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By Peg Sheldrick

The robin is the traditional harbinger of spring; in most North American locales, its appearance signals the beginning of that season of beginnings.

But in Nebraska, the robins come with their galoshes and long underwear in tow, because even they know that the weather is about as predictable as Margaret Trudeau.

Longtime Nebraska residents as well as newcomers are frequently tempted to leave the studded snow tires on their cars well into July, confused as they are by the meteorological vagaries of the Cornhusker state.

But for the seasoned observer, there are some genuine signs that the gentlest season has arrived.

For the sake of those bemused, climatically confused souls who have seen too many heat waves in December and know

the weather to be a fair-weather friend, the following Sure-Fire Symptoms of Spring are provided in the hope that they will, for once, know when to hang up the ice skates for a while.

The Landscape Symptom. When spring has truly arrived, the piles of dirty snow on the ground are replaced by piles of dirty bodies in various stages of undress. Students with their books laying open on their stomachs and their heads floating free in the clouds dot the grassy banks like so many fleshy weeds. Caution is urged for pedestrians and hikers, lest in their travels they tread on someone claiming to be studying.

The Wouldn't-It-Be-Pleasanter-To-Do-This Outdoors-Symptom. Otherwise sensible people will, without warning, turn to gaze longingly out the window and mumble something about the "call of the wild." If you explain to them that that is

merely someone trying to start a lawn mower, they will only stare at you uncomprehendingly and then turn again to the window. This symptom frequently gives rise to the next one.

The People Trying to Accomplish Something Constructive While Sitting In the Grass Symptom. Persons suffering from this affliction are characterized by a sea of papers billowing beneath their protective arms (many of them escaping anyway) and a tendency to look up every two or three seconds. They write at a rate of about five words an hour.


The Aberrant Physiognomy Symptom. Once the temperature rises above 60 degrees, certain strange configurations of human flesh become evident. Do not be frightened, despite their bizarre, even grotesque appearance. Largely harmless and occasionally useful and even attractive, they are known by the medical term *legs*.

The Terminally Mellow Symptom. Normally rational and irritable persons suddenly, eerily become indifferent to many of the slings and arrows of everyday life. Sufferers have been known to walk with heads uncovered in the rain, open doors for police officers, and, in severe cases, smile at bus drivers. The only cure is extreme summer heat.

The Jeune Behavior Symptom. Marked by their inability to resist splashing in puddles, victims find themselves throwing maturity to the wind in favor of picking wild violets and buying ice cream cones. Advanced cases have been known to hum out loud and giggle foolishly when confronted with the changes in their personalities as they drape the would-be helper with clover chains and skip off over the horizon.

For the purpose of observation, the remainder of this listing will be compiled while this reporter actually sits outdoors.

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Nebraska village to revive traditional crafts, industries

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, early settler crafts and industries will be restored at St. Deroin, a living history village north of Indian Cave state park in southeast Nebraska.

Larry Cook, park superintendent, said St. Deroin will recreate early crafts such as soap making, candle dipping and pouring and broom making. The broom machine originally used in the village will be put back into use, he said.

"Possibly there will be a molasses mill," he said, adding that if the sugar cane delivery arrives, sorghum may be produced in the fall.

Two miles from St. Deroin is Indian Cave park, which has been open to campers, hikers and outdoor lovers since 1965, Cook said.

The more than 3,000-acre park owes its name to a sandstone overhang near the

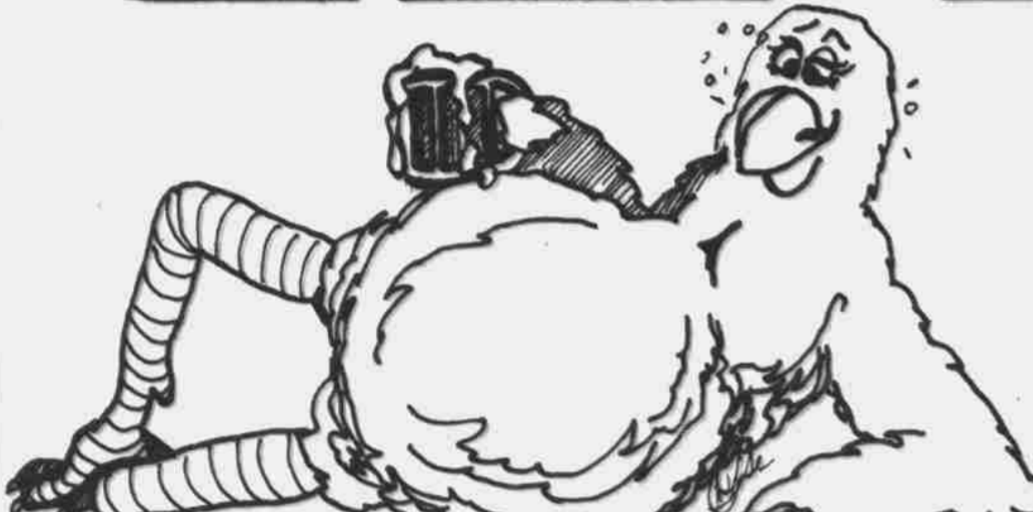
Missouri River.
"This is what the Indians wintered in," Cook said. "There's petroglyphs on the walls."

Petroglyphs are pictures of animals found on cave walls near the overhang, and, by Cook's estimation, date back as far as 800 years to the early woodland culture of the Indians. The petroglyphs include buffalo, beavers and other geometric designs that are open to interpretation.

"Petroglyphs are something new to the state of Nebraska," Cook said, explaining that they are not found in other parts of the state.

Cook, who has worked at the park for 10 years, said 177,000 tourists visited Indian Cave last year. The park has about 20 miles of hiking trails and campgrounds that can accommodate up to 150 tents and recreational vehicles.

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