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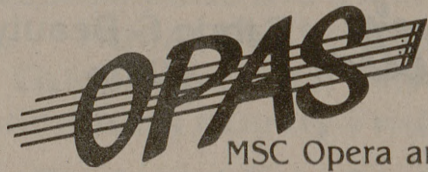


"The music is irresistible, the playing first class." — RECORD WORLD

The MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society (MSC OPAS) presents the irresistible Cambridge Buskers Thursday, January 29 in Rudder Auditorium at 8 p.m. Michael Copley and Dag Ingram were Cambridge University students who began their career as street musicians (buskers) playing classical music to earn train fare. Since busking is illegal in London, they were arrested. Since then they have played the concert halls of the world in order to live outside the confines of jail.

Hear them for yourself! Dag Ingram plays solo on the piano accordion and Michael Copley, flutist, comprises the rest of the orchestra (35 other wind instruments) — sometimes with more than one instrument in his mouth at a time! The San Francisco *Examiner* calls them "astounding musicians!"

This delightful performance will surely sell out. Reserve your seats today! Tickets are on sale at the MSC Box Office, 845-1234. VISA and MasterCard accepted.



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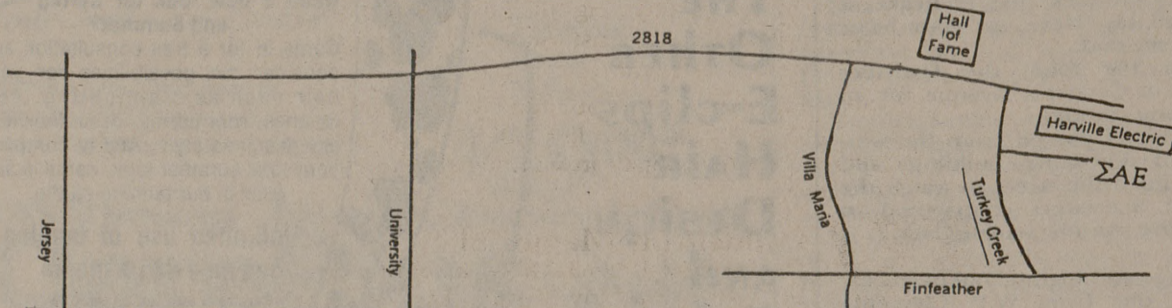


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Geology teacher turns to extraterrestrial topics

Seeing others view stars gives inspiration

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Mark Sonntag was star-struck one year while teaching earth science in Indiana public schools. The bright lights and cool stars lured him away from geology, and he's been in the dark ever since.

For Sonntag, the director of the University Planetarium at Angelo State University, watching people view stars for the first time through a telescope is an inspiring event.

"There's a sense of awe and wonder," Sonntag said. "Every time someone sees the stars (from a telescope) for the first time, they're almost speechless."

His sense of curiosity led him to volunteer to return to college to get a degree in planetarium education when the school district he worked for decided to build its own planetarium.

"The draw to me is the wonder about the stars," he said. Sonntag is proud of the University Planetarium, which has been in operation one year. The planetarium, the largest in Texas, is unique because of its size, scope and the inclusion of the latest technology.

"We've got a really special facility," Sonntag said. "The ASU planetarium is as good a planetarium as many found in big cities."

The planetarium has laser disc players, video equipment and tremendous storage capabilities — up to 50,000 images can be stored on each disk, Sonntag said.

His office is adorned with laser photos of total solar eclipses and novae, and a sun-dial decorates his desk, which, he laughed, works "only outside."

Sonntag's fascination with stellar phenomena spills over when he describes black holes, supernovae, multiple-star systems and galaxies depicted in the planetarium lobby.

In the spring, the lobby should feature the return of an interactive

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educational center, composed of a computer and monitor screens that will allow planetarium patrons to ask questions and learn about Jupiter, Saturn and other astronomical subjects.

The program is activated by sensors in the floor that tell the computer whether anyone is approaching the lobby screens. Sonntag described the system as very sophisticated.

"When it worked, it was nice," Sonntag said. But because of contin-

ual problems, the university system back to the manufacturer for repair.

"It's too bad there was this delay," he said.

Astronomers are preparing the arrival of Comet Wilson, a periodic comet that will be visible in April and be brightest in May. The planetarium probably will have something in conjunction with the comet's appearance, Sonntag said.

Wilson should be as bright as the star Vega, he said. "Most are very faint," he said. "They pass by every year, and you don't notice."

Unlike Halley's Comet, Wilson is classified among comets with long orbital periods more than 200 years. The last time Wilson passed by earth was 100 years ago.

"Wilson will be here and we'll see it," Sonntag said.

His long-range plans are to increase community involvement and awareness of the planetarium through activities. "The planetarium is if you want to come by. You have to go to Abilene, Houston, Dallas," Sonntag said.

Audiences at the planetarium have grown during the year to an average of 75 viewers at each showing.

"People come by because they want to," Sonntag said. "And they pay."

Houston visitor slain over robbery

HOUSTON (AP) — A Salvadoran who allowed two of his children to go to the United States to avoid civil war was shot to death at his son's apartment when he couldn't understand robbers' demands for money, police said.

"They didn't give him any chance," said David Cornejo Jr. of his slain father, David Cornejo.

The 55-year-old was visiting his son and daughter, Hilda, when he answered a knock on his son's apartment late Sunday. Two robbers confronted him in the hallway, police said.

"They demanded money, but Mr. Cornejo didn't understand them," homicide Officer Rico Garcia said. "He raised his hands and then tried to pull away, and he was shot."

The two men fled without getting anything, police said.

The Cornejos plan to return home this week with their father's body and bury him in San Salvador.

David Cornejo said he called another sister, Teresa, the only sibling still at home in El Salvador, and told her of their father's death. It was left for her to tell their mother.

"My mother, it will be hard for her," he said.

Cornejo said he and his wife probably will stay in San Antonio for a while to help their son, Maria, deal with her husband's death and adjust to operating a family's supermarket without him.

Cornejo said he came to Houston five years ago when he was 10, with joining the military, and later came in 1983. His father was appointed about the two years ago and helping out in the family business, he said.



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