

AGE OF AQUINAS

a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

Some upcoming "Astro" events for April:

Visit <http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/ast/pas.htm> for more information

April 1 Santa Clara University-Sally Ride Science Festival-highly recommended for kids, especially for girls interested in careers in science and technology and technical services like medicine. Check it out at: <http://www.sallyridefestivals.com/>. Dr. Ride was America's first woman in space on board the Space Shuttle in 1983 and has founded these festivals to encourage more girls to go into these careers.

April 7, Sat. Extra Dimensions and String Theory: Physics of the Future or Pure Mathematics? The following is more information about the symposium:

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2007

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Speakers: Professor Lawrence M. Krauss and Professor John Terning

Location: University of California, Berkeley (Lawrence Hall of Science)

Tickets: \$5.00

Please check our website for more details: <http://www.multiversaljourneys.org>

April 11, Wed. 7PM Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series, Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills. Dr. David Grinspoon: Climate Catastrophes in the Solar System.

April 13, Fri. PAS mtg. 7:30P Rm. 5014, Bldg. 5000, Foothill Community College, Dr. Dale Cruikshank of NASA Ames-Origin and Evolution of Organic Materials in Space

April 16, Mon. Benjamin Dean Lecture at the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco Jewish Community Center at 3200 California Street (at Presidio Avenue). Parking is available across the street in the UCSF Laurel Heights campus parking lot for \$1.25 per night. "From Dust to Dust: the Shrouds of Stellar Birth and Death" The life cycle of most stars is bracketed at both ends by dust. From the spectacular flattened whirlpools feeding stellar births, to the dramatic plumes and shells cast by dying stars, new imaging technologies are delivering our first clear views into the crucibles of creation and destruction among the stars. Dr. Peter Tuthill, University of Sydney

April 21 Sat. National Astronomy Day Public reopening of the Foothill College Observatory with its newly installed 16" robotic telescope

April 24 Tue. Stanford Linear Accelerator Center

2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

W. Panofsky Auditorium

History of Robots

David Grossman (SLAC)

April 24, 2007, 7:30 PM

Abstract: A irreverent non-technical review of the history of surprisingly animate machines, from ancient Egypt to current times. Areas include teleoperators for hazardous environments, assembly systems, medical applications, entertainment, and science fiction. The talk has over 100 slides, covering such varied topics as Memnon son of Dawn, Droz's automata, Vaucanson's duck, cathedral clocks, Von Kempelen's chess player, household robots, Asimov's laws, Disneyland, dinosaurs, and movie droids and cyborgs.

Comment: Not about astronomy, but a necessary part of the background to any computer nerd's education. Besides, this technology is used in spacecraft anyway.

April 30 Robert Hofstadter Memorial Lecture Series:

Public Lecture: Monday, April 30, 2007, 8:00 PM

Hewlett Teaching Center, Room 200

Stanford University

"What is that Black Hole Doing in My Quark Soup?"