

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

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

ARIES	1 Excellent	31 Arguments	61 Should
APR 21	2 A	32 Requires	62 And
23-31-29	3 Delayed	33 For	63 Life
23-43-56	4 Collect	34 Involvement	64 Improvement
TAURUS	5 Don't	35 Musing	65 Those
APR 21	6 Mail	36 Imaginary	66 Amends
35-37-40-45	7 Patch	37 Business	67 Troubled
60-73-75	8 Certify	38 May	68 Haste
GEMINI	9 Live	39 For	69 Despairs
MAY 21	10 Up	40 Now	70 And
22-26-28-29	11 Look	41 Oil	71 Spirit
51-76-79-84	12 Your	42 Build	72 Waters
CANCER	13 Old	43 Additional	73 Might
JUNE 21	14 Confidential	44 Seeing	74 Your
22-26-28-29	15 Money	45 With	75 Fall
51-76-79-84	16 Upon	46 Summer	76 But
LION	17 Don't	47 Do	77 Habits
JULY 21	18 Tie	48 Side	78 Active
22-26-28-29	19 Do	49 Be	79 Don't
51-76-79-84	20 Let	50 Continue	80 Creative
VIRGO	21 Better	51 Punctured	81 Extravagant
AUG 21	22 Desired	52 And	82 Enslavement
22-26-28-29	23 Best	53 Up	83 Other
51-76-79-84	24 Bear	54 Heat	84 Professional
LIBRA	25 Aspects	55 Make	85 Pouches
SEP 21	26 Expectations	56 Protection	86 Worry
22-26-28-29	27 Trust	57 Spins	87 Cash
51-76-79-84	28 Matter	58 Of	88 Pressure
SCORPIO	29 Owe	59 Personality	89 Beaten
OCT 21	30 Your	60 Today	90 Tidy
22-26-28-29	31 Good	61 Neutral	91/11
51-76-79-84	32 Adverse	62 Neutral	92/11

Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
Copyright, Hall Syndicate, Inc.

JOB SECURITY

The tens of millions of us who are employed in the United States today are now staying with our same employers an average of 4.6 years, a full one-third longer than we stuck to our same jobs in 1951. Despite the persistently high rate of unemployment, job stability in our country never has been so marked — and the reasons for this go far beyond the obviously stabilizing influence of pension privileges.

Think for a moment how long you have held your present job. Now see how you compare with the averages:

If you are 25 to 44 years old, you're average if you've been on the same job for 4.2 years.

If you are 45 years or older, you're average if you've held your current job 10.4 years.

If you are a self-employed man with money or time invested in your business or learning your profession, you've been consistently employed for nine years on average, almost twice as long as wage and salary workers.

If you are a man employed in the transportation or public utilities industries, your average is 10 years on your current job, the highest job stability of any major industry group.

If you've held the same job for at least 21 years — through the dislocations of a global war, the Korean conflict and four business recessions — you have 6.5 million counterparts.

If you're an over-45 single woman, your job attachment is even greater than that of the over-45 man — for your average is 14.2 years against 12.8 years for men.

These few statistics picked out of hundreds in a new study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics underline the increasing job stability of the American labor force — a seeming paradox in the face of our continuing high unemployment. Why?

A first obvious force is the spectacular growth of pension plans, fringe benefits and retirement programs for older workers. Of course these tend to hold workers to their jobs.

A second force, which becomes obvious only after it's mentioned, is that we have had an extended period of what we now call peace, and thus we have been able to stay on the job without interruption. When the BLS last made a study on job tenure in 1951, World War II had been over only a few years. At that time only 18 per cent of us had held the same job for more than a decade. It's up to 30 per cent now.

A third force, which isn't obvious at all, is that job attachment increases as the level of training, education and skill required for employment rises. As Harvey R. Hamel, author of the BLS study, put it when queried on this point, "A worker who invests a lot of time and energy in learning a job is inclined to keep that job once he gets it. We find the greater degree of job stability among persons in occupations which demand the most training, financial investment or experience, and the biggest expansion in employment is taking place in the professional and technical occupations."

"The shortest job tenure is among laborers and the semi-skilled who require little or no training and are more likely to be adversely affected by business downturns or seasonal fluctuations."

Incidentally, Hamel downgrades the impact of good or bad times on job stability. "There are plenty of reasons a man may want to change his job in good times when he is optimistic and looking for advancement. Automation may lay off as many workers in prosperity as declining profits lay off in recessions."

Will the trend toward greater job security continue? Yes, for each force behind it is growing in importance. Pension privileges are still expanding. Our so-called peace continues. Employment in America is requiring increasing investment by management and workers in education and expensive training.

This trend could become too much of a good thing — if it led to cautious conformity and dreary rigidity in our labor force. But I take comfort from the finding that in the under-25 age group, the average stay on the job is a scant eight months. It's only when we reach 45 that we really get set in our jobs, and by then we should be having and showing a high degree of stability in all phases of life.

Eradication of Tuberculosis Still Under Way

"Public and private agencies engaged in tuberculosis eradication and control of other respiratory diseases are sometimes handicapped by a notion held by a few that tuberculosis is about licked," Chester Irish, president of the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health Association said today in calling attention to the current Christmas Seal campaign.

"Thanks to new drugs, new methods of treatment and early discovery programs, helped in large measure by Christmas Seals, tuberculosis is less of a killer than it used to be and the germs are still around and they are still a threat and still cost taxpayers of Oregon many thousands of dollars a year," he added.

The most perfect drug in the world can't wipe out a disease unless you find all the people who have it, stated Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer in charge of tuberculosis control. There is also a sense of urgency in the eradication program since evidence shows that some germs are already becoming resistant to the drugs being used in treatment, he said.

Beyond the control of tuberculosis a whole new field of activity has recently been opened up for public and voluntary health agencies: the fight to control respiratory diseases in general since they have a bearing upon the control of tuberculosis. This group of ailments constitutes the foremost disability and fourth largest killer in the United States and comprises such diseases as emphysema, bronchitis, lung tumors, asthma, influenza and the common cold.

Support for these programs of the voluntary health associations is dependent upon Christmas seals and the work of many volunteers, Irish pointed out.

Polaris Missile Test Successful

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—The Navy successfully tested its new longer range Polaris missile Monday night and now is looking ahead to an even newer version with a mightier punch.

The Polaris "A-3" shot into the darkness trailing a brilliant column of smoke and flame from a land pad. Its nose cone streaked through the atmosphere about 1,500 miles away in the Atlantic.

The 2,880-mile range rocket designed to be fired from submerged nuclear submarines is expected to become combat ready next August.

Although at least a dozen more test flights of the "A-3" are planned, the Navy is studying plans for an advanced model of the Polaris called the "B-3". It would have the same range as the "A-3" but would carry a bigger payload.

The slim Polaris missiles now can deliver nuclear tips equal to about 1 million tons of TNT. Payload estimates for the proposed "B-3" rockets were not available.

The United States has five submarines on patrol in the Atlantic carrying 1,375-mile range "A-1" missiles and five more subs armed with "A-2" models with a 1,725-mile range.

Reverend Brings Reality To Christmas

MAIDSTONE, England (UPI)—The Rev. Donald Reeves, curate of All Saints Anglican Church, said today he has written a "kitchen sink" nativity play in which a husband and wife fight and a juvenile delinquent almost stabs a man.

"Traditional nativity stories are old hat to me," Father Reeves, 29, said. "My idea is to bring reality to the Christmas story."

OPEN NIGHTS UNTIL 9 P.M.

Week Days Until Christmas Except Sat., Dec. 7 and 14

GIF SHOP HERE

and

SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!

Ride 'n Shop Member!

ROBINSON BROS.

Everything for Men and Boys
Next to Pick's Apparel Downtown Medford



WE VALIDATE PARK & SHOP TICKETS WITHOUT ASKING

Small Worlds Around Us

By LYNN M. WATKINS
(Register and Tribune Syndicate 1963)



Related to Crow, Raven is Shy, Secretive Bird

Seldom would the ordinary person ever see a raven except when perched on the shoulder of a witch; this association has given the bird a pretty shady reputation and it's well deserved, for the raven is certainly not one of birddom's most reputable citizens. Its true character is about as black as is its plumage.

Belonging to the crow family of birds, the raven possesses many of the characteristics of its smaller relative, except that it is larger with a heavy, stout bill and breast feathers that have a tendency to stand erect making the bird appear larger than it actually is. But even with this, the raven can be mistaken for a crow; a large crow with a dumpy look. When on the ground, the raven appears to be in a crouch or drooping position.

Truly the raven is a bird of mystery, and eulogized in literature as a consort of witches and the supernatural. Some of the apprehension centered up in our minds regarding this somber bird is probably due to its voice, a foreboding croak, loud and harsh, actually having the significance of an omen.

Omen of Evil

Edgar Allen Poe felt the evil influence of this bird's disreputable character when he wrote of The Raven and the weird croaking, which doesn't exactly sound like "evermore," but something just as sinister.

Tradition emphasizes the idea that the raven is an omen of evil. Superstition and folklore associate the bird with the Evil One, a belief that still persists, even in this supposedly enlightened age.

The American raven is a shy and secretive bird, inhabiting, by choice, a lonely sea coast or an isolated wilderness or desert. They usually live in small family groups, but occasionally gather in large numbers at garbage dumps or on the carcass of large, dead animals. These feeding habits designate the raven as a scavenger.

Mate for Life

The nest is usually a huge affair of sticks and is used year after year, refurbished each time with a few more pieces of any available material. If possible the nest is constructed in a rock cranny, in the absence of which a pair may build in a tall tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Raven seem very devoted to one another and are believed to mate for life. The young, that remain in the nest for some weeks, are watched over and bravely protected against any and all enemies.

The raven can soar in the air like a hawk and takes all kinds of trouble teaching the young all the tricks of soaring flight.

Aside from the superstitions and ill repute given the raven by folklore and the association with those concerned with witchcraft, the bird has contributed to its own bad name by its occasional raids on the nests of smaller birds. It has been caught red-handed, killing baby birds and small mammals, as well as baby lambs.

Like its relative the crow, the raven is known to be crafty, shrewd, and extremely cunning. With a little patience it can be tamed and can easily be trained to ride on the shoulder of its mistress, even if she happens to be a witch; except maybe, when she "rides her broomstick." At such times the raven with a hoarse croak, probably would fly away under its own power.

Optometrist Urges Visual Skill Work

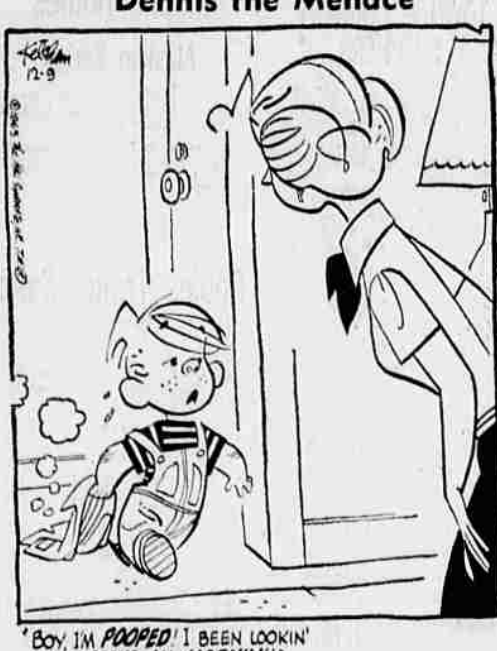
PORTLAND (UPI)—Dr. Albert Sutton of Pueblo, Colo., says that the impact on education would be "tremendous" if parents would properly prepare their children in visual skills before they entered school.

He outlined a plan for giving children the "visual readiness for learning" which he said they need at an early age.

Dr. Sutton said the "visual readiness" he spoke of was teaching children to think in abstract terms and to make associations with what they observe.

Dr. Sutton, who is in private optometric practice, was here to conduct a workshop at the 28th annual Northwest Congress of Optometry.

Dennis the Menace



"Boy, I'm POOPED! I BEEN LOOKIN' UNDER ROCKS ALL MORNIN'!"

Thailand Picks New Premier

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI)—Defense Minister Gen. Thanom Kittikachorn, a firm friend of the West, was appointed premier Monday to succeed the late Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat.

Thanom, 52, worked closely with U.S. officials in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) as Sarit's deputy premier and defense chief. He was expected to continue the policies Sarit began when he seized power in 1957—a dual program of social reform and action against Communist subversion.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej named Thanom premier one day after the death of the 56-year old Sarit, who had been ill for about two weeks with a liver ailment. He had been under treatment of U.S. Surgeon General Leonard Heaton, who was sent here on orders of Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Thanom today gave no indication of cabinet changes. All members of the cabinet pledged their support to him after Sarit's death and made him acting premier until the king's appointment.

PARK & SHOP!

When you're preparing for Santa's visit — use PARK & SHOP. Enjoy this convenient, easy way to shop in Downtown Medford. Just drive in any Park & Shop Lot and leave your parking cares with the lot attendant.



park & shop

Guess Who Will Get the Kisses on Christmas Morning . . .



YOU of course, when the family discovers the **HAMMOND ORGAN** under the Tree!

This Christmas make your home a place where family, friends, fun and music mix happily together . . . with a **HAMMOND ORGAN!** The most important thing about the Hammond Organ is that you can play it.

For Hammond invented the modern organ in the first place in the belief that the joy and relaxation of playing it belongs not just to a few — but to everyone.

Yes, you can play it. And, just as important — you can own it. For Hammond has made it possible for you to bring any Hammond Organ home for only \$25 down. With low monthly payments. You have many wonderful models to choose from. Like the famous Hammond Spinnet . . . the organ with Harmonic Drawbars for simplified tone selection . . . and the only organ that can never go out of tune.

Open every nite till 9

Purucker

music house

"Your Home Entertainment Center"

111 North Central • Phone 773-7538

See our complete selection of Organs from \$495.00 up
FREE CHRISTMAS TREE With Every \$25 Order. Your Choice of Many Fine Douglas Firs

Voters in Portland Approve Bond Issue

PORTLAND (UPI)—Voters Monday approved a bond issue for a \$163,000 addition to the new Rockwood School. The vote was 163 to 89.