

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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The Medical Roundup

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Head Noises

Hundreds ask what to do for head noises, and I am sorry I cannot tell them. First, I don't know the cause of their particular type of head noise; I don't know where it is being produced. It may be arising in the ear or in the nerve running from the ear to the brain, or in a throbbing artery near the inner ear. Second, I don't know where and how the noise was being produced. I might not be able to do anything about it. In a recent number of Today's Health, there was an article by Dr. Albert P. Seltzer on this subject. As he says, deaf people with their abnormal ears are the ones most likely to get head noises, but so-called tinnitus occurs even in people with good hearing.

The sounds vary. Some are soft and purring, some are whistling, some tinkle like a little bell, some are fairly loud or throbbing, or roaring, some may be buzzing, rumbling, grinding, or metallic, and often they resemble steam escaping from a pipe. In some cases, the noise is constant; in others it is intermittent; some persons get it only when they are falling asleep, some get it in one ear and some get it in both. A purring sound that comes 70 to 80 times a minute is due to the beating of the big artery which passes close to the inner ear.

As Dr. Seltzer says, there are many causes for head noises, and the patient should go to a good ear man to see if he can determine the cause, or can suggest anything to do about it.

Understanding May Help

It may help persons to understand the problem when they learn how we hear. First, the sound waves in the air go through the external auditory canal to strike the thin ear drum, causing it to vibrate. With the help of three tiny interlocking bones in the middle ear, these vibrations are transmitted to a small window which leads into the hearing mechanism in the inner ear. This last mechanism resembles a tiny marimba. From each resonator of the marimba a nerve fiber goes to the brain.

Obviously, then, ear noises may be due to something wrong in the several parts of the ear: in the nerve going to the brain, or in the brain, or in the big artery near the ear. Occasionally, they are influenced by a plugging of the eustachian tube that carries air from the throat to the middle ear. When we swallow, and allow air to go into the middle ear, our ear noise may stop for a while. Occasionally, head noises are due to an accumulation of wax in the external canal. Many a time I have cured a man of deafness in

a few minutes simply by washing out a lot of wax packed into his auditory canal.

Infection in the middle ear can cause head noises. Abnormalities in the tiny ear bones can make trouble. Head noises are often produced by what is called otosclerosis, a degenerative disease of the ear which is probably inherited. With this, there is hardening of the bone around the middle ear. Head noises can follow injury to the ear by an explosion or other loud noise, but usually this is only temporary. The trouble can follow when the person is constantly exposed to noise, as in a riveter or a man working around jet airplanes.

May Follow Injury

There are rare instances in which head noises follow an injury to the skull, as after an auto accident. There are several drugs, such as quinine, aspirin, and streptomycin, which can cause the ears to ring. It is possible that certain allergic reactions can cause ear noises.

It is probable that many ear noises and especially those of old persons with good ears, are produced in the brain. They may easily follow a little stroke.

A few times in my life I have been alarmed at night when I heard a chirping sound in my ear. I have thought to myself, "Here we go for several years of annoyance," and then I discovered that a little beetle had dropped into my ear. When I got it out I was all right again. One day years ago, when I washed a big plug of wax out of a man's ear, in it I found a good-sized mummified insect. When I showed it to the fellow he was thrilled because he remembered when it had become stuck in the way and had buzzed until it died.

I cannot say what to do for ear noises because I cannot learn much about the subject from my friends, the expert ear men.

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Threatening Note Clue in Disappearance

Homedale, Idaho—A Sheriff Jim Tucker has revealed that a threatening note was found in the office of Homedale City Clerk and Police Judge Bertha Ehrhart, 39, just shortly after she disappeared Monday night.

An intensive search has been under way for the woman since early Tuesday morning. Dragging operations in the Snake river near Homedale, bloodhounds and an airplane failed to turn up any trace of the missing woman.

Tucker said the note was found in the woman's purse which had been left in her office at the city hall Monday.

Police Chief Jim Hill said the note was made up of words clipped from newspapers and magazines and pasted on note paper. It read:

"You have only a few days to live."

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Strange As It Seems

by Elsie Hix

LOU GERRIG, WHO PLAYED IN 1,150 CONSECUTIVE GAMES, STARTED HIS LINE-UP AS A PUNCH KICKER... A SINGLE STARTED HIS REMARKABLE CAREER...

A LETTER SIGNED BY 11,000 SPANISH SOLDIERS LEAVING CUBA IN 1898 WAS SENT TO THE AMERICAN ARMY WHO HAD VANQUISHED THEM, LAUING THE YANKEES FOR THEIR COURAGE AND GRANTING THEM AN INCIDENT UNEQUALLED IN THE HISTORY OF WARFARE... —Aug 21, 1898

IN THE LAST 82 YEARS THE SUEZ CANAL HAS REQUIRED THE REMOVAL OF NEARLY 5 TIMES MORE SOIL (12 BILLION CUBIC FEET) AS IN THE ORIGINAL EXCAVATION! OVER HALF THIS AMOUNT WAS DREDGED TO REMOVE DEPOSITS OF WIND-BORNE SAND, EROSION AND TIDAL CURRENTS. THE REMAINDER, TO WIDEN AND DEEPEN THE WATERWAY!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
1—Idle talk	1—Long, slender
2—Large trucks	2—Mature
3—Lemon	
4—Mohammedan title	
5—Son of Adam	
6—Piece for one	
7—Wine measure	
8—Tease	
9—Game at cards	
10—Male	
11—Rush across	
12—In ill	
13—Squanders	
14—Knock	
15—Opposite the windward	
16—Wife of Zeus	

STEVE CANYON

CHARLIE HAS HEARD THAT THIS MAN HOSAN HAS A HOT TEMPER! HE'S BAITING THE PRINCESS FRONT-AND-TEST HIS STEADINESS!

MR. HOSAN, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE BLAMED FOR WATCHING AN ARMED FORCE TO INVADE RED CHINA FROM THE WEST!

SIR, THE PRINCESS SNOWFLOWER WILL ACCEPT MEN AND FUNDS FROM ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES...

HOW ARE WE TO KNOW THAT THE PRINCESS WON'T TAKE THE MONEY AND LIVE LIKE A QUEEN ALONG THE RIVERA?

WHY, YOU... LOOK! PRINCESS SNOWFLOWER IS HERE!

U ABNER

YOU'RE BOTH DRESSED PERFECTLY!!

YASUM. 22—PERFECTLY, FO WHUT?

YOU—TO RETURN TO YOUR MISERABLE SHACK IN DOGPATCH, AND THAT STUPID GIRL YOU MARRIED—LAZY MAY, OR CRAZY DAY, OR SOMETHING...

—WHERE YOU'LL SINK EVEN DEEPER INTO THE HOPELESS PRIMITIVE SUB-EXISTENCE YOU'RE TRAPPED IN, YOU POOR LOST SOUL!!

SO, THASS WHUT HE'S DRESSED FO, HOW 'BOUT ME?

BUZ SAWYER

TOUGH-LOOKING BUTTES! IT'S AN AMBUSH!

MAYBE I'D BETTER BACKTRACK... OH, ON! ANOTHER ONE!

ALL TOGETHER!

GET 'EM!

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH

GRANNY CREEPS-- I HAD A BODACIOUS DREAM I WANT YE TO FIGGER OUT FER ME

YE COME TO T' RANST PLACE, SNUFFY

THAT'LL BE TWO DOLLARS CASH IN ADVANCEMENT

I MIGHT A-KNOWED IT

DO YE SAVE TH' STAMPS?

BLONDIE

DAGWOOD THIS IS A SILLY ARGUMENT, AND I'M NOT GOING TO TALK ANY MORE ABOUT IT

GOOD

WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY PLACE WITH IT... I'VE SAID MY LAST WORD

THEN WHY DO YOU STOP?

THERE'S NO USE KEEPING IT UP

BECAUSE I'M NOT TELLING YOU I'M THOU

MUTT and JEFF

NEVER AGAIN WILL I BET ON HORSES! I'M CLEANED!

GUS, I EXPECT SOME BUILDING INSPECTOR— IF YOU SEE ANY HANGING AROUND TRY SLIPPING HIM A TEN!

IF OVERCOATS FOR ELEPHANTS WERE 10¢ COULDN'T BUY AVEST FOR A CANARY BIRD!

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