

STAR GAZER... Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars... To develop message for Monday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

Legal Problems Hinder Use of Cadaver Blood

Chicago—(Science Service)—The use of cadaver blood for transfusions may appear to be somewhat ghoulish to some persons, but that would not be the primary reason for its unpopularity in this country, a Chicago surgeon said here.

Polar Bear, Once Circus Star, Baffles Children at Denver Zoo

Denver—(UPI)—Velox, the blind old polar bear, has baffled little children at the Denver City Park Zoo for nearly 24 years. They wonder how she can walk so sure-footed along the edge of her pool without stumbling into the water.

Seasons of a Bird Watcher

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The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a writer and a psychologist. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Jerry J.—She might become ill again if she goes to work. Adele J.—I've never felt more energetic in my life. Jerry J.—My wife and I have been married 14 years and have three youngsters, ranging from 4 to 8.

Expansion Due At The Dalles

Chicago—(UPI)—Planned expansion of Columbia river grain handling facilities at The Dalles was announced Thursday by Cargill, Inc., of Chicago.

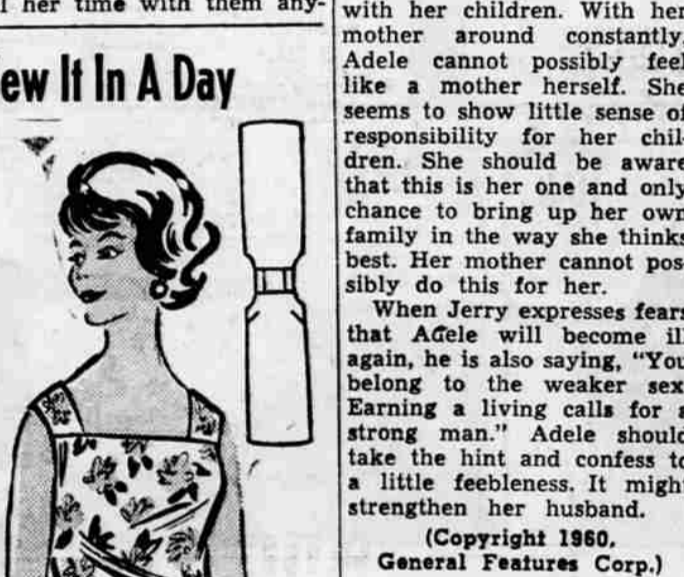
Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF "DO I DETECT the odor of liquor on your breath?" a stinging boss demanded of his head bookkeeper. "You do," admitted that cagey individual. "I've just been celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the last raise you gave me."

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The season was exceptionally dry through the fall and early winter. We caught up quite a bit on our needed rainfall in February and early March. Then came the heat. We had six days in a row with the temperature 80 or above. This I have never seen here before. I guess nobody else has either, because it is a new record.

This warm weather has more effect on plants and insects than it does on bird life. The return of birds from the south depends more on the calendar and the increase of daylight, although it is sometimes slowed by stormy weather.

We have for this date just about the normal number of birds that have come back. We have three kinds of swallows, tree, violet-green and rough-winged. The tree is the blue-backed swallow; the violet green has a green back with little violet patches not usually visible in life; and the rough-winged is the brown-backed one that nests in holes in banks. The pretty cinnamon teal have returned, too, and may be seen on the ponds along Gregory rd. Turkey vultures are another spring arrival, and at the other end of the size scale, rufous hummingbirds.

Now that we have brought things up to the present, let me go back and comment on the past. Our Christmas Bird Count was duly recorded in the Mail Tribune. That account said we found 79 species. I later discovered I had omitted one that we had seen, a spotted sandpiper, so we actually found 80. This was pretty good for a winter day (Dec. 30) with fog covering most of the valley. It was friends and readers of my last previous column that helped us locate at least two of these, barn owls and pileated woodpecker. I have found that it pays to write columns. Some of our most interesting bird records have come from readers of these columns.

It is interesting how each year some kinds of birds come up scarce and other unusual ones show up, or come in greater numbers. We had just one year with a considerable number of evening grosbeaks (early 1958). This year I haven't seen any and have heard only one report of them in the valley. Even more striking has been the shortage of varied thrushes (Alaskan robins). Usually we have an abundance of them on our place, especially from January on. This year one came to the place just once, and I have had very few other reports.

In compensation we have one fine bird that has appeared in greater numbers this winter and early spring—the mountain bluebird. Our common bluebird here is the western. It has a red breast. The mountain bluebird is blue all over, a lighter shade than the commoner variety. I think they are like a bit of heaven come down to earth. I love them. They were found on the Christmas count and we have seen them several times since, on Cherry Lane and at several points along Antelope rd.

Some people don't know that we have a colony of magpies in our valley. They are usually found around the base of Pompadour Cliff at the foot of the Dead Indian grade. The time we looked for them this year there seemed to be more than in the past—we thought about 8 or 9. Birds are hard to count because they keep flying around and you can't be sure whether you have a new one or the same one in a new place.

I had the pleasure of taking two small birding trips this year. All pleasure trips are birding trips with me. I got my wife to go with me to Redding and we looked for birds down along the Sacramento River. We saw an Anna's hummingbird in a manzanita bush and heard California thrashers sing. More recently the whole family and one extra boy went to the beach and had one whole day of birding, or playing on the beach for the boys. We found a wonderful place to stay where the cabin looked out on the bay of the Smith River, where many interesting birds came. A flock of sandpeeps and a flock of black turnstones joined each other on the pebbles and sand just below the cabin.—T.M.

4-H Club News

Phoenix Flying Stitches The Phoenix Flying Stitches 4-H sewing club met recently in the Phoenix High school home ec room. We had three new members. Terry Campbell served refreshments. Our next meeting will be held April 9.

Shady Cove Cut Ups The Shady Cove Cut Ups 4-H club meeting was held recently at Mrs. Oliver's home. We studied on the care of the hair.

Happy Stitches The sixth meeting of the Happy Stitches 4-H club was held at Mrs. Arthur Beck's house recently. All the girls finished their garment protector except three. Some of the girls started their aprons. Seven girls attended and no visitors. Transportation was provided home.

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