

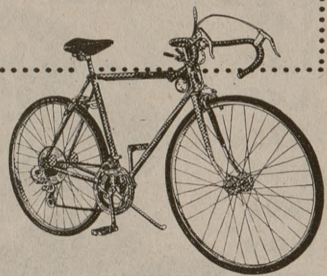
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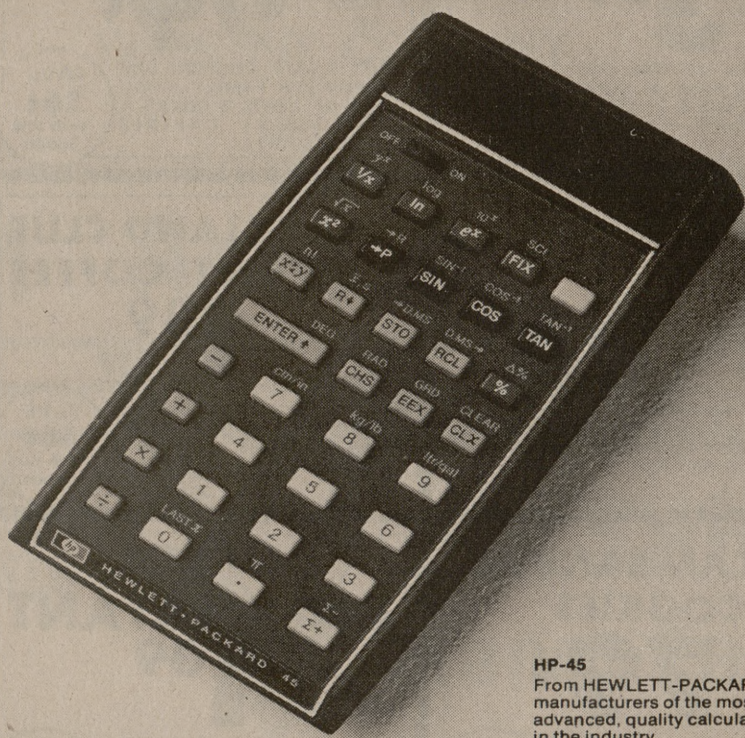


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Boy begins rejection of his 'goldfish bowl' environment

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — The boy in the bubble is beginning to want out and doctors now wonder "how long can you keep someone in a goldfish bowl."

The boy is David, a youngster born without natural body defenses against disease.

David, whose last name is a hospital secret, turned three on Sept. 21 and he has spent his entire life protected from disease by a germ-free plastic bubble filled with filtered air.

His contact with other humans is through only the big black gloves which extend into his chamber. His food and toys are sterilized. His parents are faced through a plastic wall.

But, until recently, the boy has been content and safe in his transparent cocoon.

Now, say his doctors, he's beginning to ask questions about the outside world and to express a wish to go there.

"It's only in the last month or six weeks that he's begun to think about getting out," said Dr. David A. Freedman, a professor of psychiatry at the Baylor College of Medicine. "I think that the next step is,

trying to remove himself from that room," said the doctor. "The whole question is how long can you keep someone in a goldfish bowl. These are the questions that people are agonizing about."

To leave the plastic envelope would, sooner or later, mean a fatal infection for David.

He could last for perhaps weeks outside the bubble, said Dr. John Montgomery, a co-leader of the team dealing with David. "But eventually he would run into some organism germ for which there is no treatment."

The germ, said Dr. Montgomery, could be one which has little effect on most people. But with no immune mechanism, David's defenses are minimal.

Despite his bizarre environment, say the doctors, David has developed well physically, mentally and emotionally, so far.

He's agile and active running around inside his bubble, playing with a ball and with several plastic toys.

"David is ready to read," said Dr. Murdina Desmond, a professor of pediatrics. She and Dr. Freedman both believe the boy is brighter than most three-year-olds and is particularly advanced in language skills.

Music composed by local musicians

By RICK HENDERSON
Staff Writer

A local four-man group composed the soundtrack music for the Aggie Players' production of "Lovers and Other Strangers."

The play is the opening of the new season for the Players. It is a full-length comedy that will open Monday night at 8.

It will play in the Rudder Center Forum through Oct. 12. Tickets are \$1 in advance or at the door. The 50th person and date on opening night will get free tickets to the performance.

Beau Sharbrough, a junior philosophy major, wrote the major theme and four variations for the soundtrack. He also plays Mike in Act IV of the play, entitled "Mike and Susan."

Chuck Adams, a junior in marine biology, also composed two varia-

tions on the original theme to be used. The other two members of the group are Brian McPherson, a junior English major, and Brad Ellis, a cook at International House of Pancakes in College Station.

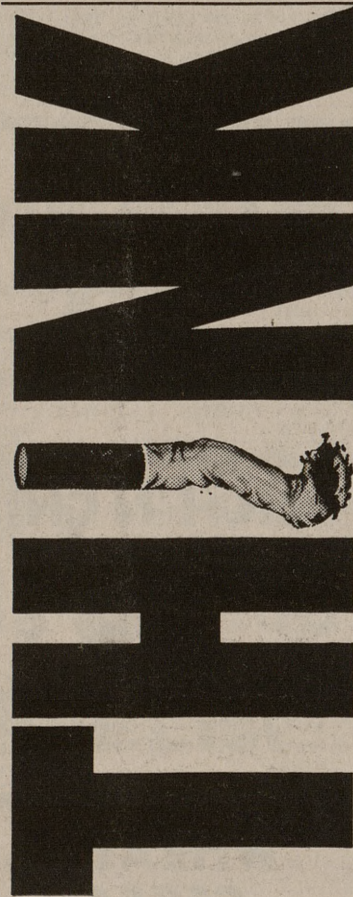
The group wrote original soundtracks for the Aggie Player's "The Glass Menagerie" and "Greensleeves Magic," which Sharbrough said was the first musical by the Aggie Players.

Sharbrough, speaking of "Lovers and Other Strangers," said "This is the biggest one yet. We're really proud of it." Robert W. Wenck, director of "Lovers and Other Strangers" said "It is pretty good. They have come up with a soundtrack that is well fitted to the mood of the play."

Sharbrough said the group plans to go commercial later this year, but specific plans are flexible now. He stressed that there is no head man and that everyone in the group is very talented. "It is all the way a group effort."

Delayed report gets complaint

Rep. Ben Bynum of Amarillo complained of delay in releasing a Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs report on no-fault auto insurance.



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Library tours go on voluntary basis for first semester

The library is conducting tours on a volunteer basis.

Tours are divided into two groups, general and specific. They will be offered four days a week beginning Monday through Nov. 5.

General tours are designed to help the student refresh his memory on using basic library tools. These tours will be offered Sept. 30 and Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 1 and 2 at 2 p.m.

Specific tours are sessions designed to help the student learn more about particular areas of the library. Specific tours offered are:

1. Microtext Area, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.
2. Technical Report Center, Oct. 7 and 8 at 3 p.m.
3. United States Government Publications, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 4 p.m.
4. Special Collections, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m.

5. Archives and Manuscript Collection, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m.

6. Using the card catalog and serials print out, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 22 at 3 p.m.

7. Resources in Business Management, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. and Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

8. Technical Services, Oct. 21 and 22 at 4 p.m.

9. Resources in the Sciences, Oct. 23 and 24 at 3 p.m.

10. Resources in the Social Sciences, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 29 at 3 p.m.

11. Using Interlibrary loan services and the National Union Catalog, Oct. 30 and Nov. 4 at 10 a.m.

12. Resources in the Humanities, Nov. 4 and 5 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

In order to insure a place on the tour students should sign up at the desk by the display window in the library.

Briscoe avoids decision

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Gov. Dolph Briscoe, here Tuesday on a campaign swing in North Texas, said he would not consider the reappointment of Frank Erwin to the University of Texas board of regents until after the November general election.

The controversial Erwin's term expires in January. During a brief press conference Briscoe said, "I will not make any decision on any such appointment that is due after this election until after the election."

When asked if he felt indirectly responsible for school tax increases due to the legislature's failure to act on school financing, Briscoe replied there have been quite a few school districts that have reduced taxes this year.

"In the last session of the legislature I sponsored a measure that would have provided relief on a one-year basis," the governor said, noting the bill passed the Senate but failed in the House on a tie vote.

In addition, Briscoe said he would introduce at the next session of the legislature an emergency bill which would appropriate \$40 per average daily attendance for each school district in the state.

As an example this would amount to \$510,960 for the Wichita Falls school district.

Concerning the predicted \$1.5 billion surplus in state funds expected in three years, Briscoe said such predictions are based on a continuing strong economy.

If such a surplus were realized, he said he would recommend that the legislature eliminate the four percent sales tax on utility bills.

"This would save the taxpayers of Texas about \$80 million annually," he said.

Briscoe also voiced support for Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's suggestion that a portion of the surplus be placed in a capital reserve.

The governor also made campaign appearances in Haskell and Vernon and left Wichita Falls for Amarillo. About 1,500 supporters and area candidates attended the Wichita Falls rally.

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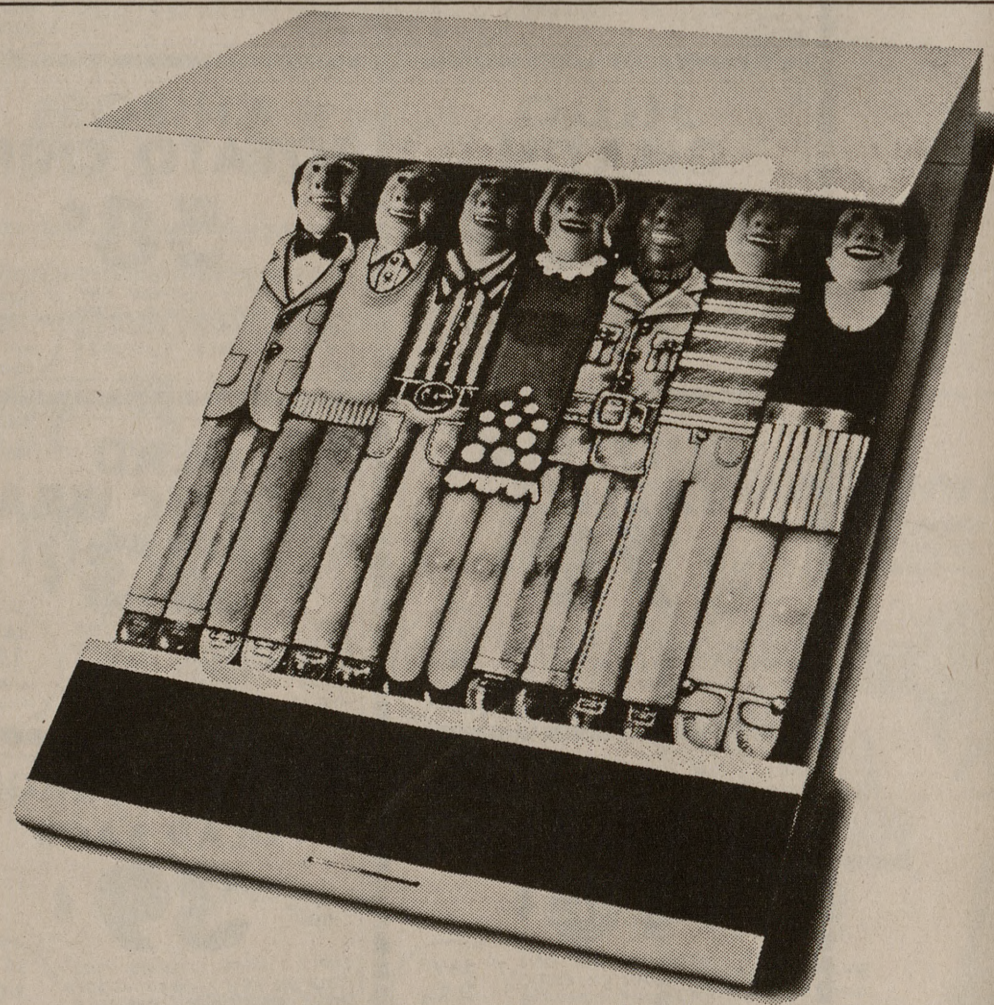
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