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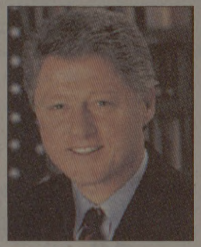
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## Shifting focus

Clinton faces continuing domestic issues after visit to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a three-day pause to recuperate from jet lag and enjoy holiday fireworks, President Clinton shifts focus this week from China's problems back to his own — a Republican Congress that won't budge on his health and crime initiatives, the uphill battle for a Democratic majority and the continuing Monica Lewinsky investigation.



CLINTON

Clinton opens a packed week with two White House events — on Tuesday and Wednesday — meant to cast the administration as a "doer" and castigate Republicans for inaction on his bill of rights for managed-care patients and his juvenile crime proposals.

On Thursday, he travels with his hand out to Democrat fund-raisers in Atlanta and Miami — stops No. 1 and 2 in what promises to be an aggressive political schedule leading up to the November congressional elections.

Clinton is committed to at least one political event each week this month and spokesman Joe Lockhart said the fundraising and stumping will pick up after August, when the president will vacation for two weeks on Martha's Vineyard.

"The president will continue to aggressively push his agenda and look to make progress with the Republican Congress," Lockhart said. "But at the

same time, we're going to be helping Democrats across the country with their elections."

Intent on giving Democrats solid footing on the "soccer Mom" issues of education, health care and juvenile crime, White House advisers have been scouring the books for executive action Clinton can order in the absence of legislation.

Already, he has extended consumer protections to patients in federal health programs and ordered child safety locks on all guns used by federal officers. This week, his advisers are promising more executive action to keep guns away from children and make parents take responsibility for the kids who have guns anyway.

Clinton wants Congress to ban violent juveniles from buying guns for life and spend \$95 million on after-school and crime-prevention programs for youngsters. Republicans in control of Congress have ignored Clinton's legislation, saying they instead want to end parole for violent criminals, increase prison capacity, make the death penalty a real threat and impose mandatory penalties for crimes committed with a gun.

"Even if Congress decides they want to play politics this year, we can move forward and make progress," Lockhart said.

To the extent his executive power will allow, Clinton also intends to keep up with his own baby steps on health care. This week, the administration will announce a new federal outreach effort to notify low-income elderly and disabled Americans

that funds are available to help pay their Medicare premiums, said White House health policy adviser Chris Jennings.

The president is also looking for ways to keep alive his "Patient Bill of Rights" for frustrated consumers in HMOs. Republican leaders, businesses and insurers argue that such government-enforced protections will only drive up health costs and push more people out from under the health insurance umbrella.

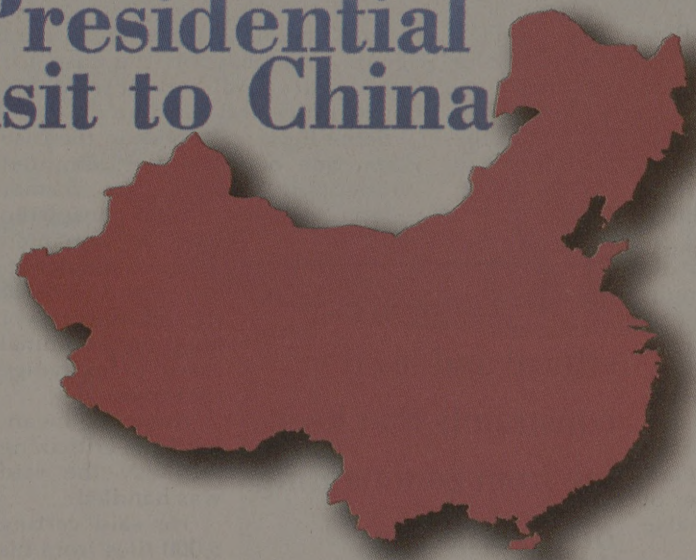
Countered Jennings: "We're going to keep this in the news about how the federal government is giving patients rights. We're going to show how we're doing it, how well you can do it and ask how can it possibly not be done for patients in the private sector."

A CNN/Time poll released Sunday showed three out of four people surveyed believe health care reform is among the top three issues faced by Congress in the next year.

They favored such changes as getting the right to choose one's own doctor and the right to appeal HMO decisions to a neutral third party. The telephone survey of 1,024 American adults had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

The president's efforts to get on with domestic business play out against the backdrop of Whitewater prosecutor Ken Starr's ongoing investigation. Linda Tripp, the woman who secretly tape-recorded Lewinsky's allegations of a presidential affair and coverup, finished two days of grand jury testimony last week and will return for a third. It is not known whether she will be summoned this week or later.

## Presidential Visit to China



## Clinton's China trip analyzed, discussed by A&M professors

By ROD MACHEN  
City Editor

Friday, President Bill Clinton finished his nine-day state visit to the People's Republic of China.

Shaoping Wan, visiting lecturer in history, said even though China is still nominally a communist nation, it has embraced a more market-oriented economy.

"China is a capitalistic society," Wan said. "China has a bureaucratic capitalism."

Dr. Guoqiang Tian, professor of economics, said this bureaucracy is beginning to be scaled back. He said the number of Chinese ministries, similar to U.S. Cabinet departments, has gone from 40 to 29, and in the end, over 50 percent of government employees are expected to lose their jobs.

Tian said the percentage of businesses owned by the state has decreased from 80 to 30 percent in the last 20 years.

Tian said with the change in China's economic system, people are enjoying more economic freedoms. Political liberties, he said, will come later.

"With the increase in the standard of living, the people will want more personal freedoms," Tian said.

A controversial issue during the visit was that of human rights and the student uprising in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

In June of that year, the government attacked pro-democracy demonstrators, killing hundreds.

Wan said the Tiananmen Square protests were not as straightforward as

they are made out to be.

"We [in the United States] romanticize democracy," Wan said. He said the people did not protest for noble goals, but for change.

"The protesters of Tiananmen went to the streets because of unemployment, corruption and inflation," he said.

Wan said since the incident, China has changed tremendously, allowing people to go into business for themselves and removing restrictions on personal wealth.

"Tiananmen Square symbolized the death of Chinese communism," Wan said. "China has integrated itself totally into the world economic system."

Tian said democracy has already begun in China.

"Eighty percent of rural areas have democratic local systems," he said. While there, Clinton viewed a rural, free election.

Wan said, in light of these changes, Clinton's visit came at important time.

"Clinton's trip was important at least from a propaganda standpoint," Wan said. "Both sides need each other. The United States needs China as a strategic partner."

As China looks to the future, democracy looms on the horizon.

"I think the real democracy will come from the bottom, the grass roots," Wan said.

With the Cold War over, Wan said he believes there will be a tendency to make China the new enemy of the United States. This, he said, is uninformed.

"The confrontation from China will not be ideological, but economic," Wan said.

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## A&M freedom statue unveiled at Allied Museum in Berlin, Germany

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

A piece of Texas A&M University is now on display in Berlin, Germany. A replica of "The Day the Wall Came Down: A Monument to Freedom," a statue

commissioned for the George Bush Presidential Library Center, now calls Berlin home.

Veryl Goodnight of Santa Fe, N.M., said the concept for the statue came in a dream she had in 1989 after watching the

Berlin Wall come down on television. Goodnight said the sculpture commemorates the destruction of the Wall and the reunification of Germany. She said the horses represent the human spirit's desire to be free.



BUSH

The Berlin Complex statue was temporarily installed at Georgia's Stone Mountain in 1996 for the Olympic Year.

The Berlin monument was created as a "sister sculpture" to the one at the Bush Complex.

Former president George Bush officially unveiled the \$1.75 million monument Thursday. The statue now rests outside Berlin's newly-opened Allied Museum which is dedicated to U.S., British and French postwar occupation of West Berlin.

The sculpture in Berlin was a gift from a foundation led by Bush, an Associated Press report said.



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"The Day the Wall Came Down: A Monument to Freedom" stands in front of the George Bush Library Complex commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall in Germany.

## NEWS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

### Lamar Street closed for utility repairs

Beginning last Friday, both lanes of Lamar Street between Albritton Tower and the Memorial Student Center will be closed for utility repairs.

There will be no access to Lamar Street at the bell tower, and no access to west Lamar from Clark Street. Most of the utility work on Lamar will be in the area near The Grove.

The on- and off-campus shuttle bus stops will be moved to Old Main Drive while the street is closed.

The street will be closed about two weeks, said Sherry Wine of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services.

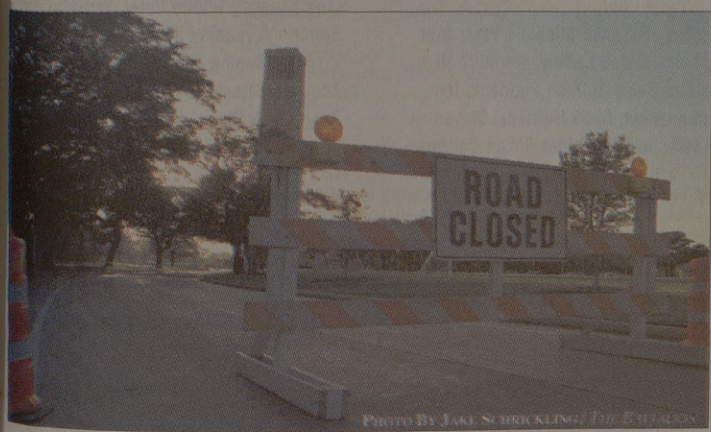


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### A&M professor of history awarded Army Historical Foundation's 1997 Distinguished Book Award

Brian Linn, a professor of history at Texas A&M University, has been awarded the Army Historical Foundation's 1997 Distinguished Book Award.

Linn is the author of *Guardians of Empire: The U.S. Army and the Pacific, 1902-1940*.

The Army Historical Foundation was established in 1993.

The organization is dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the American soldier.

The Army Historical Foundation's Distinguished Book Award is given each year for the book that best contributes to the history of the U.S. Army. It consists of a plaque and monetary award.

In addition to this award,

*Guardians of Empire: The U.S. Army and the Pacific, 1902-1940* was selected for the 1998 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for Military History.

It was also a summer History Book Club selection and a Choice Magazine "Outstanding Academic Book" for 1997.

"This book is a detailed study of the U.S. Army in Hawaii and the Philippines over the 40 years leading up to World War II," Linn said.

"It examines the evolution of American defense policy in the Pacific, concentrating on strategy, tactics, relations with the local communities and technology."

Linn adds it also examines such

controversies as the alleged unpreparedness of the U.S. Army for the Japanese attack in 1941, pre-war planning and preparations, the role of air and naval power and the use of the Hawaiian and Filipino populations in their own defense.

A history professor at Texas A&M since 1989, Linn has published one other book, *The U.S. Army and Counterinsurgency in the Philippine War, 1899-1902*. He also has written 10 articles and book chapters.

Linn has been a visiting fellow at Yale and Stanford, has lectured at the Army War College and teaches a seminar each year at the Marine Corps Staff College.

He is a native of Honolulu, Hawaii.