

Star Gazing from the Parkway

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Planets and stars team up to stage two pretty conjunctions this month, with the Moon passing by each duo. Mars and Regulus, which rise shortly after midnight, remain within a few degrees of each other all month, with Mars nearly doubling in brightness by month's end. Saturn and Spica, which are low in the southeast at first light, also snuggle close together throughout the month. In the meantime, Taurus climbs high across the sky, reaching its zenith around midnight late in the month. Orion and Gemini climb skyward earlier each evening, and by month's end are in good view by the middle of the evening.

November 17, 2011

The last-quarter Moon, the star Regulus, and the planet Mars put on a good show late tonight. They are in view by 1 a.m. and stand high in the south at first light. Regulus is to the lower left of the Moon, with Mars to the lower left of Regulus.

November 18, 2011

The planet Mars is in good view before dawn tomorrow. The Red Planet is to the upper left of the Moon at first light, with the fainter star Regulus a little to its right.

November 19, 2011

Venus is climbing into better view in the evening sky. It's the "evening star," quite low in the southwest as the sky begins to darken. The fainter planet Mercury is below it, although you may need binoculars to see it.

November 20, 2011

Orion, the hunter, clears the eastern horizon by around 9 p.m. Its compact "belt" of three

stars points almost straight up from the horizon as the hunter rises. The orange star Betelgeuse is to the left of the belt, with blue-white Rigel to the right.

November 21, 2011

Look for the planet Saturn and the star, Spica near the crescent The moon is in the southeast at first light tomorrow. Spica, the brightest star of Virgo, is close to the left of the Moon, with fainter Saturn a little farther to the left of Spica.

November 22, 2011

Cassiopeia, the queen, wheels high across the north during November evenings. The W- or M-shaped star pattern circles the North Star, Polaris, like the hand of a clock, though in a counter-clockwise direction.

November 23, 2011

The Moon is at perigee today, its closest point to Earth for its current orbit. It will pass less than 224,000 miles away, or about 15,000 miles closer than its average distance.

LOCAL CLUB LISTING

Friday Nov. 18

ARCADE: Downstairs: "No Cover, No Shame" dance party w/ Abu Dissaray, 9pm --- Upstairs: DJ Capital, 9pm
Emerald Lounge: DJ Dice w/ DJ Tommy Tom & The Knock Brothers
Orange Peel: Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band (funk, rock) w/ Dopapod [
Pack's Tavern: Galen Kipar Duo (acoustic blues)
Pisgah Brewing Company: If You Wannas (indie, rock)
The Bywater: Bear Down Easy (bluegrass)
The Get Down: Caltrop (rock, blues, psychedelic) w/ Pagan Wolf Ritual & Enoch & Ritual

Saturday Nov. 19

ARCADE: Downstairs: "Bear Exploder" dance party w/ DJ Kipper Schauer, 9pm --- Upstairs: DJ Capital, 9pm
Emerald Lounge: The Nova Echo (rock, electronic) w/ Uh-Huh Baby Yeah & DJ Don Magic
French Broad Chocolate Lounge: Jazzville Band (jazz)
Grey Eagle Music Hall & Tavern: Shannon Whitworth (Americana) w/ Seth Walker
Handlebar: The Slackers (ska, soul, reggae) w/ JoJo Taterhead Revival
Highland Brewing Company: The Broadcast (rock, soul, pop), 6pm
Orange Peel: Secret Agent 23 Skidoo (kid hop) w/ Yo Mamma's Big Fat Booty Band, 11am --- Lykke Li (pop, indie rock, electronic) w/ First Aid Kit, 9pm
The Bywater: Dark Eyes (jazz)
The Get Down: RonD



Tonight Friday Nov. 18 CAB is hosting our annual Casino Night! 8-11pm in the Underground (you won't recognize the place). Play casino games and win awesome prizes! Food and drinks will be provided. Oxygen bar, black jack, texas hold'em, craps, music and so much more!

Then on Saturday night Nov. 19 don't miss our pumpkin pie eating contest in the Underground at 8pm! Prizes! Pie! Drinks! Fun! You don't have to be in the contest to enjoy this night watch the festivities and enjoy a slice of pie!

CAB Sunday Night Cinema is this weekend on Nov. 20 at 9pm in Dunham Aud. We will be showing Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2! Get into the Holiday Spirit. Snacks will be provided.

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