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Celebrating culture

By Tess Peterson
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This marked the 13th annual multicultural festival at Lincoln Land. It was full of fun and creative booths from Africa to Poland to Latin America to India. Also the clubs were promoting what they do too like student government who encouraged you to get an application to be a part of their team.

One of the big highlights from the Multicultural Fest was the all different kinds of foods that could be tasted. One of the most delicious was, Omar's Latin Fusion which was stewed chicken, Pico de Gallo with chips and cheese sauce. Other interesting dishes were, Clay's Popeye's BBQ with pulled pork and greens, Kingsway's African and Caribbean Cuisine with jerk chicken, jollof rice and plantains. More familiar ethnic dishes included, Palermo's pasta with sauce and salad, Hunan Lo Mein noodles and mini egg rolls and Flavor of India with Butter chicken and Naan (bread).

But the multicultural fest was about more than just the food. It showcased booths from all different countries. India showcased florals in beautiful art. Poland showcased a map of their country and displayed dolls that wore costumes from different periods of time. For example, one the dolls costume was based on the Polish Lancer uniform of the Napoleonic War.

LLCC students Kenzie Minor and Barbara Gannar said that this was their first time attending the Multicultural Fest and they thought it was really cool. Kenzie's favorite part of the fest was "the art that India showcased." Both students proclaimed that they would come back again next year.

All and all this was a very enjoyable event that brought many cultures together to eat, learn and most importantly have fun!

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Gone phishing?

By Isaac Warren
Editor

Lincoln Land Community College has seen at least two phishing attempts on its students this semester. Twice, IT has sent a system-wide email reminding students to be wary of phishing attacks and to never give out student information over email. But what is a phishing scam, and how does it affect students? When asked, student Jacob said he thought a phishing scam was sort of like stealing someone's information. Blake Bergmann, also an LLCC student, said he "had no idea" what a phishing scam was. It seems as though people have heard of phishing, but are not entirely clear as to what it involves.

Phishing is when someone attempts to take someone's personal information, such as passwords, usernames, or even bank account infor-

mation. The word is a homophone of the word "fishing," with both involve baiting something in hopes of getting a good return. Like a good fisher, scammers will wait patiently until they get what they came for. Phishing scams rely heavily on social engineering. Most hackers nowadays do not usually behave the way movies make them out to be. Most of the time, there is not a warehouse or empty apartment, with no lighting, and someone furiously typing code on the fly trying to break down a firewall. Although these types of attacks are used, albeit not as common, "hackers" resort to social engineering because it is easy to pretend you are someone else.

In the early days of the internet, America Online, or AOL, was the posterchild for the new frontier. Hackers created a program that would allow them to impersonate an AOL employee and attempt to get information from customers, such as bank

records, social security numbers, and passwords. AOL eventually patched the security holes, but the hackers turned to simply pretending. They relied on strong wording in emails that they would send to their victims. Those who believed the fake emails were instructed to reset their passwords via a link provided in the message. The link provided was bogus, and they were essentially writing their sensitive information on a highway billboard for anyone to take.

Today, phishing is common, and the methods are very similar to the methods of hackers 20 years ago. There are very simple ways to protect yourself from scams, without any fancy software.

1. Be cautious. Not everyone on the internet is your friend. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

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Stand up for banned books

By Avery Cook
Lamp staff

SPRINGFIELD — When one picks up a copy of "Bridge To Terabithia," "Alice In Wonderland" and "The Three Little Pigs," one might be surprised to learn that someone at one point or another has tried to ban these books from being read.

When a person thinks of banned books, one might conjure images of novels with disgusting language, and nightmarish murder scenarios, but many banned books are those meant for children and young adults.

On Wednesday Sept. 28, Debra Brothers, professor of English, hosted Lincoln Land Community College's 16th annual Banned Books Reading. Participants read and discussed Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita," Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and children's rhyme "I Know An Old Lady."

One has to wonder if it is harming or protecting kids, said Thera Bond, teacher and participant, while discussing books such as "The Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

Both books discuss stranger danger, but have been banned due to violence in them.

A book can be banned for many different reasons. "Bridge To Terabithia" has been challenged by Christian groups, saying that the book has Wiccan metaphors, but atheist groups object to its strong Christian themes.

"The Color Purple" is challenged many times in multiple states by different groups for its obscene language, racism and LGBT themes.

People today can be too sensitive, said Lucy Carly, an audience member.

Some groups, instead of trying to have the book banned completely, try to have the book changed in certain ways in order for them to be considered suitable. For instance one organization wished for Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" to be censured by using the

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Trump

By Tess Peterson
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Donald Trump was born in Queens, New York City in 1946 as the fourth of five children to Fred and Mary Anne Trump. He grew up in Queens. His father was a builder and real estate developer with projects in Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island, specializing in apartment buildings for middle income residents. Donald's parents sent him to the New York Military Academy at age 13, with the hope that the discipline provided there would help to focus his energy in a positive manner. He did well at the boarding school, participating in sports and graduated in 1964. He spent his summers working in his father's business on construction sites.

After High School, Donald started his undergraduate career at Fordham University. After just one year, he transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1968 with a degree in Economics.

Donald was fascinated with his father's real estate and development business, and joined the business upon graduation. He tried unsuccessfully to convince his father to develop projects in Manhattan, but Fred Trump thought that was not their market. Donald had much grander ideas than his father and started to become involved in large building projects in Manhattan hoping to earn large profits, but also to gain public recognition. His first major project was the Convention Center in New York City, built on property obtained from the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, after its bankruptcy.

Trump offered to waive his fees if the city would name the Convention Center after him. The city refused, but this was the beginning of Trump's idea to brand his name. In 1974 Trump gained the rights to the Hyatt Hotel at Grand Station. He worked out a deal to remodel the hotel and renamed it the Grand

Hyatt. The hotel was an instant success due to its location in midtown Manhattan.

In 1977 Trump met and married a fashion model, Ivana Zelnikova. Ivana quickly became involved in the Trump business as vice president of design. She was very involved in the renovation of another Trump hotel, The Commodore.

The first big project that Trump took on in Manhattan, without Fred, was the site next to Tiffany & Company on Fifth Avenue. Trump built a \$200 million apartment-retail complex and named it Trump Tower. This building attracted high end retail stores and famous celebrity renters. Trump was finally on the radar of the New York City upper crust. Trump used this early success to buy and build a number of Manhattan properties including the Plaza Hotel at Central Park. By 1980, Trump made the move to develop hotels and Casinos in Atlantic City. He bought, redeveloped and renamed three Hotels with the Trump Brand, the most famous being the Trump Taj Mahal.

By the early 1990's the real estate market began to decline precipitously which significantly reduced the value of Trump's properties, many of which were highly leveraged. Trump took on massive loans to stay afloat. Trump's net worth plummeted from an estimated \$1.7 billion to less than \$500 million. Although his image was tarnished, Trump was able to use bankruptcy to climb out of an economic disaster.

During this period Donald was publicly having an affair with actress Marla Maples, eventually leading to his divorce from Ivana. Trump and Maples had a daughter, Tiffany, two months before being married in 1993. In 1997, Trump filed for divorce from Maples.

Trump became a household name when he began a television career as host of NBC's The Apprentice.

Trump is currently the Republican candidate for President.



Clinton

By Tess Peterson
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Hillary Clinton was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1947, and grew up in the suburb of Park Ridge, Illinois. Hillary's early life was quite normal. She grew up in a modest household where her father Hugh Rodham was a successful small businessman, running a drapery factory. She learned the value of hard work by helping in the drapery factory.

Hillary enjoyed a normal childhood. She was a Girl Scout, and participated in sports such as swimming and baseball. She was inspired by the Space Race, as a young woman, and even wrote a letter to NASA asking to become an astronaut. In high school, Hillary was a National Honor Society member, and a National Merit finalist. She won an election to be class vice president during her junior year. Her first defeat in politics came in her senior year as she ran for class president, in a three way race against two boys, one of which campaigned saying "you are really stupid if you think a girl can be elected president." Clinton lost and went on to graduate in the top 5 percent of her class, and starting an undergraduate career at Wellesley College, majoring in Political Science.

As a Wellesley student, Hillary served as president of the Wellesley Young Republicans. This was a normal extension of her conservative upbringing and her Methodist faith. She was an intern in the U.S. House of Representatives, in the Republican Conference. Hillary became the first student to ever speak at the Wellesley commencement Ceremony.

After spending a summer traveling across Alaska and working as both a dishwasher in Mount McKinley National park, and slimming salmon at a fish processing cannery, Hillary began law school at Yale. It was while studying law at Yale, that

Hillary met Bill Clinton. She did post graduate work at the Yale Child Study Center, working on children's rights. This work was the basis of her first scholarly publication, "Children Under the Law", which was published in the Harvard Educational Review in 1973. Hillary went on to serve on the staff of the House Committee on the Judiciary as legal counsel during the Watergate scandal.

Hillary married Bill Clinton after many of his proposals, and moved to begin a new life in Arkansas, in 1975. She joined the faculty of the School of Law at the University of Arkansas, as one of only two female faculty members. She later joined the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock. When Bill was elected Governor, Hillary became the First Lady of Arkansas. She continued her work on behalf of children with the Children's Defense Fund.

In 1993, Hillary became the First Lady of the United States, when Bill Clinton was elected President. As First Lady, Hillary advocated for health care reform, but was rebuffed by Congress. She persisted, and with bipartisan cooperation was able to get the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) passed in Congress, in 1997. This children's health program serves eight million children to this day.

In 2000, Hillary was elected to the first of two terms as U.S. Senator from New York. She worked tirelessly to gain assistance for the families and first responders after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, in Manhattan.

Hillary ran, unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for President in 2008, losing to Barack Obama, in a close Primary race. Barack Obama went on to win the Presidency, and selected Hillary to be Secretary of State. In this role, Secretary Clinton traveled the world to 112 countries to represent the United States and advocate for women's rights.

Hillary Clinton is currently the Democratic Nominee for President.

Program opens doors for black students

By Theabold Kennon III
Lamp staff

SPRINGFIELD — For African-American male college students, financial concerns often bring their high hopes of a college education to an early end.

But Michael Phelon and the new Open Door Mentorship Program lessen those concerns.

Michael Phelon is the coordinator for Lincoln Land's new Open Door Mentorship Program.

"I am developing a program that is geared toward African-American males," Phelon said. "Internships, mentorship, just academic support for African-American males."

The goal of the program is to prevent young black male students from putting off their education. With financial concerns being a driving force on why African-American males end up leaving college pursuits, Phelon has made contacts with the local Chamber of Commerce and can offer 30 internships at local businesses.

"Being at Lincoln Land, there are a lot of resources here," Phelon said.

He encourages students going through tough financial times to use the services at LLCC, such as visiting financial aid advisers or going to the school's Foundation.

Beside just helping struggling students with money for books and tuition, The Open Door Mentorship helps any student with life needs.

"We have tutoring available downstairs. We have counseling here on campus. We're in the process of building a food pantry," Phelon said.

Phelon has built this program for African-American students, both male and female, leaving the high



Michael Phelon

school or their first time, need to seek out others they can learn from or lean on

The Open Door Mentorship is for students to branch out and meet students who don't look act or think like them.

"We are treading in new waters here with this, and some new initiatives that Lincoln Land is trying to do like the Workforce Development. The school is meeting issues head on," Phelon said.

Although this is a new program for the college, it is moving toward more diversity and inclusion on the campus.

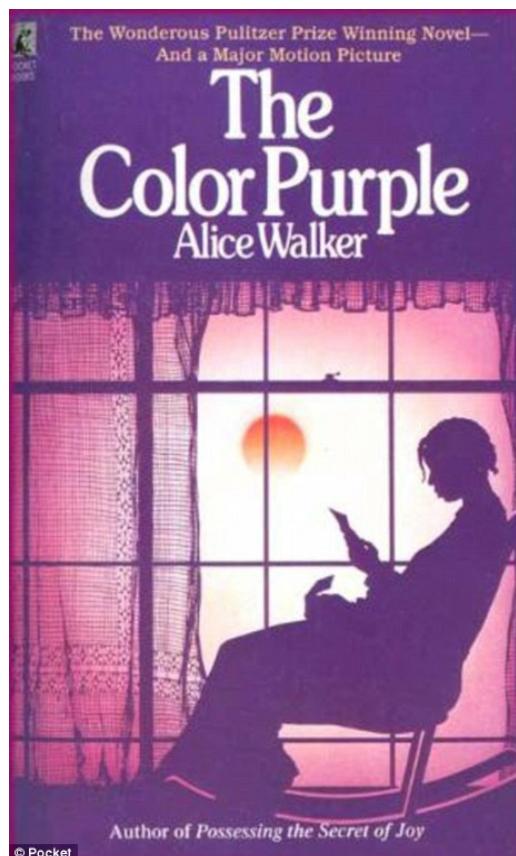
Phelon is happily married for eight years and the father of two, a son, Kingston, 6 and a daughter Mary, 4.

He played college basketball, but is more known to play with the members of his local Boys and Girls Club nowadays.

Phelon has a degree in graphic design from the University of South Alabama and is currently readying for his master's degree.

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word "slave" instead of the N-word.

By doing that, they are erasing the time in our culture when people did

talk like that, said Terrelle Jackson, a participant in the book reading.

LLCC Banned Book Reading showed how easy one can challenge a book, but by doing so, they are trying to silence the author, and infringing upon the author's civil

rights. The authors of these books are fortunate to live in a country with the freedom of speech and to be able to speak what they have to say.

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Phishing

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2. Do not open suspicious emails. The most famous email scams involve a nigerian prince of some sort, who desperately needs to get millions of dollars out of his country. If you ever find one of these emails, delete it without even opening it. Files attached can contain viruses that can steal your data and even destroy your computer.

3. If an email is just a picture of a photocopied letter, never ever follow any directions. Delete it and block that sender from your address book.

4. Never give out bank information, passwords, or

any sensitive information via email. LLCC IT will never ask for your personal information over an email. If you get an email notifying that you have been hacked, you can disregard those almost 100% of the time.

5. If someone calls you claiming to work for Microsoft, Apple, or the IRS, they are fake. The IRS never cold calls anyone. Microsoft and Apple will not either.

You can put your number on the Do Not Call registry to show companies that your number cannot be called to sell you anything. If you still receive a call from a bogus company, write down the phone number, ask for their business address, and report them to the Federal Trade Commission.

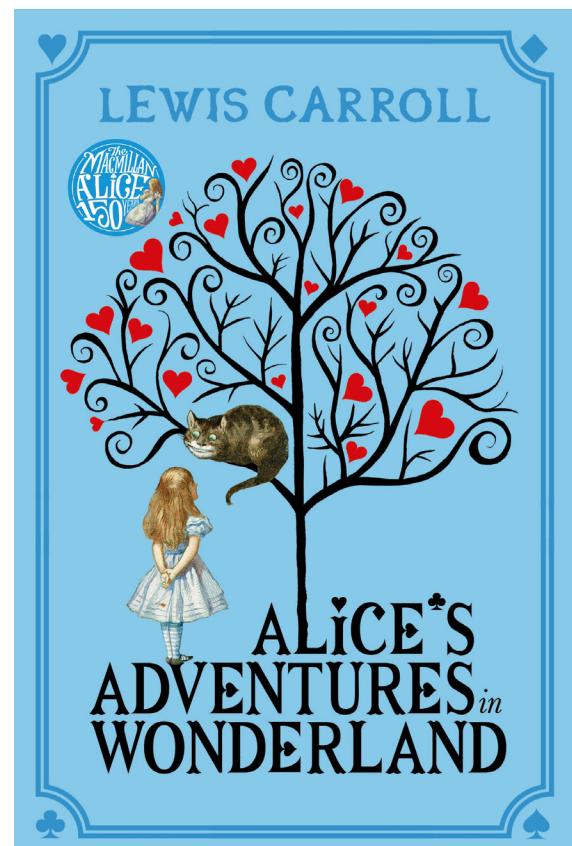
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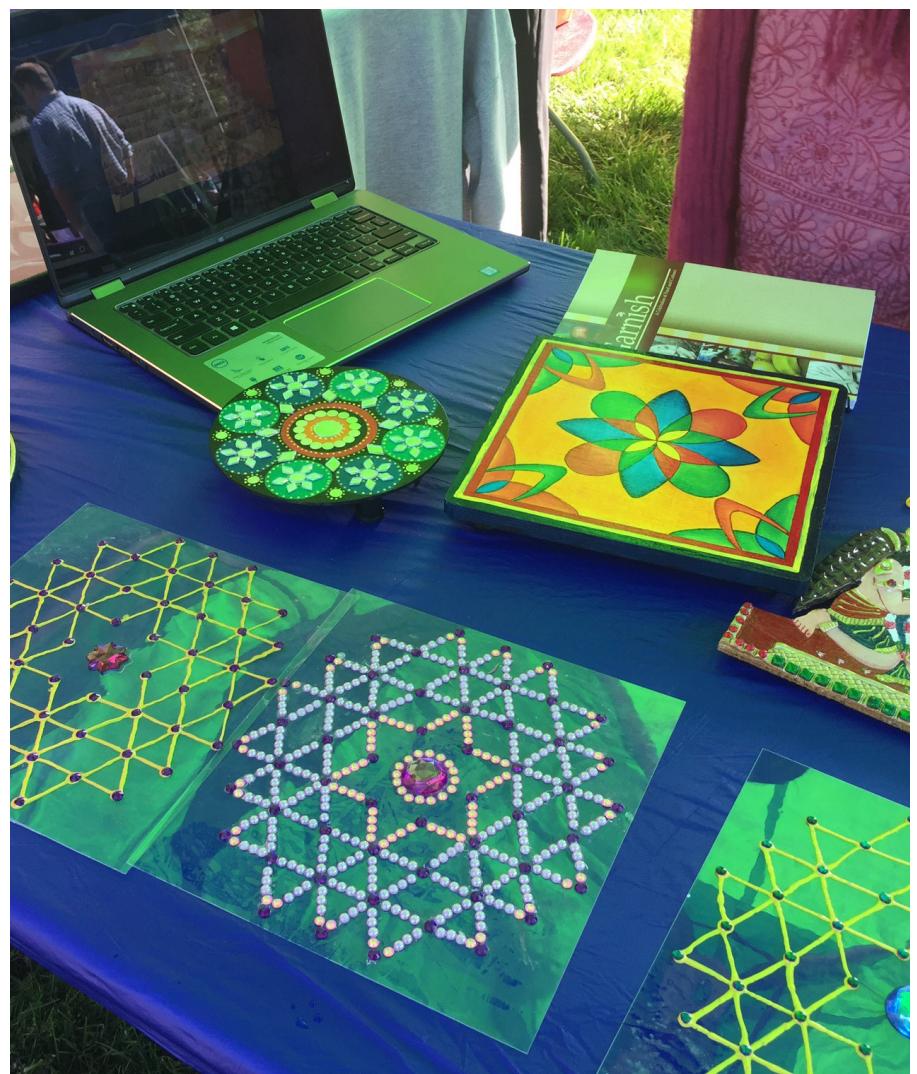


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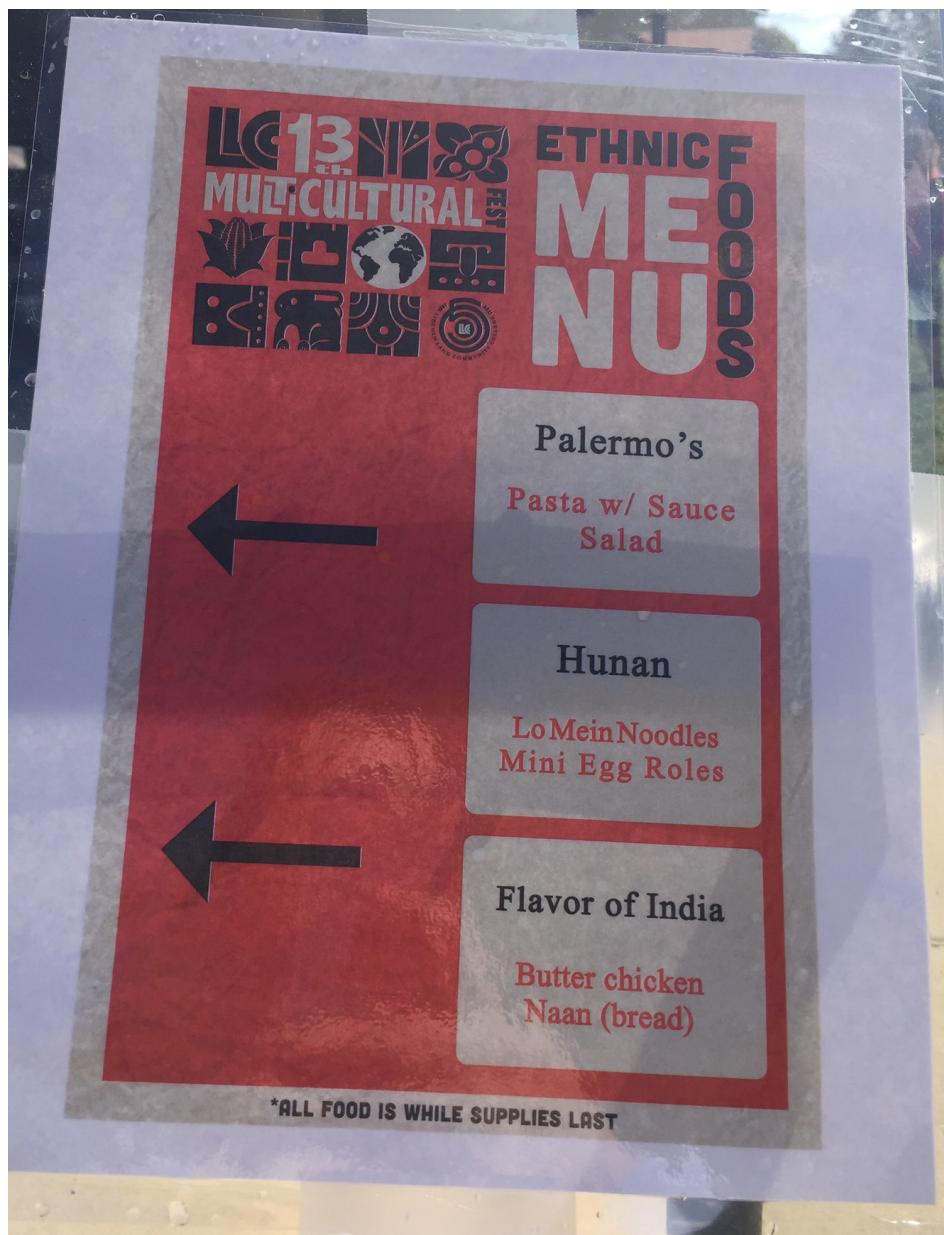
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Lincoln Land Multicultural Festival





Illinois' creepy creatures

By Jared Gorrell
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Halloween approaches yet again, and as such, it is time for this nature columnist to discuss the strange and the odd animals and plants of Illinois. Now, when one thinks of strange creatures, bats, snakes, and spiders come to mind. However, I have decided to make a list of strange creatures and plants none of you have likely heard of, but that live in our state regardless. Some are rare, some are common, and some are creepy.

Wheel Bug - Named for the spiny crest on their back, wheel bugs are a species of assassin bug, so named because they kill other insects. They are at the top of the food chain among insects, and finding one is a good sign of an ecosystem's health. Wheel bugs prey upon pest species like tomato hornworms and Japanese beetles, so they are quite beneficial. That being said, wheel bugs are capable of leaving scars with their painful bites. Like many of the animals and plants on this list, it is best to look but not touch a wheel bug. These can occasionally be seen on campus at the bird banding station.

American Paddlefish - Illinois has a number of interesting fish, but the paddlefish is easily the oddest-looking of them all. In addition to having what resembles a canoe paddle attached to their heads, paddlefish also have a skeleton mostly made of cartilage, just like a shark. Paddlefish are considered to be a primitive bony fish, an intermediate between cartilaginous fish like sharks and bony fish. Unlike most sharks, however, paddlefish eat only microscopic plankton. Despite this diet, paddlefish grow quite large, often over five feet long and over a hundred pounds in weight. The paddle itself is covered with sensory receptors, allowing the fish to detect plankton and other objects in the water.

Spoonleaf Sundew - While most Illinois plants are content with sunlight and soil, there are a few carnivorous plants in this state, particularly in the Chicago area. The Spoonleaf Sundew is one of these. Like all sundews, this plant uses the sticky hairs on its leaves to trap prey, usually small insects. Enzymes in the plant's leaves then break down and digest the insects. Spoonleaf Sundews only live in certain wetlands in northeastern Illinois, and as a result are State-Threatened here in Illinois.

Common Striped Scorpion - Yes, there are scorpions in Illinois. No, they are not in your backyard. Scorpions, in

this state, are restricted to a few bluffs in the southwestern part of Illinois, and are listed as State-Endangered for their rarity. There is only one species, a timid little arthropod with the name of Common Striped Scorpion. Though it does have a stinger, the sting is no worse than that of a bee, and equally harmless.

Indian Pipe - These unusual woodland plants have no chlorophyll, the green stuff that enables plants to photosynthesize. How, then, do they grow? Indian Pipe plants parasitize fungi, and only emerge from below the ground to flower. As Indian Pipes require a healthy forest to have a large enough population of fungi to parasitize, they are naturally quite rare. (It is this author's intention to spend his life researching plants like this which parasitize fungi.)

Doll's Eyes - Right up until late summer, Doll's Eyes appears to be a plain, unassuming plant growing quietly in the woods. In August, however, it grows berries that resemble the plant's namesake. These small, white berries have a single dark spot at the end, and a red stem, making them perfectly resemble eyes. In addition to being quite creepy, Doll's Eyes also are extremely deadly if eaten, with a toxin that causes heart attacks.

House Centipede - Imagine a spider with twenty extra legs, and you have the house centipede. As its name implies, it lives in houses, where it hunts spiders and insects, especially household pests like silverfish and carpet beetles. Finding a house centipede indoors generally means there are a number of other insects also around the building, likely pests. Thus, a house centipede usually serves as the natural exterminator. Despite its creepy appearance, the house centipede is fairly helpful. House centipedes are also quite intelligent, having different attack strategies depending on the prey. For instance, if attacking a wasp, the house centipede Unlike most of the animals and plants on this list, these have been seen inside Lincoln Land

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Spoonleaf sundew



Indian pipes



House centipede



Wheel bug



Doll's eyes



American paddlefish



Common striped scorpion

Veterans problems are different, same

By Edward Gerson
Lamp Staff

"You know," the Commander said, "I could send you In-country right now if I chose."

The cabin was so still I thought I could hear the ship's engine running below decks. Through the porthole I could glimpse the bright, San Diego sun, the blue, blue sky, the clouds. I wasn't sure how to respond. This was a game he played, sometimes jokingly, sometimes serious. "Yes, sir," I stammered. "If I wanted to," he continued, "I could order you back to ADMIN right now, have you write up your orders, and return here for my signature." "Yes, sir." "All right, dismissed."

Nearly Fifty-years. Fifty-years. 1967 and 1968. Flag Allowance, COMCRUDESPAC, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Crazy days. Crazy days. You think the country is divided now? You can't imagine what it was like those years: half -- "Hell no! We won't go!" -- the other half. "Love it or leave it!" I was 26 with a Bachelor's degree, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Kappa Phi, plus a Master of Arts degree in 19th Century American Literature, living at home and working for the Federal government. Now my number was coming up. When I called my draft board, the voice at the other end said, "It's either the Army or the Marine Corps."

Some who read this may have fathers or uncles or other relatives like me who served in that conflict. Some will speak of it, others won't. Some may remember their time with fondness recalling the men with whom they served, some may recall with anger the

reception they got when they returned. (And some reading these words may nod their heads in recognition while others shake theirs with scorn.) But I was no patriot. I didn't approve of the war. How could I? Every day when I turned on the TV and watched the CBS Evening News I could see firsthand what was going on over there. But I couldn't side with the protestors either: I respected the ones who went to prison for their principles like the Berrigan brothers, the others who marched on the Pentagon, those who endured beatings, vilification, but I wasn't going to burn my draft card, defile the flag. And I couldn't bring myself to conscientiously object either. I wasn't against all wars, just this one. So I upped.

I tried Navy OCS, took the tests, interviewed with a lieutenant at the recruiting office but when we finished it was obvious that I was the last person to take on an officer's responsibilities. I practically trembled at the thought and it showed. So I enlisted in the Navy reserves and after a year of meetings, received my orders. Since I lived and worked in Washington, D.C., I fully believed I would be assigned to a ship in the Atlantic fleet. I thought for sure I would go to a destroyer, a cruiser, a carrier -- whatever. Instead, for some ungodly reason, I got orders to report to COMCRUDESPAC on the 32nd Naval Station in sunny, San Diego. Preparing to take a taxi to the transient station, dressed in my Navy blues, my olive sea bag hanging from my shoulder, I stood in front of my father. "Goddamn that President Johnson!" he said embracing me, and I was off.

Even today, I have mixed feelings about that time. On the one hand,

I couldn't believe my luck! San Diego was paradise! Mornings were shrouded in fog, and trying to find one's way to the mess hall could be blind-man's-bluff. By noon, however, the sun had burned away the mist, revealing a sky as pure as I had ever seen. And as evening approached and the sun started to settle over the Pacific, the light would change to gold, then bronze, then blood red until the sun sank beneath the horizon and the day melted into twilight. Weekend liberty meant changing into civvies, catching a bus out to La Jolla where I bodysurfed or sprawled on the beach. And finally -- finally -- I had the time and freedom to indulge my reading and writing: all of Thoreau, and then, Dostoevsky, then Nietzsche, the philosophy -- book after book -- and then the interpretations, book after book, Hemingway, Dos Passos, Fitzgerald. And long, long letters pounded out after work on the office Selectric, page after single-spaced page to home, to family, to friends.

But I was powerless too. That's what it meant to wear a uniform, to take orders. Officers had to be respected even though in your heart you did not. Constant deference. Three or four times every day, I brought the Commander his mail. He would review it while I stood silently at the rear of the cabin, the way he liked it. Once he became so immersed in his work, he even forgot I was there. Thirty, forty-five minutes passed before he noticed. "Oh, you still here? Dismissed." And the threat, always -- always -- the threat. "You want to go to 'Nam, Gerson? Just say the word."

Crazy Days. San Diego may have been heaven on earth, but it was no cocoon, no isolated bubble floating

on the sea. On every billboard, every headline the words screamed "WAR". At night one Christmas, I walked past the ships: "Peace on Earth" on this destroyer, "Goodwill Towards Men" on that one. I came to a light carrier, a bedecked Behemoth belching steam. I craned my neck to look upward at its Christmas lights, twinkling red and green, mesmerized by this colossus, this symbol of American might and power. On a hot August day, the USS Canberra returned, a gaping hole where an enemy shell had struck. I watched as the men poured down the gangway each with a stiff salute to the colors, a warm embrace to the wife, then lifting up the young daughter or son. "Well, I thought, "thank God, at least you're ok."

But others weren't. Maryjane, Colombian Red, Mellow Yellow, Peyote, Mescaline, Magic Mushrooms, and, of course, those little pink sugar cubes. "Feed your head." A steady stream from Tijuana. Every morning I'd review the ships' dispatches. "The Commander doesn't like going through all that (expletive deleted)," my Chief would say. "Pick out the most important and throw away the rest." So every few days I'd read about the men who died at sea -- not from battle -- but LSD or STP so transported they couldn't tell black sea from starry sky and throw themselves overboard. Alcohol was plentiful and cheap as well: to get drunk, a sign of pride but followed by fights and domestic violence. My Chief came in one day, his bloated face scared from a marital scrap. Another Chief bragged to him on another occasion how in a drunken rage he had "trashed a whore, beat the

(expletive deleted) out of her." (Years later, much later, the Armed Forces recognized alcoholism as an illness). Gay men stayed strictly closeted. (These were the days even before "Don't ask, don't tell.") Solicitation meant arrest, the brig.

Eventually, my Commander got his ship, a large destroyer, and a Captain as well. He was overjoyed. "Come with me, Gerson. It'll do you good. Stiffen you up. Make a man of you." "If you say so, sir," I said, then stormed back to ADMIN. I told my Chief what the Commander had said. "No kidding?" he responded. A large, beefy man who prided himself on his resemblance to Brian Keith, he sucked hard on his cigarette, crushed it into his ashtray with a half-dozen others. "Never happen, kid." "No?" He shook his head. I felt relief but couldn't help but ask him why. "Because you're an (expletive-deleted), that's why. Your shadow's so scared, it runs in front of you. You'd (another expletive) at the first sound of gunfire." And he was right. The Commander sailed, I was separated from active duty, and the Vietcong let loose with the Tet Offensive shortly after I got home.

As soon as I began at LLCC three years ago, I joined the Veterans' Club. Every two weeks I sit at the large, white table in the Student Life Resources Room. Fifty years. Fifty years. The problems seem different yet the same. I look around the room. I think, "What do I do now? What?" "You can write," a voice inside my head answers. And so I can.

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Video games offer sports experience

LLCC students enjoy games in Logger Lair

By Jesse Baker
Lamp staff

SPRINGFIELD — Walk into the Logger Lair beneath the A.Lincoln Commons, and one would find a pingpong table and video game consoles.

For many young adults, there is a world of physical activities, such as ping-pong, and a virtual world. One might ask how do you combine the two, and the answer might be quite simple in the form of sports video games.

In a small, randomized survey of 24 students at Lincoln Land, 16, or 67 percent, reported having a home video game console, and 10, or 63 percent, reported having a video game of the sports genre within their collection.

Tanner Reavis, an avid basketball player and NBA 2K17 owner, explained he enjoyed both video games and playing actual sports.

Sports such as basketball "are a mixture of skill, aggression, and strategy," Reavis said. He admits that sports video games, such as the NBA 2K series, have grabbed his interest in part because they allow him to do things that he couldn't do in reality.

With many different sports being played at the moment at the collegiate and professional level, it may be easy to see why these sports games are so popular at the moment. Here at Lincoln Land, men's soccer and women's volleyball are both in season, while both men's and women's basketball are in preseason conditioning. At the professional level, sports such as football, soccer, and baseball are all in season.

In the world of technology video game, sales have seemed to have correlated with this as many companies (EA Sports, Konami, and 2K Sports) have released their rendition of

ongoing sports series that have done their best to replicate these sports to the finest detail in most cases.

Jonathan Davis, a former high school football player stated his appreciation for his copy of Madden 17 released by EA sports.

"I enjoy playing it (Madden 17)," Davis said. "The replays are done well, and it includes camera angles that make you really feel like you are there."

However, Davis also had his critiques of the game as stated that "Better Quarterback vision and accuracy along with more realistic wide receiver catches would make the game even more realistic".

The latest big sports game release was EA Sports FIFA 17, known as the best selling game of the sports genre because of its appeal to millions of soccer fans in the world. Wlatee Weah, a former Lincoln Land soccer player and relative of the world famous soccer player George Weah, commented on his thoughts on FIFA.

"EA sports represented the game of soccer well. The movements in the game are true to real life," he said. "I also enjoyed playing the game mode known as The Journey, because it tells the story of a player's life in the pros which I have never experienced."

So while the experience of sports in many ways cannot be reproduced or fabricated without participating in a chosen sport, revolutionary video game companies are now competing and making experiences within their game that may make you feel as if you are a professional athlete, when you are just picking up a remote and not a ball.

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