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eeling like you're not plugged in enough? Is all that techno mumbo-jumbo going in one ear and out the other, even though you know you need to wire up?

This is the weekend to get socially plugged in. Between cultural events, the biggest trade show of the year and new Internet sites, I just hope I can avoid electrocuting myself. Byte into this:

COMDEX goes local



Information-technology trade shows were once the meeting place where geeks met the suit-and-tie guys, but now they cater to a growing general attendance.

This weekend, technology buffs and the techno-curious alike will be sardining into Place Bonaventure to OCTOBER 3 - 9, ... 1.996

mill through 150 exhibitor booths showcasing the latest fare.

It's the first time the trade show has hit Montreal, and organizers are expecting about 20,000 participants. They're also boasting that the event will boost Ouebec's informationtechnology profile worldwide. It's "an opportunity to forge new relationships with the global leaders present at COMDEX events," said Michèle Guay, director of the Centre for the Promotion of Quebec Software.

You can register for the event, or just find out more by pointing your browser to http://www.comdex.com

Femmes Branchées



Aiming to demystify technology, Studio XX is right on target.

With a grassroots approach to getting the community technologically connected, Femmes Branchées makes learning about digitizing yourself entertaining and social.

Tomorrow night's Femmes Branchées will be showcasing Berlinbased sound artist Chantal Dumas, and Caroline Martel will take the audience on a historical tour of the phone system. Rumour has it that someone will also be making a confession to their beloved fax machine.

While Femmes Branchées was once a free event, XX is now asking for attendees to drop a \$3 bill in the till to keep the social technoculture ball rolling. Check out their website for more info at http://www.inter- nauts.net/studioxx> or just beam yourself to 4001 Berri from 5-7 pm, Friday, Oct. 4

No time to grocery shop?



While we don't have replicators to beam our food to the kitchen table vet, scrolling through online grocery stores is the next best thing - at least according to IGA's press corp.

The supermarket is now offering online shopping to Montrealers. Just point and click to specify how ripe you like your bananas or what brand of peanut butter your kid likes. Click to order, then pick it all up without standing in the cash queue (or seeing what you buy), or pay a little extra for C.O.D.

Get your groceries at http://www.iga.net.//qc./>

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