



The Starry Messenger

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The Biggest and Best in the Metroplex Just Got Better!



Next month, the Planetarium at UT Arlington, the biggest and best in the metroplex, will soon become the best in Texas! **Digistar 4**, the latest in Planetarium Theater technology will be installed in our Planetarium this September, making it the only Planetarium in Texas with this new technology.

We will be **closed** from **September 28th through October 11th** to install this amazing new system.

Join us as we **re-open** the Planetarium on **October 12th** with a brand new fall schedule. Be the first to see the only Digistar 4 Planetarium in Texas at one of our 4 brand new shows; Unseen Universe: The Vision of SOFIA, Two Small Pieces of Glass, IBEX: The Search for the Edge of the Solar System, and Microcosm.

Unseen Universe: The Vision of SOFIA



Unseen Universe: The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) is a 2.5 meter telescope carried aboard a Boeing 747 airplane. Fly with SOFIA in this UT Arlington Planetarium original production and discover the science that is expected from this amazing new telescope. Learn

Our Summer Schedule Has Been Extended



Due to the planned upgrade to Digistar 4 in late September, the Planetarium is extending its summer schedule through September 27th.

This is the last month to see Black Holes and Stars of the Pharaohs before they go back on the shelf. If you haven't seen them yet, now is the time!

Black Holes: Take the ultimate journey in space and time! Learn how mammoth stars make a black hole and help figure out where they might lead.

Stars of the Pharaohs: Travel to ancient Egypt to see how science was used to tell time, make a workable calendar, and align huge buildings. You'll learn about the connection the Egyptians felt with the stars. And you'll see some of the most spectacular temples and tombs of the ancient world recreated in their original splendor.

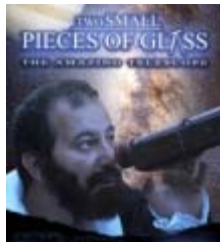
IBEX: The Search for the Edge of the Solar System



Designed for visitors with an appreciation for the challenges of space science and a desire to learn more about science research, IBEX: Search for the Edge of the Solar System follows the creation of NASA's Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX). Audiences will get an in-depth look at the mission and

how stars and planets are formed as we explore all parts of the Electro-Magnetic Spectrum.

Two Small Pieces of Glass



Follow two students as they interact with an astronomer at a local star party. Along the way the students learn how telescopes work, the history of telescopes, and major discoveries made by these instruments. Enjoy this beautiful show created just for the International Year of Astronomy 2009 by Imiloa Astronomy Center, Buhl Planetarium at the Carnegie Science Center, and Interstellar Studios. Animations by Mirage 3D. Music performed by the London Symphony Orchestra.

The Annual Return of the Mars Hoax



August is a great time to go star-gazing here in Texas. The nights are generally clear and warm, and there are many bright objects visible in the sky. One of those bright objects is Mars. But do not be fooled by email hoaxes stating that Mars will be as large as the full Moon this month.

We at the Planetarium, want to encourage people to look at the sky, but **not** because Mars will appear as large as the Full Moon. In fact, it will appear as a reddish "star", regardless of its distance.

What started this hoax?

In August 2003, Mars was at opposition, meaning closest, with Earth. In fact, they were closer than they had been in

how IBEX is collecting high-speed atoms to create a map of our Solar System's boundary.

Microcosm: The Adventure Within



At the Center of Miniaturized Medicine in the year 2053, you'll shrink down to the size of a microbe and get injected into a patient who is suffering an infection from a mysterious virus. As you piece together the clues the virus has left behind, you'll race against time to save the patient on your roller-coaster ride through the body. Laser battles, genetic weapons, and lots of surprises along the way, make this a show you will want to experience again and again.

Get to Know Your Educator: Trevor Henry



Trevor Henry, was born and raised in Arlington, TX, and has been working for the UTA Planetarium for 3 years; making him the longest working member of the Planetarium. Being an undeclared freshman, the future is still undecided, with many possibilities.

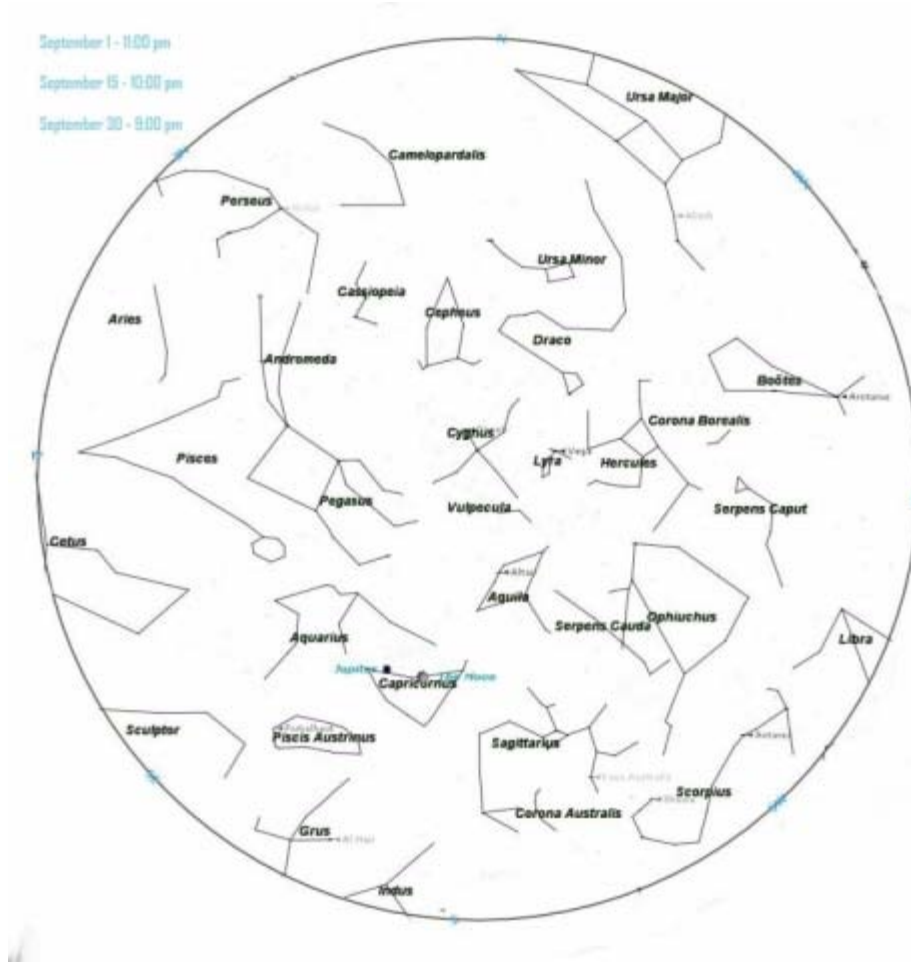
His father, Dr. Henry, in the Biology Department and Honors College, has been a major influence in his life. A young Trevor often ran the halls of the Biology Department during the weekends, making UTA a part of his childhood.

Trevor has always loved looking at the stars. Ever since he was little, he liked finding constellations and pointing them out to his friends. His favorite memory about the stars was when he

60,000 years! But this did not dramatically change Mars' appearance in our skies. In reality, Mars appeared as a red "star" that was brighter than it had been the year before. Today, Mars and Earth have continued their orbits around the sun, and the distance between them is steadily growing.

first saw the Milky Way in Big Bend National Park.

In his free time, he enjoys longboarding around campus, hanging out with friends (which also includes longboarding), watching movies, listening to music and working on his rebuilt 1983 El Camino.



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