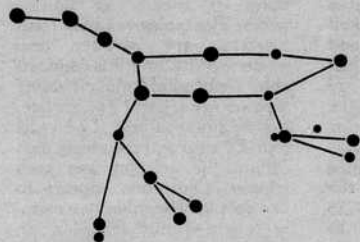


What's Happening in the Sky

March 10-17

Contrary to all appearances, the Heavens still sparkle with stars above the Earth. Of course, from Eugene/Springfield for the past six weeks, this sounds a little bit like a fairy tale, but it's true that the Sun has daily been golden in the sky and the stars every color in the rainbow. Funny how moisture-packed clouds can obscure this, in much the same way adverse economic times can turn our sights from the contentments of just living. Nonetheless, one of these days the sky will throw off its winter coat for a spell and will again bring warmth as well as the "visions" of the night to eager Oregon eyes.



With that certainty, I'd like to focus on the northeastern sky at 9 pm during the coming week, specifically on the constellation Ursa Major. This very large group contains the famous "Big Dipper" but is known as the "Great Bear." You can see projecting beyond the bowl of the Dipper the bear's dim

nose and underneath it his rather long legs. There is also a large tail on the constellation which doubles as the handle on the Dipper. Incidentally, should you think the name Great Bear for these stars is just a western hallucination, it was known in that form by the Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Phoenicians, Arabians, and North American Indians. Once you make out its entire body, you'll be familiar not only with an ancient world-wide perception, but also with an extremely prominent and recurring pattern in our skies.

Even with all the rain we've been having, Venus has been regularly peeking out of the western clouds at sunset. It disappears in its white splendor at about 8:30 pm. Look for a particularly beautiful sight Wednesday, March 16th, when the crescent Moon and Venus will make a pair at dusk. Saturn is up at 10 am in the southeast and appears low and yellowish in the sky. By 2:30 am it should make a serene vision over Spencer's Butte. Brilliant white Jupiter rises a little after 1 am and can be easily identified after that time as the brightest object in the sky until the Sun makes its appearance.

This week's celestial eye-opener (taken from the book, *The Forest*): "Visualize the history of life on the planet as being compressed into a 24-hour day, with the first micro-organisms originating at midnight and evolving and expanding as the day advances. It is not until 6 pm—18 hours having elapsed—that life in the oceans becomes abundant. By 8 pm plants invade the land, by 9 pm the great coal-age forests flourish. Modern flowering plants do not develop until the hour of 10:30 pm. The recorded history of modern man does not begin until a quarter of a second before midnight."

—Larry Deckman

AVAILABLE

Glow-in-the-dark maps of the Heavens over Eugene/Springfield are now locally available. Forget the rain outside as you look above your bed each night and see the stars shine! The map also makes a "glowing" birthday or holiday gift. They can be purchased for \$7 from Larry Deckman or Sloan Heermance at 2740 Monroe St. in Eugene. Call 343-7166.

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Friday 11

Concert Music

Goldsmith/Hurlong Duo (flute and guitar), 2 & 7:30 pm, Soreng Theater, Hult Center.

The Student Prince, 8 pm, Silva Hall, Hult Center.

Music Scholarship Competition, Beall Concert Hall, 8:30-11:45 am, 1:30-5:30. Continues tomorrow. 4 nationally-known musicians judge for the Ruth Lorraine Close Awards. Listeners may enter between performances.

Debbie Barker, soprano, will give her senior recital, 8 pm, Room 198, Music School, UO.

Alternative Music, probably your last chance to hear Erg, Bassist-Lag & associated guitar soloists. Project Space, 39 E 10th, 8 pm, \$2. 686-0073.

Dance Music

Strictly Roots, reggae music for your dancing pleasure. All ages welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Beer & wine downstairs. \$3. 9:30 pm. WOW Hall, 8th & Lincoln.

The Passengers rock Old Taylors, 9:30 pm.

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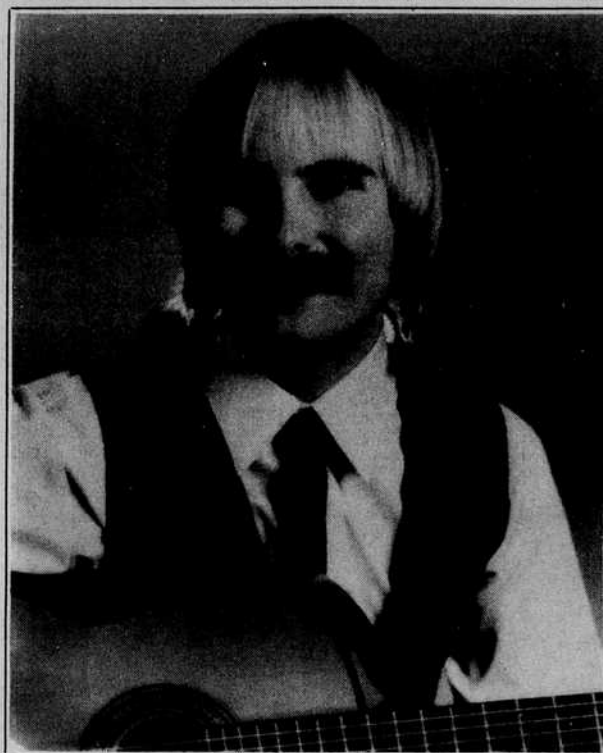
Dr. Vishwanatu Naravane, Indian scholar and authority on mythology, will lecture on the parallels between Krishna and Jesus Christ. Sponsored by the Oregon Friends of C.G. Jung, Sellwood United Methodist Church, 1422 SE Tacoma, Portland.

The Feminization of Poverty is the topic of a panel discussion at the University, ERB Memorial Forum Room. Margie Hendrikson and Margaret Hallock are among the speakers, 7:30 pm. See announcements for more detail.

Sports/Recreation

Downhill Ski Trip for youth, grades 7-12. \$10. Register with Amazon Community Center by 3/9. 687-5373.

Special Olympics, basketball, run, dribble and shoot tournament. Leave Memorial Bldg at 7:30 am. Cost \$2. Call Willamalane Parks & Rec Dept for info. 746-1669. (Continues tomorrow.)



Eric Tingstad, solo guitarist and composer, brings his blend of classic and contemporary music to Eugene, Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 pm, in Gerlinger Lounge on the U of O campus. A native of Seattle, Eric has received a good deal of attention lately with his newly-released first album, *On the Links*.

Your Taxes Are Their Business

Taxes. The subject everyone would like to avoid. Everyone, that is, but Nancy Gallagher. As the senior partner of Gallagher, Gleason & Raven, licensed tax consultants, Nancy has been doing people's taxes since 1974. One of the few firms in the country that employs a full time marketing director, Nancy's firm actively recruits new business. "And," she emphasizes, "our marketing plan also includes keeping our present clients. We do that by offering, in addition to our high quality service, individualized attention, accessibility, and extras like free seminars, evening appointments, and monthly updates on tax law changes."

"Much of our marketing thrust is to demystify the subject of taxes," Nancy reflects. "Many people are intimidated by the IRS. With the increase in audits and investigations, people become anxious about taxes. We provide a comfortable atmosphere, and help our clients understand the options available to them. We acknowledge their concerns, do the best possible job for them, and then if they are audited, we accompany them to the audit and press for their position."

Nancy prides herself in being a tax consultant's consultant. "Many tax consultants send their audit clients to me," she notes, "because I enjoy the challenge of audits and I specialize in tax laws. We have many referrals: from attorneys, from CPAs, from bookkeepers. The reason? We excel at what we do and we want to work with other professionals."

Gallagher, Gleason & Raven offers another service... book-

keeping. Shirley Raven, also a licensed tax consultant, heads up the bookkeeping department of the firm. Shirley was a bookkeeper in Eugene for many years prior to forming a partnership with Nancy in 1979. With a Burroughs computer and her staff, Shirley offers full-cycle bookkeeping to small and medium sized businesses in the area.

Both women are active in local professional organizations and enjoy their status as long time residents of Eugene. As single parents, they understand the roadblocks many women face in running their own business. "Today anyone starting a business needs a basic recordkeeping system," Shirley states. "We offer 1/2 hour of bookkeeping advice free to any new business and it's been our experience that once someone has this facet of their business under control, their chances for success are greatly increased."

Nancy and Shirley appreciate the fact that they have been able to survive in this economy and grow. Nancy states, "We want to give back to the community that has supported us. I can't imagine being in another career setting and neither can Shirley. If we can save someone a thousand dollars on their taxes, it keeps that money in the community and we all benefit. And that gives us a lot of satisfaction professionally."

Gallagher, Gleason & Raven is located at 1745 Coburg Road just north of the Sheldon Shopping Center. Phone 484-1006 and have your work done by a firm that will appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

—Bill Snyder