

## WEATHER



**MONDAY** — Breezy with an 80 percent chance of rain. Lows in the 60s.



**TUESDAY** — Clearing, rain ending in the afternoon. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 60s.

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# Allen scores victory with Proposal X

**Matthew Dobias**  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Gov. George Allen claimed a major victory for his young administration Friday with the passage of Proposal X, a crime bill package that, in effect, will abolish parole and establish a truth-in-sentencing clause for Virginia's courts.

Realizing the fulfillment of his major campaign promise, Allen smiled frequently in the glow of his victory. He called Friday a historic day for Virginia.

"We have fundamentally changed the character of our criminal justice system in the Commonwealth of Virginia," Allen told the legislators.

After several recesses, House Bill 5001 passed through the Senate and the House Friday keeping most of its original language while succumbing to only minor changes in the mostly Democratic House.

Allen will receive 60 percent of new bed space he requested for inmates in Virginia's correctional facilities.

Though only a portion of the bill will go into effect immediately, with priority going to the more mechanical tasks of finding construction sites and architectural planning, Allen said he is confident that the passage of his crime package will have an immediate diminishing effect on Virginia's violent crime rate.

"This action has restored the principles of honesty and accountability to our Virginia system of justice," Allen said.

"This fundamental change sends an unmistakable message to criminals — do not commit crime in Virginia,

because we will not tolerate it and we will not excuse it. "We have heard for many years, for decades, that it's society's fault, and (you) blame someone else and (give) excuses. In Virginia we are not going to listen to these excuses and blame someone else. You are going to be held accountable for your violent acts against others."

Allen looked genuinely pleased as he thanked members of the House and the Senate for their quick approval of the bill.

"With bipartisan leadership in the Senate and the House we have abolished parole effective Jan. 1, 1995," he said. "We have substantially increased sentences of the time served of violent offenders — and especially repeat violent offenders — and established truth-in-sentencing to Virginia."

Sen. Edward M. Holland, D-Arlington, chairman of the Courts and Justice committee.

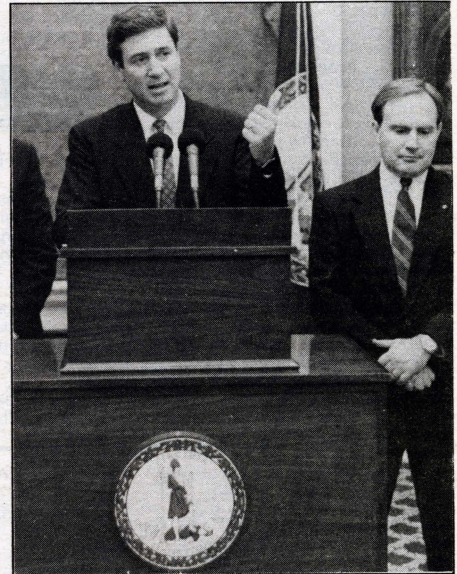
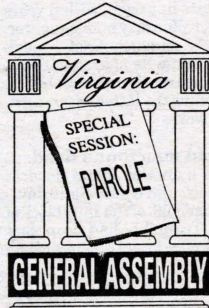
"I don't think you would call it predominantly Senate or House in nature," he said. Holland and five other legislators met for four hours Thursday night to resolve the differences between the two bodies.

The tab for Allen's crime package has been estimated to reach \$1 billion during the next 10 years, with some members of the House and Senate saying it might be double

that amount.

Funding for the governor's program has been deferred until January's General Assembly Session.

"We will address the bond issue in January," Allen said, "whether it's public-authority building bonds or general-obligation bonds — we can have a little jousting on that then."



Scott Bass/Commonwealth Times

**CAN I GET A RIDE?** — Gov. George Allen speaks at a press conference after his anti-parole bill motored through the General Assembly. The provisions of the bill will go into effect Jan. 1.

## Judith B. Collins recognized as 1994 Woman of the Year

**Jill Myers**  
CT STAFF WRITER

What do the acronyms RN, MS, OGNP and FAAN have in common?

These abbreviations stand for a registered nurse, a master's of science degree, an obstetric and gynecological nurse practitioner and a fellow in the American Academy of Nurses. They also describe a few of the many credentials attained by VCU's 1994 Woman of the Year.

Judith B. Collins, recipient of the award and director of the year-old MCV Women's Healthcare at Stony Point Park, will address the VCU Women's Network on Oct. 7 at a reception for VCU's new women faculty.

Donald Gehring, assistant to the president for government and community relations, said Collins is nota model for only women.

"She gets the most out of people and gives the most of herself," he said.

Collins works as an administrator and a registered nurse at Stony Point Park.

"I spend 100 percent of my time admin-

## Former secretary of state joins panel

*International Forum to focus on doing business in Russia*

**Leila M. Ugincius**  
CT STAFF WRITER

VCU's School of Business is setting its sights abroad by presenting the first annual International Forum on Thursday, Oct. 6.

A panel headed by Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former U.S. secretary of state in President Bush's administration, will discuss doing business in Russia and the newly independent states.

"We wanted to bring someone in who had very high visibility, and we also wanted to set the tone for the future (forums)," said Charles J. Gallagher, associate dean of external affairs for the school.

"As secretary of state," Gallagher said, "Eagleburger has been eminently involved in Russia and Eastern Europe. He's probably the most knowledgeable person on this topic, and we were lucky to be able to get him."

Howard P. Tuckman, dean of the

business school, said the school's faculty "felt that our students really deserve opportunities to meet the people who make and break policy. If you go to Harvard, there are great opportunities to meet these kinds of people."

To Tuckman, the forum is "a test to find out the extent that our students are interested in getting the opportunities that you get at an Ivy League school."

Van R. Wood, the Philip Morris Chair of International Business who will moderate the forum, called the International Forum a "unique opportunity" for students.

"I think that people should remember that Lawrence Eagleburger is a member of this panel," he said. "He has been described as the real brains behind Henry Kissinger."

The panel will consist of corporate leaders involved with business in Russia including Randolph N. Reynolds, president and CEO of Reynolds International Inc.; Bruce J. Summers, senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; and David E. Cline, president of Trans Siberian Trading & Investment.

Reynolds works on the conversion of Russian factories to nonmilitary production, while Summers has worked with the Central Bank of Russia. Gallagher described Cline as "an actual businessperson doing business in Russia."

Tuckman identified the panelists as members of the business community who care about VCU students.

"What's really exciting is when you bring together people of this type who are doing this for the students," he said. "They see this as an institution that is on the rise."

Moreover, Gallagher sees the forum as an opportunity to internationalize the business program at VCU.

"We want to make sure it has a student focus," he said. "The presentation and discussion will be for the students, and the students will be able to interact with the panelists."

Tuckman said every aspect of the

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## WORLD/NATION

## • U.S., Japan open markets

WASHINGTON — The United States and Japan initiated trade agreements Saturday, opening markets and derailing a possible trade war after 20 hours of negotiating.

The world's two largest economies agreed to open key markets covering telecommunications, medical equipment, insurance and glass. The Clinton administration set a midnight deadline Saturday and had planned to hit Japan with trade sanctions if agreements weren't reached.

No agreement could be reached on automotive products, which account for two-thirds of the \$60 billion U.S. trade deficit with Japan.

## • Russian government probes American's death

MOSCOW — The investigation surrounding an American exchange student strangled in a Moscow dormitory Sept. 20 has been opened by prosecutors.

Anthony Riccio, 21, of Glastonbury, Conn., was killed then apparently thrown off a 16th-story balcony. Police originally suspected suicide in the incident.

The Russian Procurator's Office informed the American Embassy Saturday it was opening a murder investigation.

## • Deadly gunfire erupts after racial slurs

RACINE, Wis. — A white supremacist died after a racially charged exchange of words with black customers Saturday resulted in gunfire at a convenience store.

John Rowan, 22, of Toms River, N.J.,

died after being shot, police said. A local black man, Naseer Ghani, was arrested in connection with the shooting.

Rowan was in town with other white supremacists to attend a concert performed by white supremacist bands when they stopped off at the convenience store.

## • Governor chased on highway after strange phone call

GREELEY, Colo. — Gov. Roy Romer was pursued by two men Saturday, forcing his car, an unmarked police car driven by a state trooper, to speeds as high as 110 mph.

Romer, who was leaving a debate at the University of Northern Colorado with Republican challenger Bruce Benson, crouched on the floor of the car during the chase following what campaign organizers called a "strange" phone call by an unknown person who wanted to know the governor's schedule.

## VIRGINIA

## • Some claim Disney won't build in Virginia

Some observers of Walt Disney Co.'s recent decision not to build a theme park near the Prince William County location think Disney will pull out of Virginia altogether.

Robert Elliot, the attorney for Protect, a citizen opposition group that filed three lawsuits against the Disney project, said he was doubtful Disney would pursue building the park at a different location in Virginia.

Disney officials have said they are still planning to build a Disney America theme

park in Virginia.

Elliot said he thinks Disney will declare it is still looking in Virginia then make a "graceful exit."

Last week, Maryland, West Virginia and North Carolina all made bids for the park.

## RICHMOND

## • Tops stay in Bottom

Richmond Circuit Judge Randall G. Johnson declared Friday it was illegal to go topless in Shockoe Bottom.

The judge told Frazier T. Boyd III, who invested \$31,000 in a bar he hoped would go topless on North 18th Street, the ruling may seem harsh, but no more so than those handed down in other state Supreme Court decisions.

## • Schizophrenic man gets 10 years for slaying

Brian Creed, the schizophrenic man who shot his father to death in February after he apparently discontinued taking medication for his condition, was sentenced Friday to 10 years in prison, with 6 years suspended, for involuntary manslaughter.

Creed fired a 12-gauge shotgun through the door of the home he shared with his father. Creed apparently mistook his father for a burglar as the latter was returning home from work.

## • Richmond man found dead

A Richmond man was found dead in Henrico county around 6 a.m. Saturday.

Ronnie G. Baker, 29, of the 1400 block of Mechanicsville Turnpike, had been shot before Henrico Police found him in a drive-

way in the 5000 block of East Richmond Road.

Thirteen murders have been committed in Henrico County this year. Police said anyone with information concerning the incident should call Crime Stoppers at 780-1000 or the county's police department at 672-5020.

## • Police to strictly enforce towing

Police officials say cars left on streets scheduled for sweeping will be towed.

Police will start strict enforcement of towing in areas designated for sweeping by large "No Parking" signs. The city posts signs on Wednesdays indicating the areas to be swept in the upcoming week.

Residents who go out of town for extended periods of time are encouraged to leave a key with a neighbor or refrain from parking their cars on the street.

People also can call the street-sweeping hotline at 780-7961 for information about the routes.

## CAMPUS

## • Business in Russia forum

A panel discussion with former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger on "Doing Business in Russia and the Newly Independent States" will be held in the Commonwealth Ballroom from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.

For information contact the Center for Economic Education at 828-1627. The forum is free and open to the public.

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# FYI

for your information

## Laser Fantasy

Experience lasers in all their glory. Visit the Ethyl UNIVERSE Planetarium and Space Theater at the Science Museum of Virginia starting Sept. 30.

At 8:15 p.m. and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays the initial schedule has Laser Floyd: Welcome to the Machine with music by Pink Floyd.

Laser Zeppelin: a Whole Lotta' Led with music by Led Zeppelin will be at 9:30 p.m.

At 10:45 p.m. you can see Laser Doors with music by The Doors.

Admission is \$5.50 for non-members and \$4.50 for museum members. For more information call 367-1013.

## Bank On This!

The VCU chapter of the Financial Management Association will present a banking forum at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Federal Reserve Auditorium.

The panelists for this forum are J. Alfred Broaddus Jr., president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; Lewis N. Miller Jr., president and chief executive officer of Central Fidelity Bank; Robert M. Freeman, chairman and chief executive officer of Signet Bank; and Neil B. Murphy, CCM, chairman and professor of finance at VCU.

Dennis M. O'Toole, associate professor of economics, will moderate the bank forum.

## Spaced Out

Have you ever wondered what it's like to travel in space, do research while you're orbiting Earth or live without gravity? Astronaut Kenneth S. Reighter Jr. has logged 327 hours in space. In two shuttle flights he has orbited the Earth 211 times. Hear his first-hand account and see video from his second shuttle flight at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Science Museum of Virginia.

Reighter's talk is free and open to the public. For reservations call 367-6126.

## Learning Style

The Society for Human Resource Management will offer a seminar about learning style assessment at 6 p.m. Oct. 10. For meeting location or additional information contact Elise Mosier at 643-2955.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

During October, MCV will offer reduced rates for mammograms at MCV Physicians in the Park at Stony Point, 9000 Stony Point Parkway.

Mammograms will be available at the reduced rate of \$55 on Mondays and Thursdays during the regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month by the American Cancer Society. For more information or to make an appointment call 560-8906.

# MCV Health Care Partnership spawns up-to-date emergency care in Russia

## Evelyn Terry

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

A medical team from the MCV Hospitals' Health Care Partnership traveled to Vladivostok, Russia, to teach emergency care to Russian physicians and will return Oct. 16.

As team leader, Dr. Edward Racht, an assistant professor of internal medicine at MCV and assistant director of MCV Hospitals' Emergency Room, said he, along with



Beverly Harris

**"Each of their ambulances is staffed by a physician. Russia does not have paramedics."**

— Lt. Beverly Harris

four other team members, will open the Vladivostok Emergency Medical Services Training Center.

"We (MCV's Health Care partnership) created the center to train 40 physicians in that region every two weeks in emergency-care techniques," said Racht, who is on his sixth trip to Russia for the partnership.

Other team members include Racht's wife, Cheryl, a nurse for MCV's coronary medical intensive care unit; Dr. Alfred Gervin, an MCV professor of surgery and the director of emergency medical services and trauma services for MCVH; Alan Smith, clinical manager for Richmond Ambulance Authority; and Lt. Beverly G. Harris, a nationally registered emergency medical technology paramedic and the assistant operations supervisor for RAA.

"This is going to be a chance of a lifetime," Harris said.

As an MCV-trained paramedic, Harris said she will be teaching prehospital medicine to a group of Russian physicians six days each week for 2 1/2 weeks.

"I teach people how to use emergency drugs to restart the heart, how to defibrillate — shock treatment. This is what we will be teaching. There are things that can be done

to save a person's life before he gets to the hospital.

"Each of their ambulances is staffed by a physician. Russia does not have paramedics."

Unlike routine emergency care in the United States, Harris said, Russia does not have standardized procedures but depends on physicians to determine procedures for each medical emergency.

Racht said each team member will be teaching a portion of the curriculum.

"We will be working one-on-one with ambulance doctors," Racht said. "We will be working one-on-one with reanimation nurses, physicians and administrators involved in emergency care."

"This is the first time a paramedic will be going. It's an honor that Richmond has a paramedic that can go work with physicians across the world to teach them emergency care."

Harris said Racht, whom she met through his position as an operational medical director for RAA, asked her to join the team that left Sept. 29.

# Professor practices what he teaches

*David Fauri helps train Daily Planet employees*

## Diane Giles

CT MANAGING EDITOR

When most people remember their summer, they think longingly of sunny days spent beside the pool, of family vacations or of baseball games and fireworks on the Fourth of July.

This fall, David Fauri will be thinking of the hours he spent training supervisors at the Daily Planet, a Richmond community center that services urban and homeless people. The Planet provides goods such as food and clothing, as well as services including counseling, job training for the unemployed, a substance-abuse unit and a small, specialized shelter for the mentally ill.

Fauri, a professor of social work at VCU, responded to an e-mail request last spring sent out by colleague Rosemary Farmer, who helps coordinate fieldwork programs for students and assists faculty with outreach assignments.

Farmer said she had been asked by people at the Daily Planet to help find someone to work with their supervisors. "I, over the years, have worked closely with the Planet, and I think the world of them," said Farmer, an assistant professor of social work. "They help us so much with the supervision they give our students (when they perform fieldwork assignments)."

"I wanted to give something back," she

said.

Fauri said the many changes the Daily Planet has faced lately gave him one reason to want to help. In the past year, they hired six new supervisors, most of whom had not received management training, he said.

So Fauri decided to step in.

He sat down with the program directors to analyze the problems, said Norma Hall, deputy director at the Daily Planet.

He then put together a workshop complete with copies of published works to give the new supervisors relevant reading materials.

"We didn't expect him to go as in-depth as he did and we were very pleased with the results of it," Hall said.

Fauri addressed many of the concerns and problems the new supervisors were facing, Hall added, and he gave them ideas on how to handle the situations.

Lauren Stevens, assistant administrator at the Daily Planet who trained with Fauri, described the experience:

"He put a lot of work into giving us ideas about supervision geared toward ... social workers in particular and how to be a better supervisor."

He used role-playing exercises to illustrate the best ways to handle situations, she said.

Many in her position wind up in a situation where "you're supervising and flying

by the seat of your pants," she added, "and it's really good to have guidelines."

Fauri said he sees great value in passing on those guidelines.

"I respect what they do (at the Daily Planet)," he said. "They have a tough job ... working with the homeless who have other problems besides being homeless."

"In working with them (employees of the Daily Planet), you come to know that they are very committed."

Fauri said he also gives credit to VCU's School of Social Work for encouraging professors to get out of the office and get involved with the community.

"I'm appreciative of being in the type of job I'm in at VCU that allows me ... to do community service work with agencies like the Daily Planet," he said. "It's part of our role in addition to teaching and doing research. It's nice to be in a job where you're encouraged to do that kind of thing."

Frank Baskind, dean of the school, said that while there are no formal outreach programs for faculty, many provide professional services to various agencies in Richmond.

"It's part of their professional commitment," he said.

Faculty who provide services to the community enrich the agencies they work with as well as the school environment, headed.

"It's a win-win situation," Baskind said. Fauri, who has taught at VCU for 11 years, said he did have a little time for fun during the summer. The professor, who enjoys gardening, music and art, traveled through the Midwest where he was able to practice one of his other hobbies, hiking. And, he managed to find time to spend with his wife, their two children and his golden retriever.

# Pour on the rhythm



David Cassidy/Commonwealth Times

Liquid Rhythm performs as part of the Shafer Court Friday night concert series. The APB Concert Committee sponsored the free event.

## COLLINS

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istrating and 50 percent (of it) seeing patients," she said.

Collins, who helped the Woman's Health Advisory Board conceptualize the comprehensive women's healthcare center, said she focuses on good patient care whether it be in policy-making decisions or hands-on experience.

Her nursing career started with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina and a master's of science degree in maternal-child health nursing from Boston University. She finished her schooling with an OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner Certificate from MCV.

Throughout her nursing career, Collins has served in several administrative positions. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in 1982-83 working in the office of U.S. Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo.

For 10 years after the fellowship, Collins worked for the VCU/MCV Health Policy Office. She then served as a legislative liaison to John Andrako, VCU's former vice president for health sciences.

Collins continued seeing patients one day weekly and taught at MCV while serving in the health policy office.

Gehring, who has worked extensively with Collins for the past four years, said he has never met anyone who knew Collins who did not respect her tremendously.

Throughout its history, he said, VCU has not been the greatest place for women to work, but Collins committed herself despite the lack of recognition.

Though Collins said she hasn't felt discrimination in her field, she advises future women professionals to be open-minded and recognize the value of each person regardless of gender.

"If a woman goes to the table with frustration (of feeling left out), it does not advance the cause," she said.

Collins credits her network of friends for helping her when she gets frustrated and for helping her reach the point where she is now.

## FORUM

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forum — from the questions to the people on the panel — met the requirement, "Does this really fit the students' interests?"

Wood said the foremost question he plans to ask the panel concerns business in Russia: "When you consider the number of investments possible in today's world, why would anyone seriously consider doing business in Russia or the independent states?"

That, he said, will be the groundbreaking question.

"Once that's been established," he explained, "we're going to try to develop discussion around issues of how you become successful. We'll be asking the basic things that investors will want to know."

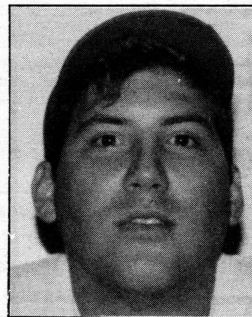
Another important question, Wood said, relates to finding out if it "would be wise to wait until the situation (in Russia) pans out, or should I jump in now to get the first-come advantage?"

Gallagher said Allen King and H. Graham Woodlief are responsible for initially bringing this program together.

King, an alumnus of the school, now serves as president of Universal Corporation. He also chairs the school's advisory board. Woodlief, vice president of Media General Inc. chairs the planning committee for the business council.

"It was with their help that we were able to do this," Gallagher said.

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## Letter to the Editor

## Reader Challenges CT Coverage



I would like to express my annoyance regarding some general points made in Sara Kukorlo's article titled, "Rushing Into Sisterhood," dated Sept. 12, 1994.

The article referred to African-American sororities as having "no formalized recruitment procedures." That statement is definitely NOT TRUE! African-American sororities do have formal recruitment procedures.

Each sorority holds its own rush at different times during the academic year. Those interested in seeking membership or just learning more about a particular sorority are welcome to attend. The actual recruitment process varies according to standards outlined by the organization.

I also thought I would name the four sororities that belong to the National Pan Hellenic Conference (NPHC) at VCU, since

Miss Kukorlo failed to do so. They are as follows: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta. Phi Alpha Psi, founded in 1992, does not belong to the NPHC but is known as an African-American sorority at VCU.

It is evident that Miss Kukorlo had not conducted research of any type on recruitment procedures practiced by African-American sororities at VCU. If she had, she would have learned that formal recruitment procedures do exist and there are only four sororities, not six, that belong to the NPHC.

Since Miss Kukorlo took the time to mention the other sororities at VCU, she should have taken the time to get the facts straight.

Shonda R. Dickens

Erin Hierholzer

## North rises from the dead

There is a scary phenomenon in American politics that seems to be catching on with more and more fervor. Helped along by Americans' seeming lack of long term memory, politicians who have gone down in flames are making a remarkable comeback.

It's like a bad soap-opera plot. You think Rex is dead. He was decapitated in a tragic boating accident. As he requested in his will, his body was buried in Zurich. His head remained in Genoa City. Yet somehow — through the miracle of modern science — he showed up at Lace's wedding and stopped her from marrying Carlton.

In real life, the differences between this plot and the current political arena are depressingly slight. The list is long and continues to grow. Dan Quale, Marion Berry, Chuck Richardson and Oliver North

(to name but a few) have all crashed their political balloons, only to rise from the ashes, born again.

Some analysts may say this is good old-fashioned American perseverance. It's like the old saying, "If you fall off the horse, get right back on it."

While Americans love the underdog, this particular trend goes beyond cheering for the losing team.

These politicians of yesterday come to us with a new image, a new philosophy and a request of 'forgive and forget.'

It's one thing to forgive. It's another to forget.

And yet, if polls are to be believed, the American public seems to have no memory of the political nightmares these men created.

Quale was the laughing stock of the country for four years. His daily gaffe was recorded on late night monologues. When he left office, Letterman and Leno lost a major source of good material and the American public regained a respected office that had been lost.

Marion Berry was convicted of smoking crack cocaine. The evidence against him was unquestionable. The federal government videotaped him in a hotel room using the exact product he had promised to keep from his citizens, and so many have been murdered because of the illegal market supported by this drug.

Fast forward a few years. Berry is again running for mayor of Washington D.C. He wins the democratic nomination and is considered a shoo-in for the election.

In a different city, 90 miles away, another city official is making a comeback. Richmond City Councilman Chuck Richardson retains his seat despite a second public release into heroin use. Accusations of missed council and committee meetings are made. He publicly admits his habit, yet refuses to step down.

And then there is the most amazing rising of the dead ever recorded in political history — Oliver North.

In case there is anyone out there who doesn't know this disgusting tale, I'll tell it one more time.

During the Iran-Contra scandal, North was convicted of intentionally lying to Congress, the very government body he now so desperately wants to join.

North's supporters say this dredging up of past history is irrelevant and takes away from the issues. The problem with this argument is that North's past is an issue.

The best way to conduct himself in office is to look at his past history.

North's record shows he has no qualms about lying to the American people if he deems it to be in our best national interest. This "interest" is decided arbitrarily by him, as he believes himself infallible and omnipotent.

The fact North has gotten so far along in his brief political career baffles me. The very real possibility that he could win the Senate election scares me.

But the most disturbing part of Oliver North's campaign is what it represents in American politics. The apathy and cynicism that American voters have viewed their politicians with seems to have mutated itself into something worse — forgetfulness.

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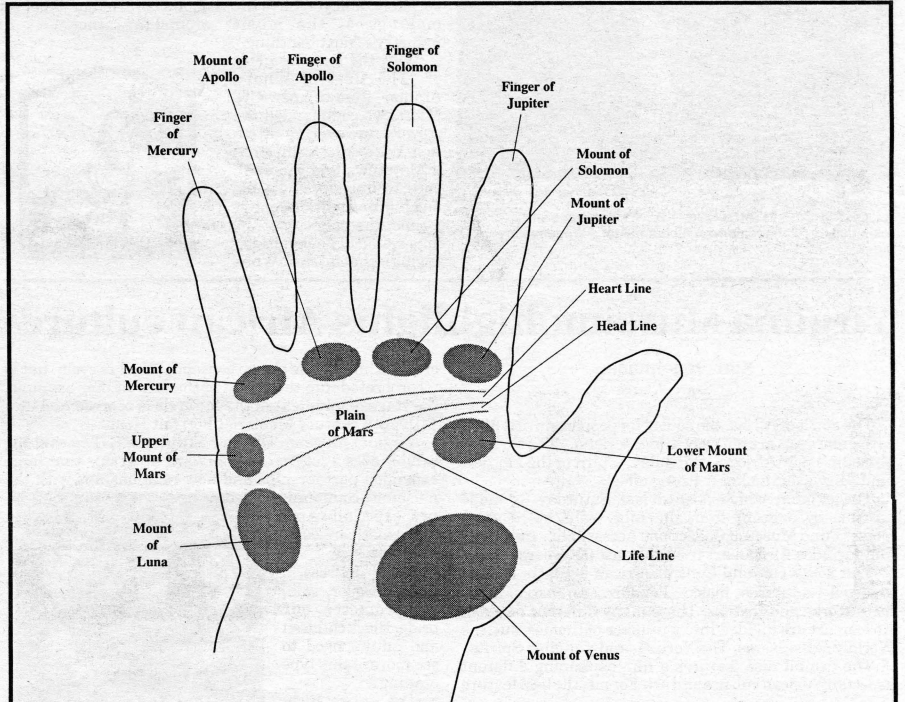
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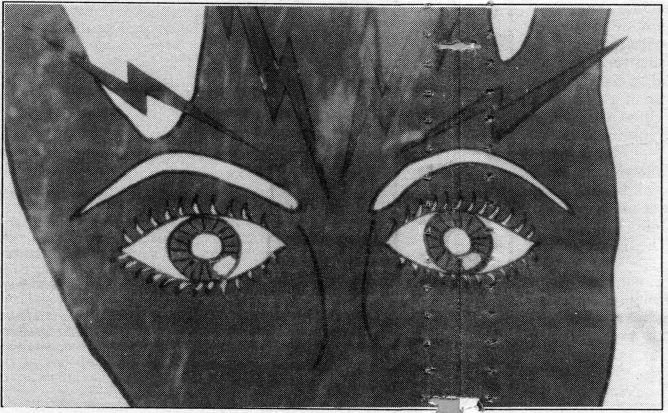
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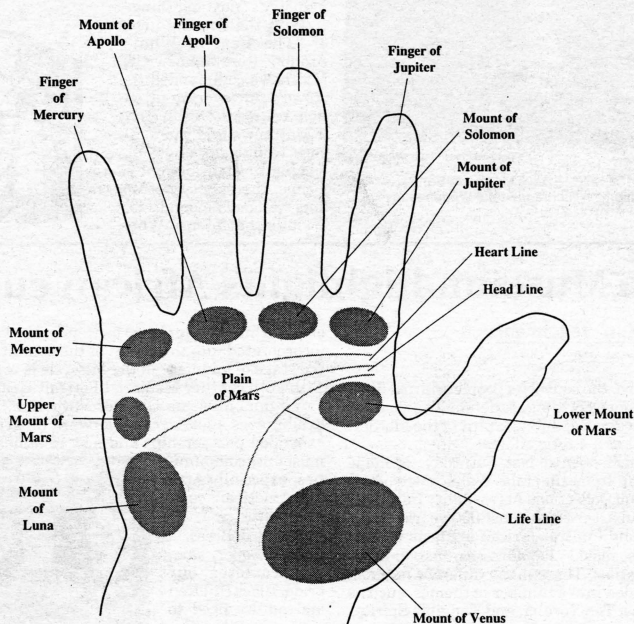
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# Homecoming for Dave Matthews Band after national tour and album take off

**Matthew Dobias**  
CT SENIOR WRITER

It would seem the old Thomas Wolfe adage "You can never go home again" doesn't apply to the Dave Matthews Band.

Returning to the Flood Zone for the first time since the release of their RCA debut "Under the Table and Dreaming," the Dave Matthews Band played in front of a sold-out crowd Wednesday night, proving again

why they are one of the most exciting live acts touring today.

It hasn't been too long since the band was a regular fixture at the Flood Zone, playing every week to a fan base that was continually growing through word-of-mouth reviews and constant touring. Matthews' fans are as loyal to their band as the Deadheads are to theirs, with the only differences being that the Patchouli oil has been replaced by Polo, and tie-dye shirts have been replaced by the boastful Greek-lettered kind.

The underlying excitement for the band comes from their music, a mixture of varying styles that include elements of jazz, blues and plain old rock. Include Matthews' vocals that at times can be the most beautiful sound to come through speakers, and you have the makings of the music industry's "next big thing."

With the opening notes of "The Best of What's Around" from the new CD, Matthews commanded the crowd's unwavering attention. You get the feeling that if Matthews told the audience to line up single file and jump off a bridge one at a time, the majority of the fans would. The band's following is that intense. When

violinist Boyd Tinsley began "Satellite" from the band's indie release "Remember Two Things," the crowd offered their own vocals, not missing a word lyrically.

Playing most of "Under the Table and Dreaming," the band, with Leroi Moore on saxophone, Carter Beauford on drums and Stefan Lessard on bass, filled the Flood Zone with their characteristic wall of sound. Though steeped with potential, the most exciting part of any Dave Matthews show is Tinsley, the fuel to the fire that is the band. The fans divide their attention between each member of the band, but when Tinsley begins songs like "Ants Marching" or "Tripping Billies," all eyes are solely on the violinist.

The two-hour show measured the band's strengths and talents along with their unparalleled ability to incite a near riot. For this reason alone you must see the band play live, but hurry, the world of sold-out shows and major label support is right around the corner.



Photo courtesy of Beth Whitehead.

**A LIGHT SHINES IN SHOCKOE** — Dave Matthews Band rekindled its relationship with Richmond fans Wednesday night.



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**DAVE MATTHEWS BAND** got to blow its own horn at the Flood Zone.



## Virginia Museum highlights African culture

**Kurt Jegermanis**  
CT STAFF WRITER

The spirit of Africa, the soul of its people and art, filled with greatness, are not easy things to define. The Virginia Museum's new African art exhibit, "Spirit of the Motherland," however, makes a strong effort.

The exhibit, which opened last Saturday, is made possible by a grant from the Lila Wallace—Reader's Digest Fund Museum Collections Accessibility Initiative, and includes African art from the past 600 years.

The 250 West- and Central-African artifacts include assorted sculptures, masks, headdresses, instruments, metalworks and textiles. These many different facets of African art are divided into a number of themes, such as Worldly Possessions, The Yoruba, and Tangible Spirits.

The exhibit also features a film explaining different aspects of African culture and art. For me, the best feature

of the exhibit is the Congo concept of the life cycle that is incorporated into the layout of the exhibit. For example, the stage of midnight in the life cycle is represented by a 17th-18th century Memorial Portrait Head.

Virginia Museum Director Katherine C. Lee said the exhibit does a lot "to carry forward programs that forge expanded partnerships and new relationships with the museum's communities, especially African-American communities."

Wand Jeffress, a museum goer, said, "It promotes our pride. Black children and adults need to see more of this type of thing."

The entire Richmond community has shown an enormous amount of support for the exhibit. Many community organizations have been involved in bringing about the projects.

Community organizations involved include the Richmond chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Richmond branch of the NAACP, the Richmond Jazz Society, the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia and Virginia State University.

Many of these community organizations are responsible for the large variety of events that are scheduled in conjunction with the exhibit.

The events will take place over the seven months the exhibit is at the museum and will end April 30 along with the "Spirit of the Motherland" exhibit.



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**WAITING WITH BELLS ON** — This Gwara mask from Liberia is part of the Spirit of the Motherland exhibit currently running at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

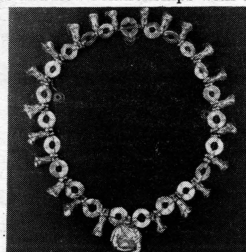


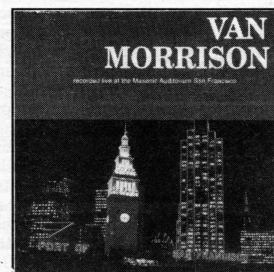
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**ANOTHER PIECE FROM THE EXHIBIT** — a necklace from the Akan culture of Ghana.



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**VAN MORRISON**  
*A NIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO*  
EXILE PRODUCTIONS LTD.

One evening a few years back I was at a friend's house partying.

At one point, the CD in the system had grown stale and my friend Mike suggested some Van Morrison.

Some guy I didn't exactly know suddenly exclaimed with conviction: "Van Morrison is God!"

The statement at the time seemed little more than bombast. I remember what was said then as I sit and listen now to this new Exile release of a December 1993 concert at the Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco. Morrison's music is sounding so well-seasoned. It is almost ethereal.

On the two-disc set, Morrison performs a combination of ballads, blues, soul, funk and jazz. He is accompanied by a sizzling group of guest musical artists including Candy Dulfer, John Lee Hooker, Junior Wells and Georgie Fame. The live recording captures a rare performance.

Together this group has made music that moves your feet as well as your spirit. Do yourself and your neighbors some goodness by getting this music that is sure to complement and ease, like morphine, the pains of any student's fall studies.

— Nick Abrash

# SEX! SEX! SEX!

**Sara Kukorlo**  
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Sex — just the word generates a great deal of attention especially in this era of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases. Society is consumed by it. On Tuesday, Sept. 27, MTV aired a special called "SMART SEX." The program, which was produced by Linda Ellerbee's Lucky Duck Productions, provided its audience with an inside look at various ways young adults are dealing with choices regarding sex in the '90s.

Instead of preaching, "SMART SEX" featured real people. Eleven young adults (ages 18 to 25) from all over the country



Photo courtesy of Lucky Duck Productions.

**HIDE YOUR DAUGHTERS!** — Bill said he refuses to wear condoms. He doesn't refuse to have intercourse.

talked to each other openly and maturely about the ever popular subject of sex. The program was presented by Christian Slater.

"This program isn't meant to scare you," Slater told his audience. "It's a program about relationships, about what people like you are doing and not doing. This is a story from the front line—the line we're all on."

Of the young adults featured, some were identified as straight, others gay. A variety of sexual relationships were represented. Some were single and playing the field. Some were promiscuous and refusing to wear condoms or HIV-positive and a parent. Some were choosing not to engage in

sex at all.

They each were straightforward in talking about their sex lives.

Ellerbee said "SMART SEX" provides a personal look at the sexual choices young people are making and how some of them are now living what they've learned about safer sex . . . and some are not. This is a story of truth and consequences."

A good lesson can be learned from one of the speakers who is HIV-positive. Carol is a 23-year-old from New York who found

disease.

Her son continues to get tested and so far has been HIV-negative.

Now Carol is a peer educator who travels to schools to speak openly about her life, her illness and how young people can protect themselves.

The program enforced the idea that abstinence is the only way to be completely safe from HIV and other STDs as well as unwanted pregnancies.

Lakita, a 24-year-old from Los Angeles, revealed to the audience that she decided when she was just thirteen to refrain from sex until she marries because she saw first-hand the consequences of irresponsible sex. Many of her friends became pregnant or contracted STDs, including HIV.

"People tell you, 'Everybody's doing it.' Well, then, you'll have no problem finding somebody else to do it with then, will you?" said Lakita.



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**SEE NO EVIL** — Lakita chose abstinence when she was 13.

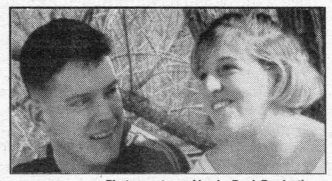


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**SITTING IN A TREE, K-I-S-S-I-N-G** and not much else. Matt and Vickie decided to postpone sexual intercourse.

out she was HIV-positive while receiving prenatal care.

Promiscuous and unsafe in her younger days, Carol said she contracted the deadly virus and passed it on to her husband — whose life has since been claimed by the

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# Unfinished opportunities plague Rams against Marshall

Matthew J. Weeks

CT STAFF WRITER

The VCU Rams soccer team extended its losing streak to three games, with a 2-1 loss Sunday to Marshall University.

The Rams had hoped to ring in the new month on a winning note and were abruptly denied by the Thundering Herd. VCU, who started their second stringers in the contest, expected an easy win. Marshall came into the game with an overall record of 3-6-1 and didn't know what to expect.

The win came as a surprise to their head coach Scott Fischer.

"For us it's a big win, a real big win," he said. "We were coming in hoping to counter-attack and get more opportunities and before we know it, we're actually playing with VCU."

Early in the first half, the Rams looked sloppy against the Thundering Herd, not pressing forward with the attack and playing defense.

Junior forward Jason Sheppard tried to start things up with 34:40 left in the first half, when he launched a cross pass to teammate Wayne Goring.

Goring's shot didn't move into the net, as Marshall's 6-4 goalie Grant Duff-Cole, who had six saves in the contest, saved it.

"He's our backup keeper, but he's played so well this weekend that he'll probably start (now)," Fischer said. "He's done really well."

VCU again tried to start things up at the 28:57 mark in the half, when defender Sean Jones booted a cross pass to senior co-

captain Pancho Wright. Wright dove, headed the ball, but missed the goal just inches from the net.

The first half ended with no goals from either team. Shots on goal were even at seven apiece, with VCU running into a little foul trouble, leading the Thundering Herd 11-4 in that department.

The start of the second half got off to a bang when Marshall scored its first goal at 40:39 left in the half. The Herd's Carl Capellas took a pass from midfielder Tino Lore, and booted the ball to forward Amjad Akhtar. Akhtar then knocked the ball to Mike Glasgow, who caught Ram goalie James Larkin off guard and kicked the ball into the corner for 1-0 Marshall lead.

VCU continued to repeat its performance of shabby play in the second half, with the Thundering Herd taking advantage of the situation, frequently penetrating the Ram goal box.

Marshall went up 2-0, with a little over 10 minutes left in the contest, when Scott Collings directed a corner kick to Kasey Dorr, who in turn nailed it into the upper corner of the net from 25 yards out.

The Rams only score came with 7:02 left in the game. VCU's Peter Roberts drove down the field and passed to forward Mike McDonnell.

The freshman then lofted the ball over the goalie's head, into the net with VCU still trailing 2-1.

Marshall shut down the Ram offense after that, holding VCU scoreless the rest of the game and sealing the win. VCU had several chances to score in the game and outnumbered Marshall in corner kicks 13-

Thundering Herd	2
Rams	1



Bill Buckman/Commonwealth Times

**EYING THE NET** - VCU's Wayne Goring gets into position to score but Marshall's Grant Duff-Cole denies him access. The Rams lost 2-1.

3. The Rams also outshot their opponents 18-14.

"(We went) back and forth, back and forth," said VCU interim coach Jon Stueckenschneider. "We just didn't finish

some opportunities."

The Rams dropped their record to 3 overall, 1-4 at home. Their next contest on Wednesday when they take on the Howard Bison on their turf.

## Hockey League owners are losing more than money

Arthur Mills  
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So you've just gotten into a fight with your mom and dad. Ugly things are spoken, and you, either on your own or because your parents sent you, head off to your room.

In time, mom and dad soften and enter your room to apologize. But you're still pissed so you stay in your room refusing to come out.

Eventually mom, bless her heart, will bake up some cookies, or nowadays plop some Oreos on a plate and tell you to come and get it.

At this point there is very little doubt that you've won the argument. Not only do you get to come out of your room, but you get to eat cookies.

But instead of taking a reasonable solution that might not solve the underlying problem but at least gives you more time to talk, what do you do?

You refuse the cookies and stay in your room.

When you're 10 this is what your parents called cutting off your nose to spite your face.

National Hockey League owners have cut off their nose and completely lost face in their labor dispute with the players.

Somehow, in the face of all that is good and holy, the owners refused the

players' proposal to play the season and Stanley Cup playoffs without striking.

Sure, there is no collective bargaining agreement, and no one can argue that hockey isn't on much shakier ground financially than its baseball big brother.

But the players want to capitalize on the momentum created from the sport's greatest season a year ago.

Baseball is gone and hockey will have all the highlights from Monday through Friday, and there will be time to negotiate an agreement.

Hockey players actually took on a proprietary action, saying, "We'll play because it's in the best interests of the sport."

But the owners wouldn't nibble, creating the first time in the history of labor disputes in professional sports that the owners have actually been in the wrong.

Normally, I'm an owner's guy.

I see with clarity the owners' assertion that they have the right to make money, too.

Somehow, professional sports is, however, the only business in the United States where the owner has lost the right to make a profit unless he (oops! or she) sells the team.

I'm with the baseball owners telling the players that there is an end to the previously unending spiral of player salaries.

Hockey owners had me at the beginning as well.

Hockey is a sport driven by gate receipts

to make money and pay salaries. Now Fox has jumped in with a 5-year, \$150 million television contract, but it doesn't make much difference because hockey salaries have outgrown gate receipts.

The Florida Panthers sold out home games at a 95 percent clip, but still lost \$3 million.

Hockey is floundering financially, despite its tremendous growth in popularity.

Something has to be done so the owners can make a profit. So they come up with a taxation system and revenue-sharing program.

Look up taxation system and revenue sharing in the dictionary and you'll see salary cap.

Since this is what the players see, they immediately say no way.

So up to this point the owners are right to tell the public that unless an agreement is reached the season would be put on hold.

Owners didn't want a repeat of what happened in baseball, where the players selfishly walked out during the best season in recent memory.

Hockey players didn't want this either, so they guaranteed not to strike.

By rejecting this wonderfully selfless offer by the players, the owners have locked themselves in their room.

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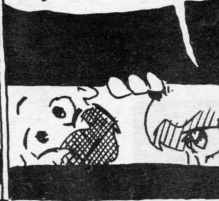
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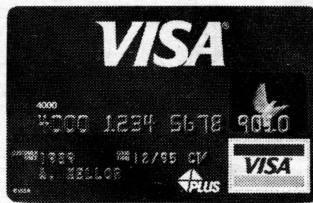


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