

TEXAS EVENTS

Austin

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS: The First Annual Record Breaker for Multiple Sclerosis will be held April 28 and 29 in the Austin Municipal Coliseum. Applicants will take pledges for each hour of an activity they will perform (flag-pole sitting, bicycling, etc.) and attempt to earn as much as possible to help fight the disease. For more information call 512-458-1361.

ICE CAPADES: The famous show will come to the Special Events Center for six performances from April 12 through April 15. Included in the show are such prominent skaters as Olympic silver medalists Gail Hamula and Frank Sweiding, who are making their professional debut. Tickets are \$6.50, \$5.50 and \$4.50. For more information call 477-6060.

Dallas

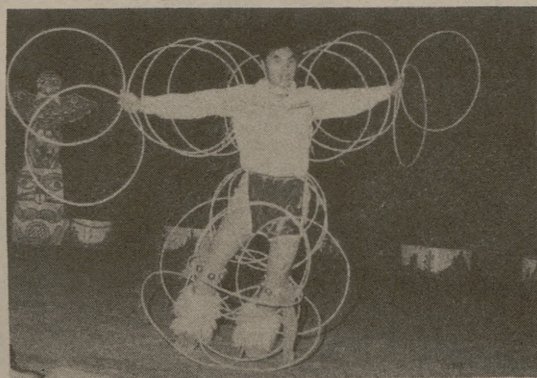
POMPEII: The museum staff will be busy in April restoring the eight galleries used to house the *Pompeii AD 79* exhibit, and a permanent collection will be installed by the opening date of May 2. Until then, the pre-Columbian and African Galleries will be open, along with the museum shop. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Monday. For more information call 214-426-2553.

San Antonio

INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES: The institute presents the history of the state through oral and visual methods, and brings some historical events to life through special demonstrations. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays for planned or just relaxed tours. Admission is free. The institute is located on the southeast corner of Hemisfair Plaza downtown, at the intersection of Durango Street and Interstate 37.

Elsewhere

ROUND TOP: The 12th Annual Winedale Spring Festival



A member of the Lamanite performing group

and Fourth Texas Crafts Exhibition will be held April 6-8 on the grounds of the Winedale Historical Center, off FM 2714 in Round Top. The festival will include traditional music on the grounds, such as blues, Irish fiddling, gospel singing and bluegrass. The East Texas String Ensemble of Nacogdoches will also perform. There will be demonstrations of spinning, weaving, blacksmithing, soapmaking, fireplace cooking and various crafts. Crafts for sale will include pottery, wood and metal works, silver, stained glass, jewelry and others. A ticket for the entire weekend is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children. For more information call 731-278-3530.

ANDERSON: The Anderson Trek will be held April 7 and 8 in and around the town, which is in Grimes County. It will consist of guided tours of homes built during the Republic of Texas days (1836-1845), a street dance, western parade, arts and crafts booths and other displays. The trek will be held from 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call John Gudelman at 845-6551.

SAN ANGELO: The Second Annual LAMBLAST World Championship Lamb Cook-off will be held April 21 and 22 at San Angelo's Fairgrounds. There will be three cooking divisions, Media, Collegiate and Open, and teams will be judges on both recipe and showmanship. Activities include horseshoe pitching, leg judging, dancing and lots of fun. For more information call 915-653-3162.

MAGNOLIA: Auditions for next fall's Texas Renaissance Festival will be held April 21 and 22 from 2-5 p.m. at the festival site, halfway between Magnolia and Plantersville on FM 1774. Needed are singers, dancers, musicians, jugglers, actors, actresses, wenches, beggars, cutpockets, thieves and royalty from the Renaissance period. For more information call 713-529-7924.

WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS: The Star of the Republic Museum, located in Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park near Navasota, is hosting a multi-media exhibition of crafts and craftmaking through next September. Included are quilting, beekeeping, metal work and pottery. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ROBERTSON COUNTY: The Seventh Annual Robertson County Historical Commission Pilgrimage is scheduled for April 7 and 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. It will feature 10 homes in the Calvert, Hearne and Franklin areas that will be open to visitors. Many other turn-of-the-century buildings can be found in the towns. The pilgrimage includes a barbecue, live music, arts and crafts, flower show and bake sale at Virginia Field Park in Calvert, and a walking tour through Calvert. For more information call 713-822-1523.

ALABAMA-COUSHATTA: A rare East Texas tour by the Lamanite Generation, an internationally known performing group from Brigham Young University, will include performances May 4 and 5 at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation near Livingston. The performances will be at 8 p.m. in the 1,600-seat Sundown amphitheater. The acts will include both contemporary and original songs and acts, and features the colorful native dress of American Indians, Polynesians and Latin Americans. Advance tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children, and gate tickets are \$4.50 and \$3. For more information call 713-563-4391.

BOOKS

Tributes to Einstein

Einstein: A Centenary Volume,
edited by A.P. French

Albert Einstein: The Human Side,
edited by Helen Dukas and Banesh Hoffman

Once there was a motion picture directed by and starring the late Fred Allen, a wit with a devoted following. The critic of *The New Yorker* magazine reviewed it with admirable economy. In its entirety, the critique read: "It's a good picture if you like Fred Allen. If you don't like Fred Allen, the hell with you."

Einstein admirers (the man really became a cult during his comparatively fallow years after the world discovered what he had done to it and for it) will need no egging on from a review about these two volumes, published in the year of celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Both are lovingly done and delightful.

The thin one (167 pp.) on "the human side" consists

mostly of quotations from letters written by the greatest scientist of the time. Aphorism: "In order to be an immaculate member of a flock of sheep, one must above all be a sheep oneself."

Or, to a student who wrote to him that among other things she was a little below average in mathematics and had to work at it harder than most of her friends: "Do not worry about your difficulties in mathematics; I can assure you that mine are still greater."

Or (three years before his death at age 76): "One is born into a herd of buffaloes and must be glad if one is not trampled underfoot before one's time."

The "centenary volume" (332 pp., illustrated, including a Herblock cartoon showing the earth lost amid a host of cosmic bodies but tagged with a sign, "Albert Einstein Lived Here") is a comprehensive collection of writings about and by Einstein.

The main purpose, editor French writes, was to "provide something of a picture of Einstein the man, of his scientific work, his role as a humanitarian and world statesman." The book is a remarkable achievement of that goal, in explanatory articles and personal reminiscences.

--H. D. Quigg (UPI)

Bestsellers

Fiction

1. *War and Remembrance* — Herman Wouk
2. *Chesapeake* — James Michener
3. *Overload* — Arthur Hailey
4. *SS-GB* — Len Deighton
5. *The Matarese Circle* — Robert Ludlum
6. *Good as Gold* — Joseph Heller
7. *Hanto Yo* — Ruth Beebe
8. *Dubin's Lives* — Bernard Malamud
9. *Dress Gray* — Lucian Truscott
10. *The Stories of John Cheever* — John Cheever

Nonfiction

1. *The Complete Scarsdale Medical Diet* — Herman Tarnower
2. *Lauren Bacall: By Myself* — Lauren Bacall
3. *Sophia, Living and Loving* — A. E. Hotchner
4. *Mommie Dearest* — Christina Crawford
5. *How to Prosper During the Coming Bad Years* — Howard Ruff
6. *A Distant Mirror* — Barbara Tuchman
7. *Linda Goodman's Love Signs* — Linda Goodman
8. *American Caesar* — William Manchester
9. *In Search of History* — In Search of History
10. *Nurse* — Pessy Anderson