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* LOCAL NEWS *

BEIJING: IBTM China will take place August 28-29 at the China National Convention Centre. The event is slated to have more than 380 international and domestic exhibitors and more than 3,500 attendees.

DALLAS/FORT WORTH: The MTV Staying Alive Foundation and the Goss-Michael Foundation will hold the ninth annual MTV Re:Define benefit on March 29 at the Statler Dallas. The event will give out the inaugural MTV Re:Define Award, established to recognize excellence in contemporary art by a postgraduate fine arts student.

LOS ANGELES: The Lunar New Year Festival in Monterey Park will take place January 26-27.

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NEW YORK: MoMa PS1's inaugural Black Women's Film Conference, co-organized by the New Negress Film Society, will take place March 17.

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READINGTON, NEW JERSEY: The 37th annual QuickChek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning will take place July 26-28, 2019, launching from Solberg Airport. The event has appointed Linda D'Adamo as the festival's director of corporate partnerships.

SEATTLE: Eventcore, an event registration and technology solutions company, has hired Camille Beatty Falor as vice president of sales.

TORONTO: Newcom Media Inc. has acquired Two Plus One Group Inc., which produces the annual Mode Accessories Show. The next edition of the trade show, which highlights the fashion accessories industry, will take place January 27-29 at the Delta Hotel, Toronto Airport.

The third annual Toronto Light Festival will take place January 18-March 3 in the Distillery District.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Washingtonian: "Less than a year after a sexual harassment lawsuit rocked Mike Isabella's restaurant empire, the once \$40 million company will go out of business by December 27. While his restaurant group attempted to reorganize through Chapter 11 bankruptcy in September, today it filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, meaning it will cease operations and liquidate its assets to pay its debts. Isabella is the first big-name chef to have his company completely collapse in the wake of a #MeToo scandal."