes, noted poet in Frankford, began publishing his work in the Frankford Gazette

and the **Frankford Gazette** turned 10 years old in May.

Crime overall went down. **Aggravated assault, burglary and theft** are the lowest they have been since we began tracking in 2013. **Firearm crime** is about at the level of 2013 with 179 incidents. **Robbery** has continued its decline since 2013 with 247, up slightly since last year. 91 arrests for **weapons violations** is a record and is 38% higher than in 2013. That is good news because those guns are off the street and may help explain why crime with firearms has declined.

Business is not booming on Frankford Avenue. There are some good businesses there but there are too many vacancies and few places where you can sit down for a bite to eat.

Homicide is back up to the height it reached in 2016 when 12 people died in PSA1. It is up in the city overall. Other crime is down overall as well. Drugs is a big driving factor.

That is all for this year.

Frankford NAC Zoning

By Christine DeJesus

At the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on January 11th, the people spoke and voted. Here are the results.

5127 Duffield Street– Veterans housing 44 units– **Denied**. Applicant came to the community more than four years ago and they did not have a clear plan as what they wanted to do with the property and changed blueprints midspan. Then wanted to make it into section 8 housing.

1360 Brill Street– Applicant wanted a variance to have an open air parking spot next to her residence. Other homeowners have the same type of parking. **No opposition**; however, applicant will need a curb cut out.



1360 Brill Street from Google Street View

4930 Penn Street– 21 metal containers– 12 people came out to **approve**; however, a request was made to install privacy fence so people cannot see in and to adhere to business hours only.

4684 Duffield Street– **Approved** by 4 people. 2 year proviso added, and applicant is to adhere to normal business hours. **4943 Penn Street** – For a multi family living unit (4) with an existing structure. – **PERMIT FOR A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSEHOLD LIVING (4 UNITS) WITHIN AN EXISTING DETACHED STRUCTURE. Case will be heard in February.**

4563 Torresdale Avenue – Creation of 3 lot spaces into 1 OPA account. Space 1 and 3 to remain vacant and space 2 to be used as an auto repair shop. – **PERMIT FOR CREATION OF THREE (3) TENANT SPACES (SPACES 1, 2 & 3) FROM ONE (1) TENANT SPACE ON 1ST FLOOR. SPACE # 2 – PROPOSED AUTO MECHANIC SHOP (NO SPRAY PAINTING) (PERSONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE), SPACE # 1 AND # 3 TO REMAIN VACANT IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE (SIZE AND LOCATION AS SHOWN IN THE APPLICATION). The case will be heard in March.**

The next Frankford NAC zoning meeting will be held on February 8th at 7 PM at 4667 Paul Street.

Coming Next Month

Frankford High School

Aviation Academy

COMMUNITY NIGHT

All are welcome to an evening of fun & fellowship. Simple meal followed by various games and children's activities.

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7-9 PM

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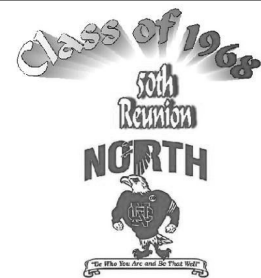
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HAPPY HAPPY VALENTINE

I saw you walking through the park one day.
I gave you a wink, you gave me a smile.
I gave you that look, you gave me a nod.
You gave me your heart, I gave you mine.
I gave you a ring, and I gave you this song.

HAPPY HAPPY VALENTINE.

by LENNY JAYNES



All Couples Welcome

Date: June 8 2018

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Phila, Pa 19154

Time: 7-11 PM

Cost: \$40.00 per person

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For Tickets or info
Contacts: Joe Murphy 215-840-8018 (jmurf8018@gmail.com)
Bill Bunting 609-405-0538 (wbunting66@yahoo.com)
Paul Rotondi 215-379-1134 (protondi61@gmail)

Northwood Civic Green Lights Triplex

By Bob Smiley

At the Northwood Civic Association meeting on January 16th, members voted not to oppose an application to legalize an existing triplex at **4725 Northwood Street**. The zoning had lapsed for the property due to a technicality and it had been in legal use as a multi family previously. It is not in the Deed Restricted area.

Also at the meeting **Joe Krause**, President of the Association, updated the membership on the conservatorship progress of the Wakeling Street property. The Civic plans to address other problem properties when the current project is completed.

Terry Heiser talked about additional traffic calming measures coming to Castor Avenue in the Spring and new signage coming to the 4600 block of Oakland Street in an attempt to slow down traffic on the block which has many children. The next meeting of the Northwood Civic Association will be on February 20th at 7 PM at the Simpson Recreation Center,



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Martin Luther King Day in Frankford



Larry Krasner, District Attorney of Philadelphia speaks at the MLK Breakfast Celebration



The Frankford Garden Club helped set up the event space for the MLK Birthday Celebration



Ike Hardy at Margaret and Orthodox handing out bowls of soup on MLK Day



The Ray of Hope project coordinated a clean up with 15 volunteers from Rosemont College on Monday, January 15th. Block captain, Lynda DeSouza and Frankford Watch, Elijah Myers worked with the volunteers on this brisk Martin Luther King Day of Service to clean the area around the Arrott Street terminal.

Bags of trash and other items were collected and left for city pick up from this MLK Day of service project.

Martin Luther King Day in Frankford



Kat Hardy at Margaret and Frankford "giving back to the village"



Cardinal O'Hara High School's Community Service Corps joined the Capuchin Franciscan Brothers from Padre Pio Prayer Center on Martin Luther King Jr Day to serve a meal and pray with our neighbors in the street. It was a powerful experience! Credit to Charlie Wieners, moderator of the Community Service Corps, for the photos.



Diane Kunze and Mary Ellen Post arrange the flowers at the MLK breakfast

WHEN WE LOOK UP

Sometimes we're so busy we can't see the road,

when we keep looking down at our shoes.

When is the last time you looked up to the sky,

to see the clouds as they pass by.

When was the last time you looked at the stars and see
how bright they really are?

How about the moon when it turns bright bright orange.

Sometimes we need to stop looking down at our shoes and
look up and see the flowers as they bloom.

And maybe a rainbow to lighten the load and maybe a
song for the long walk home.

The shocking truth is you have a lot to lose when you keep
looking down at your shoes.

HAPPY MLK DAY

By Lenny Jaynes



Governor Tom Wolf stopped by at Frankford High School on Martin Luther King day to see what the volunteers were doing.



Donald Donaldson

A Fallen Eagle Remembered

By Bob Smiley



Donald Donaldson, Frankford Gazette Veteran of the month for February of 2017, passed away suddenly in late December.

He was born on April 19, 1954 in Anderson, South Carolina the first of the family of 2 boys and 2 girls and was raised on Harrison Street in Frankford where he attended Smedley Elementary, Harding Junior High and Frankford High Schools. He was a long-time member of Northeast Baptist Church.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1972 during the Vietnam era. He finished his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina and served in Japan, Korea and Vietnam. He rose to the rank of E5 (sergeant). Don was honorably

discharged in 1976.

Don became a sheet metal worker at Progressor Metal Company. He loved doing community work and volunteering. He began sweeping up on Frankford Avenue because he saw that it was needed, and it was not long before Kim Washington, Executive Director of the Frankford Community Development Corporation, hired him.

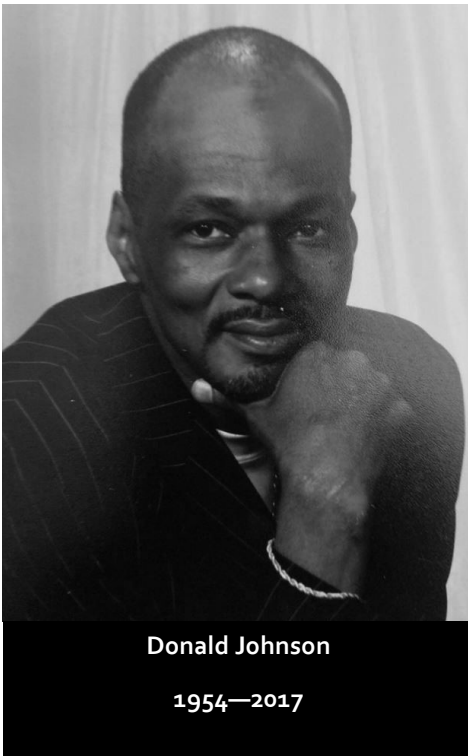
Don was an active member of Lloyd C. Wilson American Legion Post 224. He was also a mentor to



many in recovery.

His funeral service was held at the Northeast Baptist Church in Frankford on January 13th where State Representative Jason Dawkins spoke on behalf of the Frankford Community. Post 224 made a presentation to the family.

He is mourned by his family and friends and the entire Frankford Community.



Donald Johnson

1954—2017

Coming Up in Frankford

Household Assistance Workshop - Tue, January 30, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow St. - Sheriff Sales - Property taxes - Water revenue - PECO CAP - Free light bulbs, ECA weatherization - Free weather stripping and caulking for attendees

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, February 1, 7pm St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Community Night - Fri, February 2, 7pm - 9pm, St Joachim's Church, 1527 Church St. - Invite your friends! Invite your family! All are welcome to an evening of fun & fellowship. Simple meal followed by games and children's activities. We are happy to be collaborating with the Catholic Daughters of America Court St. Francis De Sales #2617 who are sponsoring the event! Parking is available in the lot around the corner from St. Joachim's Church on Griscom St.

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, February 4, 12pm - 5pm
4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM:

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, February 6, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street - The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper Streets. This park has been resurrected and now hosts events almost every month of the year but it can't do it without your active participation. New members needed. Join us the first Tuesday of the month. We meet in the Park from May to September.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Zoning Meeting - Thu, February 8, 7pm, 4667 Paul St.

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, February 20, 7pm, Simpson Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St,

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, February 22, 7pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, March 1, 7pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue,

Simpson Recreation Center

★ Simpson Afterschool program is looking for an adult worker. Must be able to assist with homework, be available during the hours of 2:30-6:00 p.m. Enjoy working with school age children. If interested contact Cynthia Young at 215-685-1223.

★ Lifeguards are needed for the Summer 2018 Pool season. Classes are forming Now! If you would like to have a great summer jump and will be at least 16 years old then contact the center at simpsonrecctr@hotmail.com.

★ We are looking for teams to join our Terrell Bruce Developmental Basketball League for youth ages 8u, 10, and 12u.

★ Simpson Recreation Center monthly Family Bingo will be moved to Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. do to the pending storm.

★ SRAC Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

★ Monday Arts & Crafts 6:00 p.m.

★ Tuesday Zumba Class 6:00 p.m.
Friday Martial Arts Class starting at ages 4-6 at 6:00 p.m. 7 & up 6:30 p.m.

Winter Programming at Frankford Library from January 2018-March 2018

Teen Third Thursdays

Crafts, games and fun for *Teens Only*. - 3rd Thursday of the month | 4:30 p.m.— January 18, February 15, March 15

Adult/Teen Laptop Lounge

Brush up on your computer skills using our in-house laptops with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited.
Mondays 5:30p-6:30p - January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Resume Open Lab

Need help with your resume. Come to our resume open lab with extended laptop time. - Thursdays 11a-1p - January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

Wii Wednesdays with Vince

Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince. For Teens and school-aged kids. 4th Wednesday of the month | 4:30 p.m. - January 24, February 28, March 28

Frankford Library Minecraft Club

Come build and play *Minecraft* with other kids, ages 8 to 12. Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagán. We'll be playing in peaceful mode only! Call or stop by to sign up. - Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - January 13, February 10, March 10

Preschool Storytime with Mr. Pagán

Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come to listen to stories, do finger plays and sing songs with children's librarian Mr. Pagán. - First and third Tuesdays of every month at 11:00 AM - **January 2 and 16, February 6 and 20, March 6 and 20**

Frankford's Wednesday Movie of the Month

Come the second Wednesday of every month and watch a fun family movie hosted by librarian Mr. Pagán. Come one time, or all the time! - Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., January 10, February 14, March 14

Frankford's Lego Playtime

Come to build with our Lego collection along other kids ages 6 to 12. Your host will be children's librarian Mr. Pagán. Call or stop by to sign up. - Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - January 27, February 24, March 24

Block Building Parties

Block Party!/? Wooden Block Party in the library. - On the first Wednesday of the month, join librarian Mr. Pagán to build whatever you want with our collection of over 2,000 blocks, signs and figures! Children ages 4 and up are encouraged to build, create, and play! Come one time, or all the time. - Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., January 3, February 7, March 7

Lectura bilingüe de cuentos infantiles Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime

For children and their parents. Read by librarian Mr. Pagán. The third Wednesday of every month. Come one time, or all the time. - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. - January 17, February 21, March 21

Para niños y sus padres. Leído por el bibliotecario Sr. Pagán. El tercer miércoles de cada mes. Vengan una vez o todas las veces que quieran. - Miércoles a las 6:00 p.m., 17 de enero, 21 de febrero, 21 de marzo

Services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

4442 Frankford Ave.

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10:00AM Main WORSHIP SERVICE

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1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

Email: campbella.m.e.frankford@gmail.com

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Monday, Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Saturday - 8am (Spanish)

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From 7 to 9pm, Monday through Friday

Chapel is on the corner of Church St. and Griscom St.
Schedule will begin Monday, January 9th

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

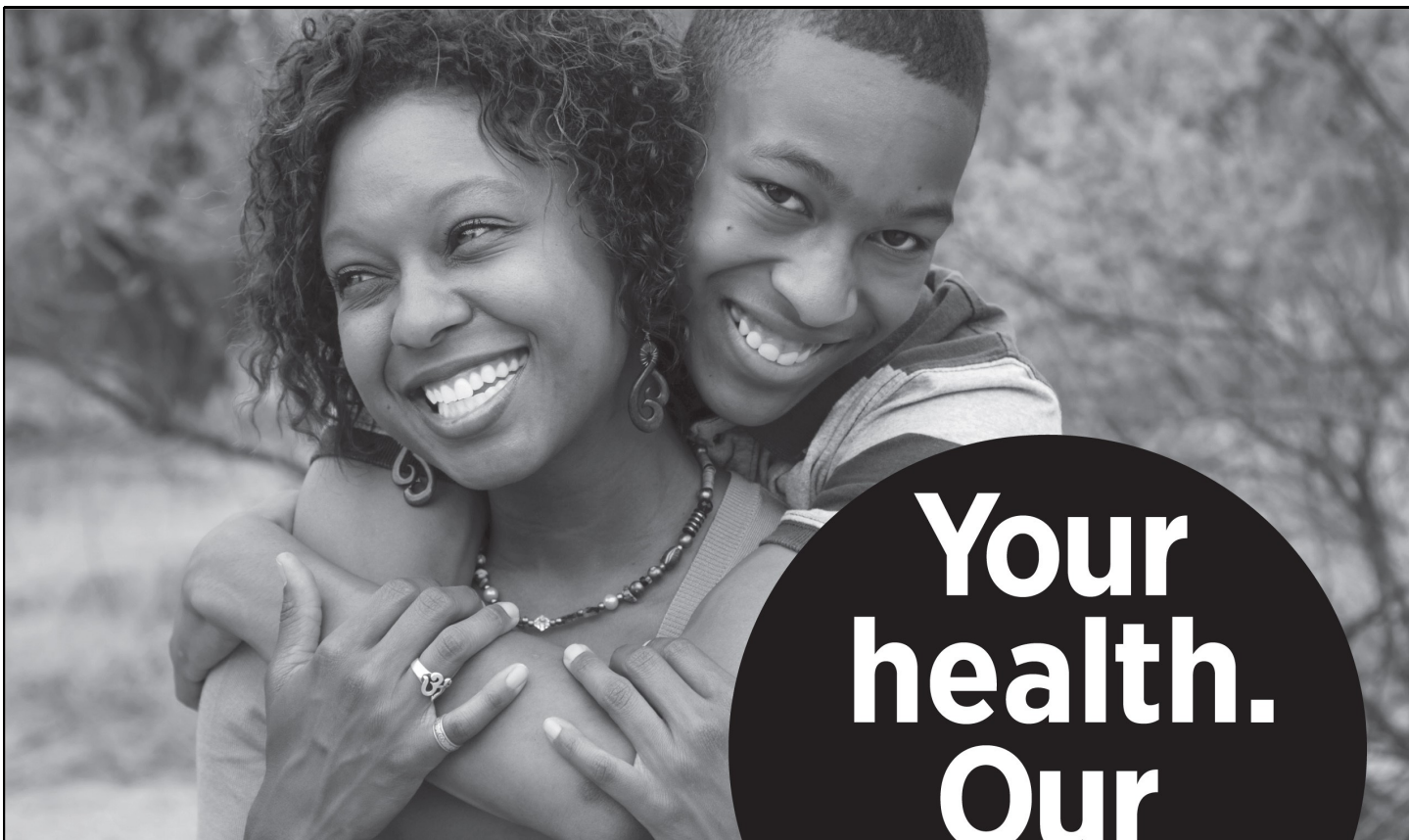
Friday Night Youth Ministry (4th to 12th

Grade): 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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