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Please replace the release with the following corrected version due to multiple revisions.

The correctedrelease reads:

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<u>washingtonpost.com</u>, an award-winning news and information Web site, today announced it will host a series of <u>live</u> <u>online</u> discussions between readers and individual Republican and Democratic presidential candidates beginning Wednesday, October 10th.

"In 2004 we were among the first to host <u>live</u> <u>online</u> forums with each presidential candidate, during the Democratic primary-a venture that proved extremely popular-and are excited to once again provide an interactive space for readers to connect with candidates in the 2008 election," said Jim Brady, Executive Editor of <u>washingtonpost.com</u>.

Kicking off the round of discussions with Republican candidates, Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) will be **online** tomorrow at 11:00 am ET. Democratic candidate sessions will follow over the coming weeks. Each forum will last one hour and take place **live** on **washingtonpost.com**. Readers will have the opportunity to submit questions before and during the events. Candidates will respond to questions and discuss the issues most important to readers.

Along with the 2004 Democratic primary candidates, past political guests who participated in <u>live</u> <u>online</u> discussions include Virginia and Maryland gubernatorial candidates, candidates in the 2006 Maryland Senate race and more than a dozen other U.S. senators and representatives.

"Recognizing our readers' desire to interact with newsmakers, <u>washingtonpost.com</u> continues to engage a growing national audience through its expanded <u>online</u> discussion forums," said Brady. "Our <u>live online</u> Q & A's with presidential candidates are part of our larger initiative to involve **online** readers in new and innovative ways."

In addition to this series, <u>washingtonpost.com</u> holds <u>live</u> discussions hosted daily by Washington Post and <u>washingtonpost.com</u> reporters, columnists and editors on topics ranging from national news and politics to entertainment and sports.

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A schedule of <u>live</u> presidential discussions is now available and will be updated throughout the series as additional candidates are confirmed. For a full schedule of <u>washingtonpost.com</u> <u>live</u> <u>online</u> discussions please visit the following link: <u>www.washingtonpost.com</u>/discussions

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The recipient of the first-ever Emmy for original video journalism <u>online</u> and <u>washingtonpost.com</u> has won numerous other awards, including an EPpy Award for Best Overall Newspaper-Affiliated Site, several Digital Edge Awards, a 2007 National Journalism Award for Web Reporting, National Press Photographers' Association Best of Photojournalism Award, and three consecutive Edward R. Murrow Awards for Overall Excellence for Non-Broadcast Affiliated Website, among others.

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