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With Relations Warming, Clinton Travels To Vietnam

Clinton To Focus on MIAs, Economic Development

by Michael A. Lev
Chicago Tribune



TMS Campus

US President Bill Clinton

HANOI, Vietnam - At Mrs. Hang's tiny beer stall, just before President Clinton was scheduled to arrive here Thursday, there was lively talk of the war, of names from history like Johnson and Nixon and of customer Nguyen Van Dan's two fateful days in 1965 when his anti-aircraft battery shot down American jets.

"I was so proud," recalled Dan, who said the pilots ejected in the distant sky.

Now a 60-year-old construction manager, Dan's anger at the United States over the war has never faded completely, but his perspective has softened and his interest in the first visit by an American president to a unified Vietnam is focused not on how Clinton will address

Nonetheless, in the reality of modern Vietnam, Hanoi appears far less preoccupied with history than Clinton will be during his four-day visit, which will focus on American MIAs and unexploded mines as well as business ties.

There are still some reminders of the war to be found here, like a standing portion of the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison that held American POWs. But the energy of this very pleasant lakeside city, teeming with motorbikes and dotted with cellular telephone stores, is all pointed away from historical reflection.

After decades of war followed by 20 years of isolation and then some hesitant attempts to join the global business mainstream, Vietnam has a pragmatic rather than psychological point of view. It is looking at the Clinton visit as a way of enhancing its political legitimacy and jump-starting international investment rather than settling accounts.

Vietnam's government has been silent about any expectations it has for how Clinton will address the war, and residents - many who belong to families that fought the United States - seem comfortable separating past from present. There is no gloating. "I'm more interested in

what he says about the future," said a 24-year-old graduate business student named Nguyen, the son of a North Vietnamese army nurse who drives a Japanese scooter and spoke about America in the lobby of a hotel where the 1960s music of Creedence Clearwater Revival played in the background.

Nguyen said he thinks America owes Vietnam something, but it isn't an apology, reparations or any particular acknowledgement of responsibility.

"That won't bring back millions of lives," he said. "Besides, many Americans have already acknowledged America's wrongdoing, or flaws, to many Vietnamese in a very sincere way."

"The visit is symbolic," Nguyen said, "because it represents official recognition of the normalization of relations between the two countries. Hopefully with this will come more trade and investment. That's what we're really expecting."

Tran The Koi, a former army officer who fought the U.S. in Laos and is now in the antiques business, dismissed the idea of an apology or blood money with an emphatic wave of his hand.

"We're not begging for money," he said. "We expect a

mutually beneficial relationship."

Searching for an easy way to explain Vietnam's point of view, he grabbed a photo album that contained pictures of him in uniform. "The war is like a book. We only open it when it's absolutely necessary."

The American perspective on the trip, judging from White House treatment, is tied far more closely, both emotionally and politically, to the war. As much as the Vietnamese may want Clinton to talk about other things, it is inevitable that what he says about the war will resonate much louder in the U.S. than what he says about anything else.

That is partly because Vietnam remains a poor country with undefined potential that does not have the allure or geopolitical clout of China. But mostly the war looms largest for Americans out of recognition of how badly it ended, of the social and political trauma it unleashed and the fact that the first president visiting a unified Vietnam opposed the war and avoided military service in it.

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Global Affairs: Campuses Turn Attention To International Issues

by Caryn Rousseau
TMS Campus

WASHINGTON- The foreign exchange rate is going up this week.

U.S. Ambassadors are visiting universities across the globe and foreign ambassadors are traveling to institutions in the United States in support of International Education week.

President Bill Clinton signed a directive earlier this week urging colleges and universities to set aside time from November 13-17 to make international issues more visible on campuses.

"We must reaffirm our national commitment to encouraging students from other countries to study in the United States, promote study abroad by U.S. students and support the exchange of teachers, scholars and citizens at all levels of society," Clinton said in a statement.

About 114,000 American students studied abroad during the 1997 to 1998 school years, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Of that number, half stayed abroad for one semester or more.

The program, a joint effort between the Departments of

Education and State, has been widely accepted throughout the country. At Colorado State University, however, having an international awareness week is nothing new. The campus has sponsored programming for the past 47 years with this year's festival stretching over a week and a half with more than 50 programs for students and the community.

"It gives us glimpses of culture," said Jason Kinnear, program coordinator with CSU's office of international programs. "We think it's important to present international students' perspectives

because the world is becoming more global."

CSU's international week was Nov. 2-11 and boasted more than 50 programs, including a food festival, speakers and demonstrations. The most popular sessions this year dealt with securing peace in the Middle East, Kinnear said.

"The Muslim Student Association and Hillel both had programs discussing the peace process, the history of the region and overcoming misconceptions," Kinnear said.

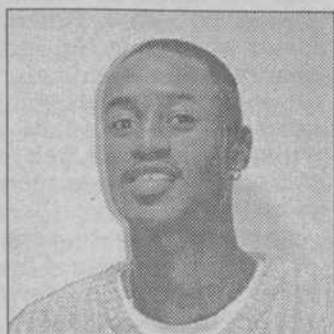
Institutions applied for funding from the Association

of International Educators, which grants money to colleges for similar programming. The association gave schools up to \$2,000 to carry out activities for the week.

"The power of people-to-people connections plays an ever increasing role in today's global economy," Education Secretary Richard Riley said in a statement supporting the week. "I strongly believe that the growth of democracy, economic prosperity and social stability throughout the world is linked to the advance of international cooperation and education."

What does Thanksgiving really mean to you?

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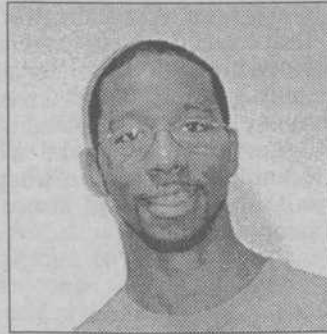
Trammel Woodson

"Giving rather than receiving, enjoying old time, and eating soul food."



Mary Francies

"The time to share with your family."



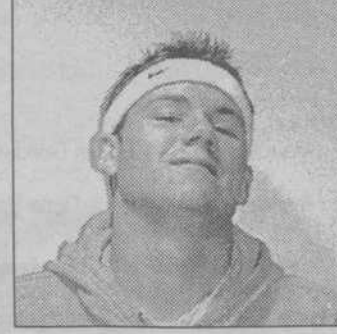
Keshun Morgan

"Thanking God for everything."



Chris Helfrich

"Football"



Eric Crowhurst

"Food"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Run-Off Ballot May Be The Answer

Dear Editor,

Now that we have serious third party challenges, we need an "instant runoff" ballot to avoid dilemmas like "spoiler", "wasted vote" and winners by plurality. An "instant runoff" ballot would allow voters to express their second, third, and fourth preferences and have them count if their most preferred candidate has a low count in the first count of the ballots.

On the second count, low candidates would be eliminated and the second (or lower) preferences of their first preference supporters would be counted toward their second (or lower) preference candidate. More eliminations would continue until a candidate would achieve a majority.

The idea is that "instant runoff" voting is a runoff election mechanism which can be done "instantly" with one visit to the polls and with no extra expense of an additional time delayed runoff election campaign.

Many jurisdictions within the United States and many foreign countries make provision for runoff elections

if no candidate receives a majority. In Australia "instant runoff" voting is used to elect the Senate and in Ireland "instant runoff" voting is used to elect the President. Some local community board and school board elections in New York City provide for expression of lower preferences.

By being sensitive to voter's second, third, and fourth preferences, the "instant runoff" would give voters enough confidence to vote their true first preferences first without fear of "wasting" their vote. Also no candidate could be accused of being a "spoiler" because the second, third, and fourth preferences of their supporters would count should they be eliminated in the early counts. Also, a winning candidate would have to eventually achieve support of a majority of voters, preventing winning of the election by a plurality just because opposition is so divided.

Jim Senyszyn
Peoria

Parkland Theatre To Hold Auditions

Parkland Theatre will hold open auditions for its next production, *Amber Waves* on Sunday, November 26, from 3 to 5 p.m., and Monday, November 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Parkland College Theatre.

Amber Waves is an award winning drama that celebrates the life of a Midwestern farming family as they share the joys of high school football games and the frustrations of unpaid debt. This family finds strength and comfort in each other despite the hard times they must face.

Casting will be for three male actors to play character ages (1) 16-18, (1) 30-40, (1) 60-70, and 3 female actors: character ages (2) 12-15 and (1) 30-40. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The play is directed by Tom Mitchell.

Performances are scheduled for January 31 through February 10. Everyone in the community is welcome to a u d i t i o n .

For more information call 351-2529.

Hospitality Club Cooks Up Thanksgiving Dinner

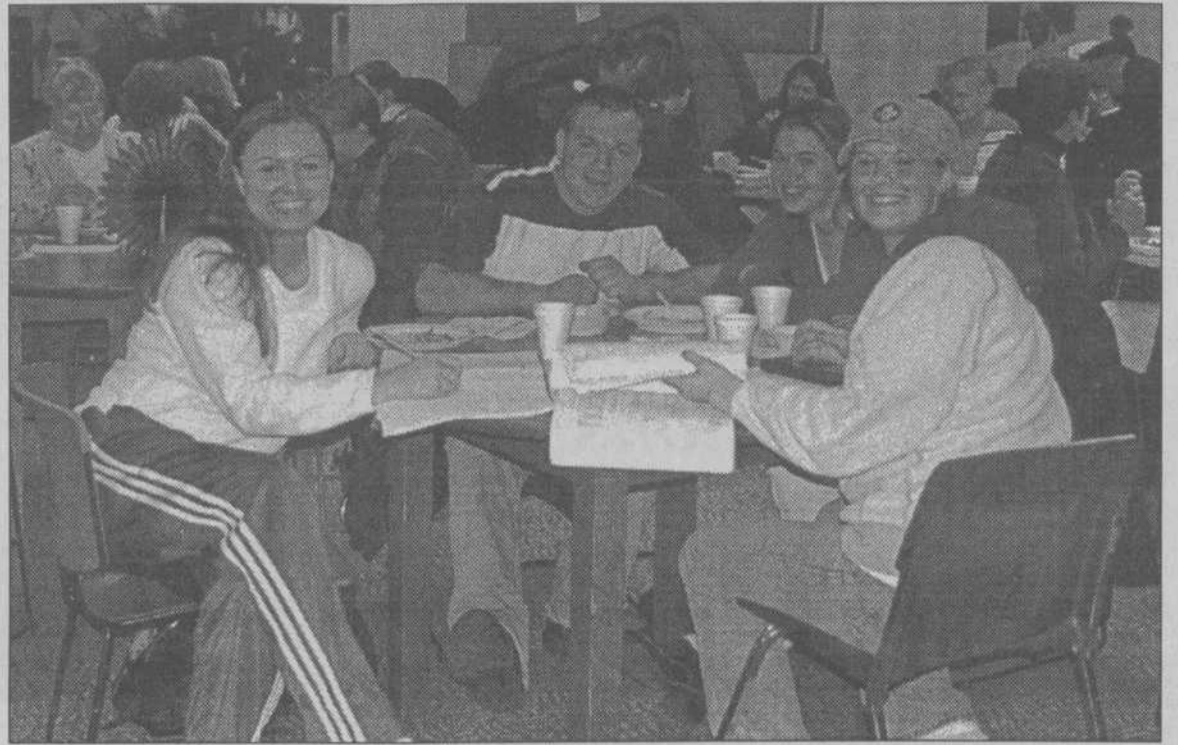


Photo by Andre L. Moraes/ Prospectus

by Liz Davis
News Editor

Although Thanksgiving dinner came early to the Parkland campus, diners didn't seem to mind one bit.

The event has become a tradition for the Parkland Hospitality Club.

"We've been working on this since classes started in the fall," said Deanna Dalton.

"This is one of our main fundraisers."

"It was wonderful," said Jim Bustard, director of the Parkland Physical Plant, who said that the aromas of the dinner were what drew him in. "I came out of a meeting and said, 'I know where I'm going today.'"

For international students, the meal was a way of tasting an American

tradition.

"It's good," said Shoishi Shimon, an international student from Japan. "Usually Japanese food is light, with more vegetables and less meat, but it's good. I like it." The club will also be hosting a bake sale at the Festival of Trees.

Dalton said that any leftovers will be donated to local homeless shelters.

Noted Astronomer To Speak at Planetarium

Dr. James Kaler, University of Illinois astronomer, will present "Planets, Near and Far," as part of the Staerkel Planetarium's "World of Science" lecture series. His talk will be Friday, December 1, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 at the door.

He will discuss questions that arise from recent findings in our solar system and

the search for planets around other stars, such as scientists finding extra-solar planets, what kind of planets are being found, and the possibility of life on these other planets.

Dr. Kaler is well-known for his research on dying stars and for his articles in major astronomy magazines. He has written several popular books on astronomy.

Following his talk, the planetarium will present the holiday celebration, "Rites of the Season." For a schedule of all planetarium shows, call the Showline at 351-2446 or log onto the planetarium's web page at www.parkland.cc.il.us/coned/pla or contact David Deake at 351-2567.

Native American Heritage Month: Geronimo Defeated Mexicans After Massacre

by Paul J. Apodaca
Guest Writer

The Mexicans nicknamed him Geronimo-Spanish for Jerome-but his native name was Goyathlay, The One Who Yawns. In later life he became a medicine man and prophet of the Chiricahua Apache. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, the Chiricahua acquired notoriety through daring raids against the Mexicans.

He was born at the headwaters of the Gila River in northern Mexico, near old Fort Tularosa. Because his father, Taklishim, The Grey One, of the Chiricahua Apache, married a woman of the Bedonkohe Apache and joined her band, Geronimo could never be chief by hereditary right.

When he turned 17 in 1851, Geronimo was admitted to the council of the warriors. Now he could wander wherever he wanted and do whatever he liked. When the opportunity arose, he would be able to go on the warpath with his tribe and serve his people in battle.

It was the summer of 1858, and the Mexican towns, as well as the neighboring Indian tribes, were quiet and peaceful. On their way to Casa Grande, the entire band of Bedonkohe Apache stopped at the small Mexican town of Kaskiyeh, and pitched camp outside the town for several days. Each day some of the Indians would go into town to trade, leaving their camp under the protection of a guard.

Then one afternoon upon returning from town, they found that Mexican troops had raided their camp, killing all the warriors, women, and children. Geronimo's aged mother, his young wife, and their three small children were among the dead. In addition, the ponies were gone, supplies destroyed, and the weapons confiscated. Their Chief, Mangas Coloradas (Red Sleeves), knew that they could not fight back successfully without arms, so he ordered them to start at once for their homes in Arizona. Geronimo swore vengeance upon the Mexican troopers who had wrought such devastation upon his people. In the

summer of 1859, almost a year from the day of the massacre at Kaskiyeh, three Apache tribes assembled on the Mexican border to go upon the warpath against the Mexicans.

Mangas Coloradas had selected Geronimo to solicit the aid of the other two tribes. The march began with the Apache tribes travelling in three divisions; the Bedonkohe led by Mangas, the Chokonen led by Cochise, and the Nednhi led by Whoa. Geronimo acted as guide into Mexico. After two skirmishes which were won by the Apache's, the entire Mexican force rode out against the Apache warriors.

The Mexican force consisted of two companies of cavalry and two companies of infantry. Because he had lost so much at Kaskiyeh, Geronimo was given the honor of leading the Apache charge on the Mexicans, and after just a few hours it was over. The Apache's had avenged the Kaskiyeh massacre. Another true moment in history!

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'Sunn' Lights Up Local Airwaves

by Michael Smith
Guest Writer

Although there are no official statistics yet to prove it, Donald Dennis, known as "Sunn" on air at Parkland's WPCD radio, says the station's urban format is one of the most popular evening programs among area listeners.

Sunn, who DJs on WPCD in the evenings, says the radio station has had an increase in listeners for all formats, especially urban, since the power was increased to 10,500 watts.

Dennis, who is also the Student Program Director, does the programming for the urban format, with the advice of the Student Management Committee, which is made up of second-year broadcast majors. They select the songs to be played and programmed in the automation system. Sunn also does production work for show promotions, public service announcements, and looks for music sponsors.

The urban format at WPCD began in 1996 and is broadcast from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday through Friday. The program has made 88.7 FM the second-most popular radio station with listeners in the area.

When asked how an urban format would do if it were at

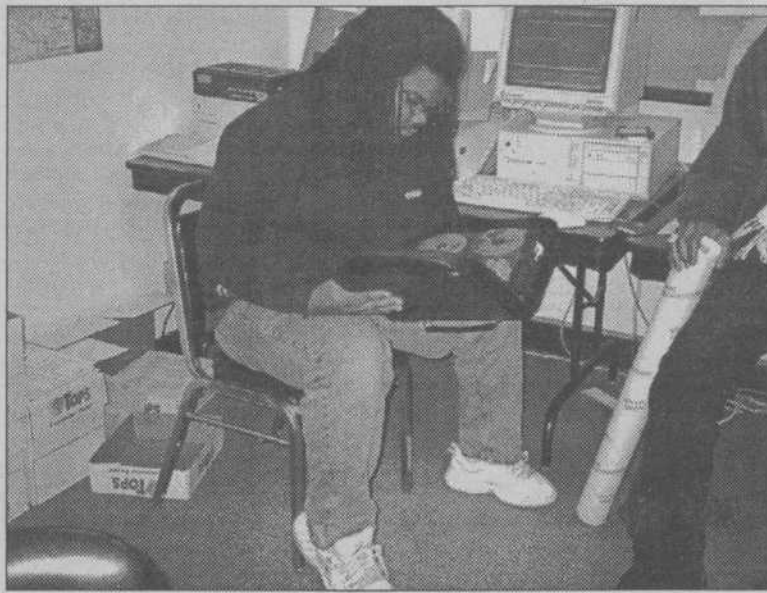


Photo By Michael Smith

a commercial station in this market, Sunn said it would more than likely be one of the most popular stations. He feels the station would have to provide itself to local advertisers because the audience for this format is a fairly young one, with listeners under 25 on average.

Besides DJing from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday with "Shawn T.," 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday nights with "The Collective" playing hip-hop, and on Sundays hosting "Sunday Skool," a classic soul, funk, and disco show from 9 p.m. midnight, Sunn also DJs at Center Stage on Tuesday

nights, playing hip-hop and on Wednesday nights playing oldies.

He also hosts local shows and venues with Shawn T., including the upcoming "Bring Da Pain 3" on Dec. 1 at the Red Herring Coffee House, located at 1209 West Oregon in Urbana.

Sunn says he has always had a love for music and DJing. He is a second-year student at Parkland and plans to have a career in radio. After college, he plans on working for a commercial station in Michigan near the Detroit or Lansing areas.

Record Exec Says Getting Ahead In Music Business Not Easy, But Not Impossible

by Joel Johnson
Guest Writer

Getting ahead in the music business takes a lot of patience and hard work, according to April Reed, a member of the A&R department at SoSoDef Records in Atlanta.

Reed, like many other young people, was very interested in music when she was growing up.

"I always wanted to be a singer but didn't have the voice," Reed recalled.

However, she didn't get discouraged when she lost in talent shows. She said there were so many people performing that she thought coming in as runner-up in the large group wouldn't be all that bad.

She's in the music business now, but she's not a singer. She became a talent scout in the A&R department of a very prominent urban label in Atlanta.

Reed got her break while working at a mall that just happened to be in the same area as a few music studios called Buckhead. It was here that she met an intern at SoSoDef Records.

"One day he invited me to come in the studio with him, and that was the day I knew for sure that I wanted to get in the business," she said. "I kept visiting the studio and learning little things, but they told me that I would have to go to school if I wanted to do more business associated stuff with the company."

While attending Clark Atlanta College for two and a half years, she took classes in business, advertising, and marketing. She continued interning while in school and gained hands-on experience. Balancing work and school for that period of time was difficult, Reed said. "I had pretty much no time for a boyfriend or family, but now I have good relations with

both."

There are ups and downs with the job, however. "I never get any sleep. I'm always traveling, it seems, and I have few chances to relax, but that is the way this industry is." She admits that she still has many pluses to her job, ranging from free CDs to free travel to meeting famous people, and "very good money."

Besides the monetary perks, her job also gives her a sense of satisfaction "that you are an important part of the music business."

After hard work and patience, Reed's pursuit of a career in music paid off. To anyone who wants to get involved in the field, she advised, "If you are a hard worker who loves music, all types of music, and are a good judge of music, this is a career field for you. You never know if you are the one to find the next Michael Jackson."

University Of Michigan Sophomore Dies After Birthday Drinking Binge

by Matthew McGuire
TMS Campus

A University of Michigan sophomore engineering major died Monday, Nov. 13, after consuming at least 20 shots of Scotch whiskey to celebrate his 21st birthday over the weekend.

Byung Soo Kim died in the intensive care unit at the University of Michigan Medical Center two days after police found him unconscious and blue after being called to a party by Kim's friends, said university spokeswoman Julie Peterson. Ann Arbor police said Kim

had a blood alcohol level of 0.39 - nearly four times the legal limit -- when he was brought to the medical center. Police were called to the party at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, after a 911 caller said that two people in the apartment were not breathing. When police arrived, the partygoers told them that Kim had consumed 20 shots of whisky in about 10 minutes. After Kim passed out at the party, the partygoers put him in a bedroom. When they checked on him an hour later, he was not breathing.

Paramedics brought the other man to the medical cen-

ter, where he was treated and later released.

Kim's parents flew to Ann Arbor, Mich., Monday from their home in South Korea.

"We would like to emphasize this does not represent our son's usual behavior; he did not drink regularly, and according to friends, he was often one to take care of friends who had too much to drink," said Ha Young Kim and Jung Sun Park in a statement issued by the university. "It is our heartfelt desire that the entire community can learn a lesson from this tragedy and reach out to those who need help."

Campus Calendar

November 22-December 6, 2000

Wednesday, Nov. 22
**COLLEGE CLOSED
AT 5PM**

Thursday, Nov. 23
**THANKSGIVING
BREAK—NO CLASSES**

Friday, Nov. 24
**THANKSGIVING
BREAK—NO CLASSES**

"Fall Prairie Skies," 7 p.m.,
Staerkel Planetarium. Call
351-2446 for show updates.

"Rites of the Season," 8 p.m.,
Staerkel Planetarium. Call
351-2446 for show updates.

"Ladies & Gentleman . . . The
Doors!," 9:30 p.m., Staerkel
Planetarium. Call 351-2446
for show updates.

Saturday, Nov. 25
Men's Basketball at
BlackHawk East Tourney
in Kewanee, IL.

"The Cowboy Astronomer,"
7 p.m., Staerkel
Planetarium. Call 351-2446
for show updates.

"Rites of the Season," 8 p.m.,
Staerkel Planetarium. Call
351-2446 for show updates.

"Ladies & Gentleman . . . The
Doors!," 9:30 p.m., Staerkel
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Sunday, Nov. 26
Men's Basketball at
BlackHawk East Tourney
in Kewanee, IL.

Theatre auditions for
"Amber Waves", 3-5 p.m.,
Parkland College Theatre.
Auditions open to
the community.

Monday, Nov. 27
German Club, 12 noon, room
X238. For more information
contact Eva Frayne
at 351-2626.

Theatre auditions for
"Amber Waves", 7-9 p.m.,
Parkland College Theatre.
Auditions open to
the community.

Tuesday, Nov. 28
High School Campus Visit,
8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.,
Gallery Lounge

U of I Springfield College
Visit, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,
South Lounge

Women's Basketball vs.
South Suburban,
5 p.m., at South Holland, IL.

Wednesday, Nov. 29
Concordia College Visit,
10 a.m.-1 p.m., South Lounge

Northern Illinois University
College Visit, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,
South Lounge

Thursday, Nov. 30
Parkland Christian
Fellowship, 11 a.m., room
B133. For more information,
contact Bruce Henrikson
at 351-2435

American Indian Club, 12
noon, room X225. For more
information, contact
Susan Pinnell at 351-2206

Black Student Association,
12 noon, room X323. For
more information, contact
Cyprus Hughes at 351-2887

International Students
Association, 12 noon, X224.
For more information,
contact Sue Kuykendall
at 373-3728

Student Ambassadors,
12 noon, room X222. For
more information, contact
Billie Mitchell at 351-2509

Olivet Nazarene University,
5 p.m.-7 p.m., room X150

Friday, Dec. 1
Women's Basketball vs.
Greenville JV, 7 p.m.,
at Greenville, IL.

World of Science Lecture,
7 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium.
Call 351-2446 for
show updates.

"Rites of the Season,"
8 p.m., Staerkel Planetarium.
Call 351-2446 for
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"Ladies & Gentleman . . . The
Doors!," 9:30 p.m., Staerkel
Planetarium. Call 351-2446
for show updates.

Saturday, Dec. 2
Women's Basketball vs.
Shawnee, 2 p.m., at Ullin, IL.

Men's basketball vs.
Lincoln Trail, 7 p.m.,
at Robinson, IL.

"The Cowboy Astronomer,"
7 p.m., Staerkel
Planetarium. Call 351-2446
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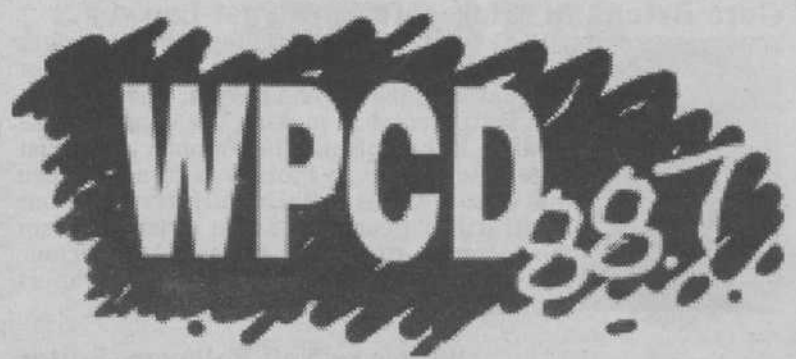
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Doors!," 9:30 p.m. Staerkel
Planetarium. Call 351-2446
for show updates.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
Women's Basketball vs.
McHenry, 5:30 p.m., HOME

Men's Basketball vs.
Lakeland, 7:30 p.m., HOME

Ongoing
"Heidi Preuss Grew:
Solo Exhibit",
Parkland Art Gallery,
through December 8.



WORLD BRIEFS

Russia to Abandon Mir

The Russian Cabinet decided last week that due to money and upkeep problems, they will let the space station Mir burn up in the Earth's atmosphere. Russia's obligation to the International Space Station was also a factor in the decision. The 15-year-old Mir has had more than its share of problems over the years including blackouts, computer crashes and fires. Scientists from the Russian Space Agency and Russian officials believe that Russia has had enough technological disasters this year, with the massive fire in the Ostankino television tower - one of the tallest structures on earth - and most recently, the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk. Officials believe that a technical problem aboard Mir could have drastic ramifications, such as crashing into the earth. The chief of the Russian Space Agency said of the safety problems, "We cannot continue this game... which I call Russian roulette."

8.0 Quake Shakes Pacific

A massive earthquake jostled the Pacific Ocean just off the coast of Papua New Guinea last week, creating a tidal wave that crashed on the country's shore, damaging several buildings. The underwater quake occurred about 20 miles out to sea, west of Rabaul. Rabaul was the capital of East New Britain, a former colonial region of Papua New Guinea. It has had many natural disasters over the years, mainly due to several active volcanoes near the town.

Clinton Urges 'New Trade' at APEC Summit

At the Asia-Pacific Economic (APEC) Forum in Brunei, President Clinton stirred his audience of business leaders and APEC representatives with a message of expanding economic globalization, especially in the Pacific Rim. Clinton said that new world trade negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO) should be made by 2001; a date that many third world and developing countries fear is too soon. At the WTO meeting last year in Seattle, the last time new negotiations were attempted, the meeting collapsed due to massive protests and riots. In all, 21 countries were represented at this year's two day conference, which will be the last one for Clinton. Clinton made light of the current precarious election process in the U.S., saying, "I just don't know who will be here next year."

NATION BRIEFS

Supreme Court Stays Texas Execution

The United States Supreme Court blocked the execution of a mentally retarded man in Texas last week citing that more time is needed to study his appeal. The man, Johnny Paul Penry, 44, was jailed in 1979 for fatally beating and stabbing a 22-year-old housewife. At the time of his conviction, he was on parole for rape. Despite his lawyers arguing that he has an IQ of 50 and the mental capacity of a 7-year-old, prosecutors argue that Penry is not retarded, but ignorant. Pleas from around the world, including from the European Union, have been made to Texas officials to halt the execution. Gov. George W. Bush has refused to make any comment until all appeals have been heard. The Supreme Court said that it is not cruel and unusual punishment to execute the mentally retarded, but juries must consider retardation when considering the death penalty.

Politicians Propose Electoral College Review

In wake of the current election malady, several U.S. congressmen are proposing detailed reviews of the current election process. Many politicians in the past have challenged the system, but have gotten nowhere. Reps. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and Jim Leach, R-Iowa, proposed legislation to form a bipartisan committee that would recommend how to best conduct future federal elections. The panel would look at the Electoral College, voter registration, ballot and voting practices and the possibility of weekend elections, which are common in European countries. As of now, individual states are in charge of conducting national elections. The panel might introduce some form of federal supervision of elections.

Gay State Rep Challenges Dismissal

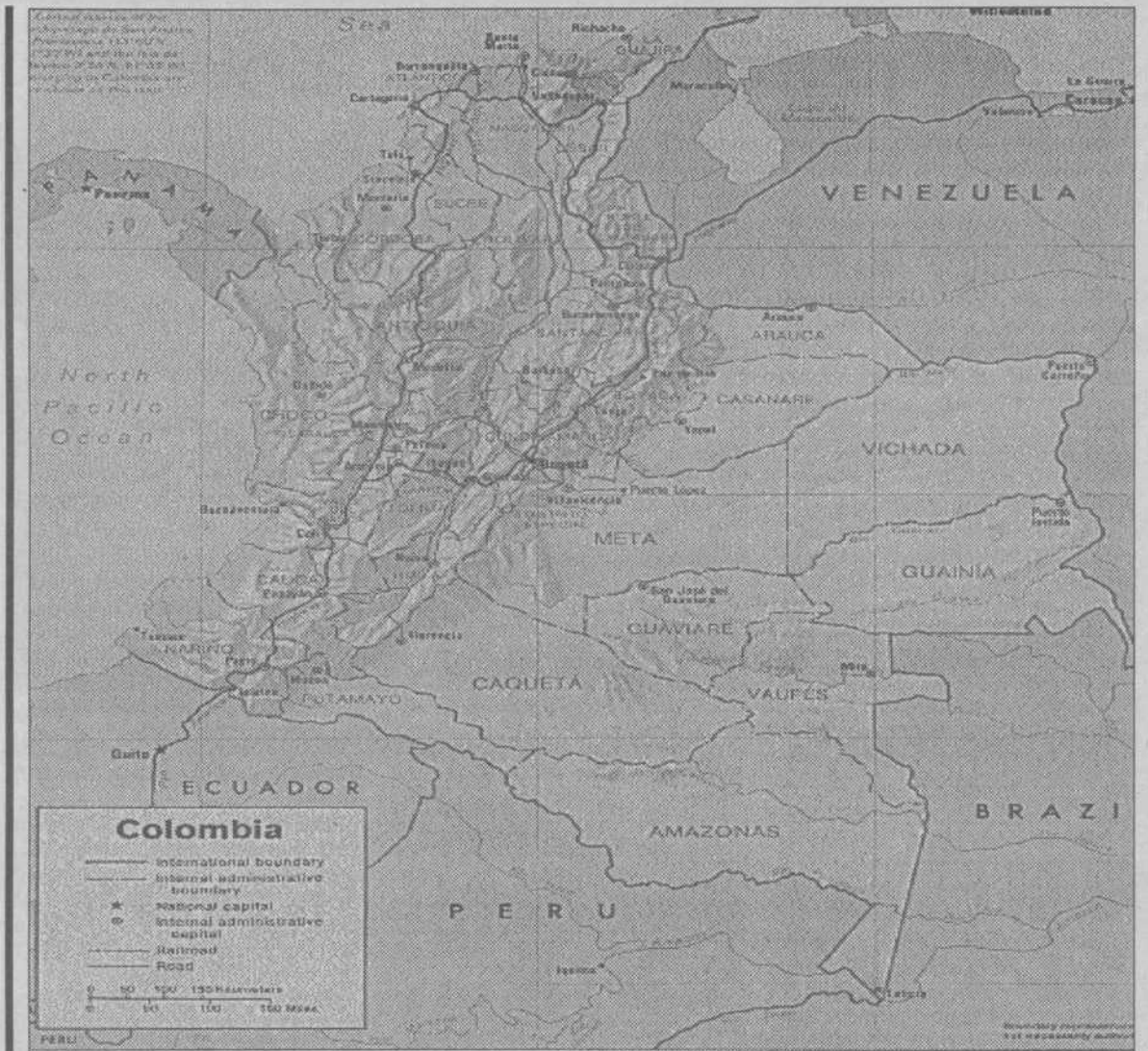
Phoenix - An Arizona State Representative has appealed a decision that he be removed from active duty with the U.S. Army and dishonorably discharged because of his sexual orientation. Rep. Steve May was honorably discharged in 1999, but was called back during the Kosovo crisis. He has been open with his sexuality since 1996, when he first ran for public office. He acknowledged his homosexuality during a debate in February 1999, while arguing for health care benefits for same-sex partners. Despite receiving letters from over 100 members of Congress who opposed the dismissal, Major Gen. John Scott, the commanding general of May's unit, made the decision to discharge him anyway. Scott said that he based his decision on analysis by military lawyers. In response to the decision, May said "This whole process is not about me. This policy places our nation and our citizens at risk. This policy hurts the readiness of our military."

Gore Brings In Microsoft Anti-trust Lawyer

V.P. Al Gore brought in a legal heavyweight last week to oversee part of the ballot recount in Florida. The lawyer, David Boies, was instrumental in making the winning case against Microsoft in the famous anti-trust case. Boies' job in Florida is to make sure that Sec. of State Katherine Harris does not arbitrarily reject tallies that emerged from the recount. Boies was recruited by former Sec. of State Warren Christopher, who is another legal star working for Gore.



Written by Neil Balkcom, Editor



FARC Calls Off Peace Talks

The largest guerrilla group in Colombia, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia or FARC, called off peace negotiations last week with the Colombian Government. The 15,000-strong FARC apparently severed the talks because they believed that President Andres Pastrana's administration was taking a soft stance in its dealings with rightist paramilitary groups. The on-again, off-again talks were aimed at ending the now 36 year-old conflict between the leftist guerrillas and the Colombian Government. Formal negotiations resumed in Jan. 1999 and last month the two sides decided to once again resume negotiations.

Fears Abound with 'Plan Colombia'

Washington - Representative Benjamin A. Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, said Thursday in a letter to the White House drug policy coordinator Barry McCaffrey, that the United States was on the verge of a "major mistake" in its efforts to implement "Plan Colombia." Gilman contends that the \$1.3 billion aid package, that will apparently halve drug production in Colombia, will fail and "we could lose the support of the American people for our efforts to fight illicit narcotics abroad." Critics of the plan say that military aid to Colombia would only intensify the already heated situation in the country. The majority of the package would go to reinforcing Colombia's military in order to fight numerous guerrilla and paramilitary groups. The rest of the allocated money would seek to promote alternative crops, economic renewal, and human rights.

Vietnam Not Just War, But Country, Says Berger

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When White House officials publicly laid out plans for the trip last week, they seemed to acknowledge the fact that some Americans still view Vietnam more as a symbol of defeat than as a market for goods or potential ally, and probably are not entirely comfortable thinking about it.

They were careful to discuss the burgeoning relationship with Vietnam as a development that was fully supported by veterans, and they talked first about cooperation on finding the approximately 2,000 MIAs, before broaching other issues like supporting the communist government's cautious embrace of economic reforms.

In giving a theme to the trip, National Security Adviser Samuel Berger said, "Vietnam should be seen not only as a war, but as a country. We are not closing a chapter here, we're opening a new chapter in the relationship."

Chuck Searcy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, who is one of a handful of American veterans living in Hanoi. U.S. Ambassador Pete Peterson is another said the bigger challenge of the trip will be gaining American acceptance of Vietnam, not improving diplomatic ties with the Vietnamese.

"I think if the visit is successful ... it will go a long way to allowing the American people and veterans in particular to acknowledge the reality of Vietnam, as opposed to the mythology of Vietnam in the past," he said.

Searcy said he knows many Americans remain "locked in the past" because they come to Vietnam totally unprepared - "I mean stunned," he said to see a vibrant country that may still be under communist rule but is also full of promise. The population is young, cities are full of students eager to learn English, and after years of ambivalence and delay, the government seems eager to join the global economic mainstream.

In July, the U.S. and Vietnam signed a long-awaited trade pact. American businesses, which have been in Vietnam since the U.S. trade embargo was lifted in 1994 and are impatient for growth, also hope Clinton's visit will refocus the image of Vietnam.

"My big hope for the visit is that everyone will stop writing about Vietnam as that place where the war ended," said Frederick Burke of the Chicago-based law firm Baker & McKenzie, who has been in Vietnam since 1991.

Clinton's itinerary will try to balance the past and the present. In Hanoi, his agenda will include meetings with leaders, a speech on the

future of relations given to students at Hanoi National University, a visit to an MIA excavation site and participation in a ceremony marking the repatriation of the remains of several American servicemen. In the commercial capital of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), he will have a roundtable discussion with young Vietnamese and talk about trade during a visit to a container terminal on the Saigon River.

Another issue expected to be addressed is Agent Orange, the defoliant used during the war that is suspected of causing widespread birth defects in Vietnam. The U.S. has acknowledged its impact on American veterans but not on the Vietnamese.

The Agent Orange issue is one of the most sensitive war-related questions yet to be resolved because the chemical's impact is still under scientific debate and because of the financial liability considerations it raises.

John McAuliff, a former Quaker peace activist who is executive director of the Vietnam-focused Fund for Reconciliation and Development, said he hoped that Clinton's visit would yield some American acknowledgement of the suspected damage to the Vietnamese people caused by Agent Orange.

"That would be a step forward," he said.

Festival of Trees Lights Up For Good Cause

by Liz Davis
News Editor

CHAMPAIGN—As snow flakes flew outside, the Clarion hotel became a fairytale world of fantastically decorated trees and rustic wreaths.

The Festival of Trees 2000, held at the Clarion Hotel Convention Center, featured two floors of winter wonderland, with trees and wreaths decorated by local residents and artists.

At the Harry Potter tree, sponsored by the News-Gazette and designed by the JLCU, branches were



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Spectators gaze upon just some of the 50 trees displayed at this year's Festival of Trees at the Clarion Hotel in Champaign.

adorned with stars, lightning bolts, broomsticks, and miniature newspaper headlines.

The "Bud Lights" tree, sponsored by Budweiser, featured miniature beer steins and tiny Budweiser bottle-shaped lights.

Jayne Wachtel of the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana, said the event is a major endeavor for the group, who begins planning for the next year's event as soon as the current one ends.

"It's our major fundraiser," said Wachtel, who has been a member for five years. "It starts in January for the next year."

Besides entry fees, the group also raises money by

auctioning and raffling off the decorated trees. The winner of each tree receives the completely decorated tree shrink-wrapped in plastic.

Although the delivery of the delicately decorated trees may sound like a recipe for trouble, Wachtel said that so far, each tree has arrived to its owner safe and sound. "I've never heard of any disasters," Wachtel noted.

In the past, the group has donated profits to Food for Families, Crisis Nursery, Bradley Street Daycare, and Developmental Services Center. Last year, the group donated nearly \$12,000 to League Locker, which provides school supplies and fees for low-income student.



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A tree called "Samantha's School Story" sponsored by the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana.

Candles Over Prairie Grove to Light Up Holidays

The Anita Purves Nature Center in Urbana will host "Candles Over Prairie Grove," which will include an evening of hot air balloon luminaria, live musical entertainment, holiday craft and gift making, and hikes along an illuminated Busey Woods Trail. The Audubon Nature Shop will be open for holiday shopping. A concession area will offer dinner items for purchase.

Free hot chocolate will keep you warm as you watch a variety of beautiful hot air balloons light up the evening

skies. Balloons will be tethered so you can explore them up close.

This event will be held on only one of the dates listed, as the event is dependent on weather conditions for the hot air balloons. To find out if Candles Over the Prairie Grove will be "on" or "blown out" until the next evening, call Urbana Sports Hotline at 367-9575 or the Anita Pures Nature Center at 384-4062 after 3:30 p.m. or listen to Lite Rock 97.5 or NewsTalk 1400 AM at 3:30 for an official announcement.

Area Museum To Host Candlelight Christmas

DANVILLE—The Vermilion County Museum Societ will present a Candlelight Christmas Walk on Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Santa Claus, along with Abraham Lincoln, and other historical characters, will be on hand to greet visitors. The historic home and carriage house will be decorated by staff, volunteers, and the Danville Garden Club.

Musical entertainment will be provided and refreshments will be served in the Carriage House kitchen.

Parking is available adjacent to the Museum. Donations are \$2 for adults, and children under 14 are free. For additional information, call 217/442-2922 or 217/442-2001.

The Vermilion County Museum is located at 116 North Gilbert Street in Danville.

Crimestoppers Seek Urbana Robbers

URBANA—This week Crimestoppers is seeking your assistance in solving a series of residential burglaries that have been occurring in the southwest area of Urbana. On November 1 and 2, several residential burglaries were reported to the Urbana Police Department. In the majority of reports received, entry into these

residences was made through unlocked doors and windows. These burglaries are occurring between the hours of 5 and 11 p.m.

Urbana Police Investigators are requesting any information you may have about these crimes or the people involved with them.

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reward if your information leads to the arrest of the persons responsible for these crimes. If you have any information, call Crimestoppers at 373-TIPS. Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Cash rewards are also paid for information on other felony crimes or fugitives in the Champaign County areas.

Community Calendar

November 22 - December 6, 2000

Thursday, Nov. 23

33rd Annual Turkey Trot, Crystal Lake Park, Urbana Race. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., and race begins at 9 a.m. Call 367-1544 for more information.

Friday, Nov. 24

After Thanksgiving Potluck, 6:30-9 p.m., University Place Christian Church, 403 S. Wright, Champaign. Sponsored by Singles Celebrating Life. Drinks and tableware will be provided, you bring a dish to share. All singles and their children are welcome. For more info, call 217/355-2464.

Saturday, Nov. 25

Crisis Nursery's Annual Holiday Shop, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Lincoln Square Mall, Urbana. Free. Call 337-4596 for more information.

Allerton Park Holiday Showcase, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Allerton Park Conference Center, 515 Old Timber Rd., Monticello. Call 333-2127 or 762-721 for ticket information.

Sunday, Nov. 26

Crisis Nursery's Annual Holiday Shop, Noon - 5 p.m., Lincoln Square Mall, Urbana. Free. Call 337-4596 for more information.

Allerton Park Holiday Showcase, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Allerton Park Conference Center, 515 Old Timber Rd., Monticello. Call 333-2127 or 762-721 for ticket information.

Holiday Pops Concert, 3 p.m., Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign. Sponsored by the Champaign Park District and the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra. Call 351-9139 for ticket information.

Monday, Nov. 27

Allerton Park Holiday Showcase, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Allerton Park Conference Center, 515 Old Timber Rd., Monticello. Call 333-2127 or 762-721 for ticket information.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

The King Stag, at Krannert Center, Tryon Festival Theatre at 7:00 p.m. For ticket information call 333-6280 or 1-800-527-2849.

Friday, Dec. 1

Candles Over Prairie Grove, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana. Call the Urbana Sports Hotline at 367-9575 or the Anita Pures Nature Center at 384-4062 after 3:30 p.m. for exact dates.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Candles Over Prairie Grove, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana. Call the Urbana Sports Hotline at 367-9575 or the Anita Pures Nature Center at 384-4062 after 3:30 p.m. for exact dates.

Candlelight Christmas Walk, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Vermilion County Historical Museum, 116 N. Gilbert St., Danville. Admission is \$2 for adults, children under 14 are free. Call 442-2922 or 442-2001 for more information.

Sunday, Dec. 3

Patients Rights Task Force Public Meeting, 3 p.m., Illinois Disciples Foundation, 610 E. Springfield, Champaign. The Task Force is a group working to keep Dr. Carter and Dr. Wrestler available to PersonalCare HMO members. For more information, call Bill at 352-6533.

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Turkey Trot

Are you looking for a fun way to run off those Thanksgiving calories before you ever sit down at the table? The 33rd annual Turkey Trot will be held at Crystal Lake Park in Urbana, with race check-in beginning at 8 a.m. and the race beginning at 9 a.m. The 1.5 mile, non-competitive event is open to runners and walkers of all ages.

Turkeys and other prizes will be raffled off after the event. T-shirts will be available for purchase upon registration. Registration is now being accepted at the Phillips Recreation Center, located at 505 W. Stoughton in Urbana, or by calling 367-1544. Registration will also be accepted the day of the event.

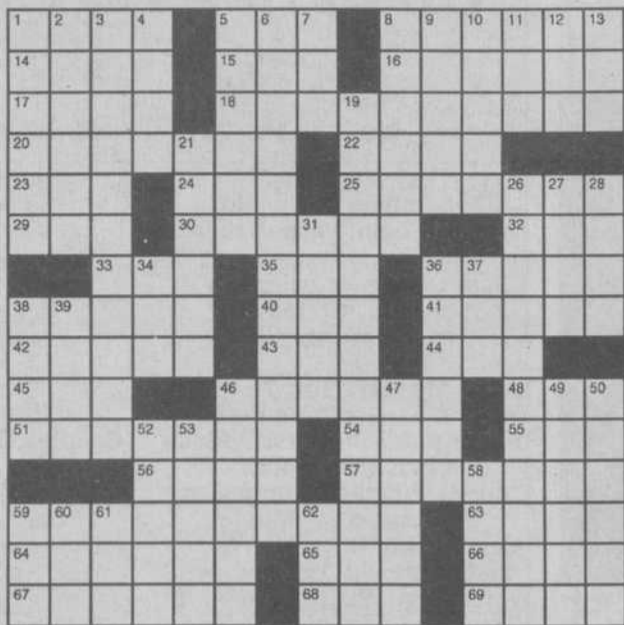
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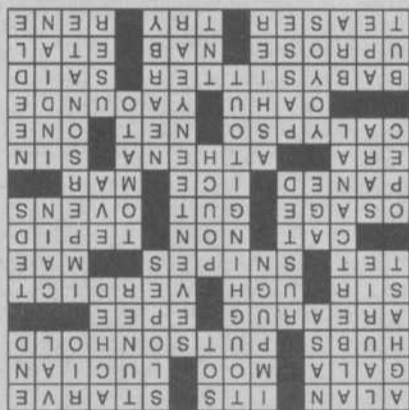


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Weekly Horoscopes FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20TH

by Linda C. Black

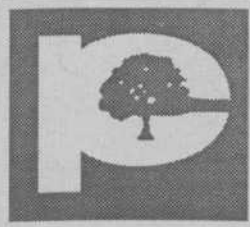
Aries (March 21-April 19). The workload is heavy on Monday, but the party flag is flying by Tuesday. Your luck has just changed for the better, which should be obvious on Wednesday. Don't get too rowdy that night, however. The headache you'd have on Thursday morning would be just awful. Watch for bargains and profitable opportunities late Thursday and Friday. Travel is forecast for this weekend. The only problem on Saturday is that you can't take everybody with you. Your reaction to an unexpected event on Sunday lets you know you're on the right path.
Taurus (April 20-May 20). Get your lovin' in early on Monday. The work pace picks up, and on Tuesday you'll be racing at full speed with all the other rats. Avoid an attractive distraction on Wednesday. If you don't watch where you're going, you could run into something. Avoid a person who's all talk and no action on Thursday, to save valuable time. Be flexible on Friday; it's likely there'll be a change in your plans. The urge to splurge will be hard to fight this weekend. Get a high-quality item after which you've long lusted, and your buyer's remorse should be minimal.
Gemini (May 21-June 21). Detailed work flows on Monday, so push yourself to get it all done. There's a mess-up regarding a romantic appointment mid-Tuesday, but you're in for a pleasant surprise later that evening. That would also be a good time for you to pop the question, if you have one to ask. Circumstances beyond your control could interfere with your love life on Wednesday. Just save up your

money, and you'll get a chance to spend it on Thursday. Collaborate closely with a co-worker Friday, and a difficult assignment will be fun. Do what your partner suggests on Saturday. That's the partner you can trust completely, of course. Visiting friends together on Sunday should prove interesting. You might even want to take notes.
Cancer (June 22-July 22). Remember to do the errands you promised on Monday, and you'll be nicely rewarded. You'd like to sleep in on Tuesday, but your partner and/or your boss have other plans. Something needs to be done at home on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you don't already know what it is, your roommate will be glad to tell you. By Thursday you're ready for an outing, but it may be late before you can get away. It'll be easier to get your chores done Friday, and then you can make a break for it. On Saturday the other person has the first serve, so take care. The more you aim to please on Sunday, the more likely you'll win the game.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Shop for bargains on household items as much as you can on Monday. You might find the perfect thing at a great price on your lunch hour. If quality and style are more important to you than price, you can wait until Tuesday. If you and your mate can't agree on Wednesday, stall. Odds are good you'll find an alternative on Thursday that neither of you had considered. Don't get depressed if a scheme you try Friday simply doesn't work. It's more complicated than that, so do more research and studying over the weekend. Save plenty of time for fun and games, too. Your favorite play-

mate has a few surprises in store for you.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're apt to be the one who finds the answer on Monday. Keep digging, your chances are better than anyone else's. Financial rewards could be yours on Tuesday or Wednesday. The money's a result of your willingness to get rid of something that's cluttering up your private space. Something you find on Thursday could change the way you do your work. It might even change where you work, if necessary. Frustrations on Friday could have you checking the want ads. Don't leave one paycheck before you have another one lined up. If you're thinking of relocating, this weekend will be perfect. Or, just have a party at your place. Looks like there's lots of chaos there anyway — might as well enjoy it.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You could be faced with a load of overdue chores on Monday. Don't panic, just take them one at a time. Put them in order of importance. Your energy level's high through Tuesday and Wednesday, and you're getting smarter. You'll find that a task that was daunting before is starting to become almost easy. Don't get cocky, though. Thursday and Friday are fraught with peril. You may even be too tired to go out on Friday night. Schedule your romantic interlude for Saturday instead. Choose a date who's stimulating intellectually as well as otherwise, and you'll have a weekend to write home about.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A friend can help you make an important connection on Monday. Go ahead and ask for the favor. Knowing which button to push helps you find the

resources you need on Tuesday and Wednesday. Pushing them takes tact, and perfect timing, both of which you have in abundance. A mess at home could throw you off stride on Thursday — temporarily. Stay alert; you'll get another opportunity to score. Things are not as they appear to be on Friday. Don't say much, you could find out later that you were talking to the wrong person. Saturday's good for losing a wager, or spending too much at the stores. Ixnay on gambling, too. Sunday's better for fixing up your place, but don't stay up late. You'll need your beauty sleep by then.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't snap back at a critical older person on Monday. If you simply say, "Yes, SIR!" or "ma'am, whichever the case may be, you'll increase your profits instead of losing your job. Tell the whole story to your friends on Tuesday, and they'll give you lots of sympathy. Don't let them solve your problem for you on Wednesday, though. That would be too expensive. Let them inspire you, and maybe teach you how to do it yourself on Thursday. Keep a low profile on Friday. Listen instead of telling what you know, and you'll discover an error before you make it. The ball's in your court over the weekend. Partying with neighbors and siblings would be perfect. Don't spread gossip you've recently heard, however. Check it out carefully by asking a friend who would know on Sunday.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Looks like the coast is clear on Monday if you want to try something slightly dangerous. Your friends will be glad to help, so you won't be alone. If you've been keeping a secret,

be ready to confess it on Tuesday or Wednesday. It'll come out around then anyway, so if you mention it first, you'll look better. Don't bother to ask for a raise on Thursday or Friday. You're more likely to get a cut in your pay, or lose a client. Some of the things you learn over the weekend could help you improve your income, though, so don't worry about it.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you have all the facts and figures, you could benefit quite nicely on Monday. Don't leave anything to chance. Travel's appealing on Tuesday and Wednesday, but not a good idea. Take care of obligations instead. You're likely to clash with an older person Wednesday night or Thursday. This person is saying your dreams are unrealistic. Don't let that stop you. Dreams don't have to be realistic anyway. Don't hurt yourself by trying to push a square peg into a round hole on Friday. You'd be wise to play with a team, or bet on one, over the weekend.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Your partner's got all the angles figured out on Monday, so just go along with the program. A long-distance contact on Tuesday could lead to a better job if you're interested. If money's tight on Tuesday, maybe it's time to go looking. Don't tell any work-related secrets on Wednesday, especially about the boss. He or she is apt to find out on Thursday or Friday, and would not be amused. Your priorities are constantly shifting this weekend, so stay flexible. An older person wants to take control, but may not have the route figured out quite yet. Give helpful hints.



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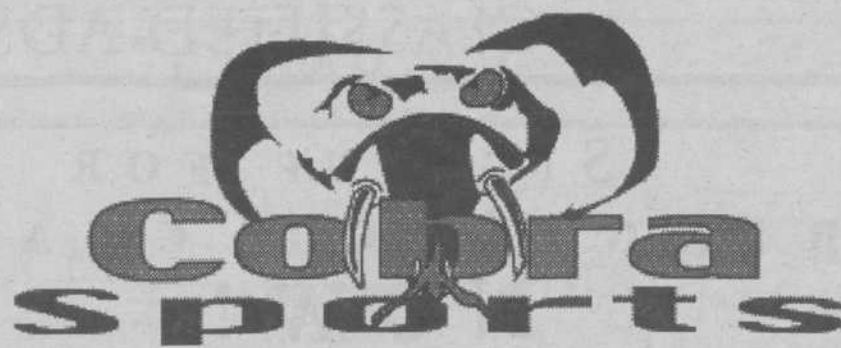
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Fitness Forum



by: Aaron Turner Staff Writer



As those of you who have been keeping up with my column know, I've been documenting my weekly experiences in regard to my fitness routine. This marks week six of that endeavor, and you're probably getting used to me spouting off on some Tony Robbins-like inspirational tangent or trying to creatively describe an exercise routine that I've been using. I truly hope that you turn to my column looking for good information or at least a good laugh. Whether or not I'm funny is your call - but I try to make my articles, at the very least, light-hearted and fun. If that's what you're used to and that's what you're expecting this week, you may want to turn to the comics, because I'm going to turn serious and get a bit personal this time around. Some of you may think after reading this, "Whoa, way too much information, buddy." If this is the case, then I've failed at getting across the point of this article. Without further ado...

This week has been a tough one for me. Someone close to me had to end their marriage because their spouse refused to deal with their increasingly self-destructive behavior. Many issues and problems contributed to this downward path to self-destruction. One of those problems was depression. I feel obligated and qualified to talk about this ailment because I myself have suffered from depression in the past. I feel it's relevant to talk about in a "fitness" column because fitness has to do with health - not just physical, but mental health as well. Also, as I'll discuss later, exercise is a major weapon against the effects of depression.

Several things may cause depression - issues or events that have occurred in ones life, a chemical imbalance, or a combination of both. In my case, it was a depression of the chemical imbalance variety. It was hard for me to face because I had "nothing to be depressed about". One of the common myths about depression that I fell for is that it is only caused by something bad occurring in your life or that you are just weak minded. I couldn't understand why I was always sad and unmotivated. My life was perfect! What did I have

to be sad about? After a lot of struggle and stubbornness, I finally got help. Depression is very treatable - I'm a walking example of that! It can be treated medically, through counseling, or a combination of both. Unfortunately, too many people feel ashamed, as if suffering from depression makes them a "mental case", and don't seek the help they need and deserve. If your reading this article right now and feel as if you may be suffering from depression, talk to your doctor, and for God's sake don't be ashamed about it! He/she can point you in the right direction - be it medication or counseling.

In the meantime, exercise is a major tool used to fight the effects of depression. For one, it keeps you active. One of the effects of depression is decreased activity. It's a bitter cycle: less activity equals more depression equals even less activity. Exercise also causes your body to release endorphins. In short, these little guys help to make you feel a sense of well being. By the way, you don't have to be suffering from depression to feel this affect. Having a bad day? Go workout. I'll bet you feel better afterwards! If you suffer from depression, do your best to fit in some form of exercise, be it weight training or aerobics, at least two or three times a week. This may help in dealing with the melancholy that goes along with depression.

Unfortunately, I'm limited in space, so I can't go into immense detail about the subject of depression. I'm hoping, however, that maybe I've shed a little light on a subject that some of you may be personally familiar with. In the least, I hope I've gotten across the importance of keeping up with exercise when suffering from depression. If I've made some sort of dent in someone's belief that depression is something to be ashamed of, I've done what I've set out to do this week. After all, it's no more shameful than admitting you are suffering from a sinus infection. Now, if you have hemorrhoids...well...let's just keep that to ourselves.

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Lady Cobras Looking For Successful Season

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Expectations are high for this year's Basketball Lady Cobras. Parkland College Women's Head Coach Tim Wulf has scheduled one of the toughest game programs he has ever prepared. To make matters more difficult, the schedule consists of regionally and nationally ranked teams, and he only has two returning players from last year's team: Keysha Myers and Tara Ohnesorge.

"Our schedule consists of 30 games, and of the 30 games, are teams that were regionally and nationally ranked last year," Coach Wulf said. "I purposely scheduled like I did because I knew that the group I recruited was going to be one of the most athletic and talented group of individuals in my coaching career."

Also reigning as this year's co-captains, Myers and Ohnesorge are excited about their fellow teammates. "We have a very athletic team," said Ohnesorge, "and once everything begins to come together, we'll dominate."

"I like the chemistry we have on and off the court, which is one of the many things we lacked last year," said Myers.

Asked what other differences exist in comparison to last year's team, both players agreed that the lack of post players was one of the biggest differences. "Last year our tallest guards were forced to play out of position," Ohnesorge said. "This year, we now have strong post players that also have guard skills."

"Our post players aren't your average post players because they can get down the court just as fast as our guards, and that's one thing Coach emphasizes in practice, that we guards need to see and use as an advantage," said Myers.



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Tim Wulf, the new women's basketball coach, is planning a tough schedule this season for the Lady Cobras.

Coach Wulf has not only lined up a tough game schedule, but daily practices are just as tough, whether they're physical or mental. "I truly believe that we play games the way we practice," said Coach Wulf.

"A typical day in practice consists of warming up running, sprinting, dribbling, basic fundamental drills, stretching, free throws, running the offense, and practicing defenses," Ohnesorge said. "It sounds simple, but believe me, it's not."

Although the Lady Cobras are 2-0, Coach Wulf says there are many things his team will continue to work on. "Defense is the one word that best describes my team, and I hope the girls would say the same, but there are things that still need fine tuning," said Coach Wulf. Once things become habitual and automatic, they'll begin to see why I teach them what I teach them."

What are the toughest teams they are going to play? Coach Wulf said, "Illinois Central College because they were the NJCAA champions last year, Lincoln Trail because this year's team consists of players all six feet tall, and South Suburban because they're the Region 24 champions."

As tough as the schedule may be, the Lady Cobras are more motivated than intimidated by the competition that lies ahead. But when asked what they liked most and look forward to most about their game schedule, both co-captains agreed that the trip to Alabama and Florida will be one to remember.

The Lady Cobras will be spending their first week of the New Year in Alabama and Florida and will be playing NJCAA ranked schools.

Coach Wulf and the Lady Cobras hosted the Parkland Tournament this weekend.

Who's Hot in NFL, NBA, College

By Brian Westbrook
Sports Editor

The Rams receiving core is the hottest thing out right now. First you have Isaac Bruce with 1094 yards receiving, 60 catches and 9 touchdowns. Then you have Torry Holt with 945 yards receiving, 47 catches and 5 touchdowns. Finally you have Az-Zahir Hakim with 630 receiving, 42 catches and 3 touchdowns.

Stephon Marbury is averaging 29.3 points per game. He scored an amazing 41 points against Gary Payton in just 3 quarters of play. He is also 8th in the NBA in assists and he's a point guard. Think of the last point guard to average 30 points a game besides Allen Iverson, because he's an exception to the laws of basketball.

Eddie Curry might be the biggest college prospect in the nation, but many experts

say Dajuan Wagner is the best high school player, period. He gave a verbal commitment to the University of Memphis, which happens to be coached by John Calipari. Dajuan averaged 31 points per game as a junior and even had one game where he scored 80 points. His dad Milt, is now the assistant coach and Dajuan is trying to recruit other All-Americans to join him at Memphis.

Don't Panic, There Is Life After Loss

Parkland Men's Basketball

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The men's basketball team fell to (0-2) for the season. Unfortunately they were outgunned by the hot shooting of Olney 81-60. Parkland trailed by as many as 30 points in first half and was able to get no closer than 15 points the rest of the way. Fred Long led the team with 13 points and 5 rebounds, while Greg

Morgan added 11 points, 6 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Morgan was the only Cobra with at least one block and only 2 players scored in double figures. Anytime you let a team shoot 60% from the field you are bound to lose the game. The Cobras only forced nine turnovers but they turned the ball over 29 times, which lead to fast breaks and easy points for the opposition. The Cobras

had more rebounds, made more free throws, and blocks than Olney, so it wasn't a matter of effort as much as it was a matter of execution. Despite their current record, the Cobras still have a good group of players. If they play together and help each other protect the ball then they can definitely turn this season around.