

It's all in the Stars
ASTROLOGY GUIDE
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ARIES "THE RAM" (Mar 21-Apr 20) A very good week in all practical matters. Pay as you go and do not accumulate debts that will have to be paid eventually. A letter which has been bothering you, (or will soon arrive) is not as troublesome as you think. Have patience.

TAURUS "THE BULL" (Apr 21-May 21) Do not permit yourself to become involved in disputes and arguments over trivia or controversial matters. Be aloof and calm and all will turn out pleasantly. It is best to avoid all large groups and to keep silent when in public.

GEMINI "THE TWINS" (May 22-June 21) Make a combination of work and pleasure and you can work as interestingly as you wish. Industry and real effort will be recognized early in the month but only if you cease your "fooling around." Don't make the mistake of being too friendly or pushy.

CANCER "THE CRAB" (June 22-July 23) You have a full week of favorable planetary aspects, use them to good advantage. Luv. Excellent time for selling or buying personal effects, whether in a big way or small. Social matters and visits to relatives are not favored. Keep away from in-laws.

LEO "THE LION" (July 24-Aug 23) Give some time to friends who are alone and in need of advice, money or actual help of any kind. A very sincere and worthwhile person may be suffering and can be helped immeasurably by your staunch loyalty and genuine aid. Be a pal, Leo.

VIRGO "THE VIRGIN" (Aug 24-Sept 23) Privately, you are inclined to do as you please in spite of the

good advice available from you left off. A phone call or relatives and neighbors. A letter will bring a disturbingly malicious desire to make other people pay heavily for minor mistakes takes up a lot of your waking moments. Relentless and forgiving dear Virgo.

LIBRA "THE BALANCE" (Sept 24-Oct 23) Plunge into your work at the beginning of the week or you're going to be "head over heels." Take advantage of an excellent opportunity to advance interests pertaining to your or your mates employment. Guard against temper upsets.

SCORPIO "THE SCORPION" (Oct 24-Nov 22) Avoid merry-making friends. They will cause upsets. A good time to solve a few problems with marital partner and family circle in general. Avoid plans for quick changes as these could cause unhappiness in last week of month.

SAGITTARIUS "THE ARCHER" (Nov 23-Dec 21) This week you will find a few touchy spots in matters important to your work. Try to remain silent, but do not let anyone impose maliciously upon your independent rights. After the 28th there is an advancement in work status.

CAPRICORN "THE GOAT" (Dec 22-Jan 20) There is one who "has eyes for someone or something you hold very dear. Step lively, Cap, and don't allow yourself to be pushed into the background. Don't make the mistake of being overly friendly with a new pal. Look at past records.

AQUARIUS "THE WATER BEARER" (Jan 21-Feb 19) During the next few weeks you will find yourself drawn into a group of lively interesting people. Among them will be an old acquaintance who will be anxious to take up where

Court Deals Blow To Discrimination

A Federal appeals court has dealt a sweeping blow to sex discrimination in the retail industry by affirming that the J.M. Fields retail chain illegally paid women department supervisors less than men for substantially equal work.

Upholding the U.S. Department of Labor in a suit under the Federal Equal Pay Act, the ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans already means eight years' worth of back pay, plus wage increases, for women supervisors of some departments in the 66 J.M. Fields stores.

It could later result in equal pay for all of the company's supervisors by reversing a lower court decision that handling of retail "hardline" goods requires greater skill than handling of "softline" merchandise.

The Labor Department had charged that supervisors of clothing and other softline departments generally were women who are paid less than appliance and other hardline supervisors because of sex, rather than differences in their jobs.

Assistant Secretary of Labor Bernard E. DeLury, head of the Department's Employment Standards Administration, said the decision will have a "positive impact" on his agency's enforcement of the Equal Pay Act.

"Because softline departments are most often headed by women, the decision may result in higher wages for additional female managers throughout the retail industry," he said.

The Labor Department filed suit against Fields in 1968, alleging willful equal pay violations in at least three Fields stores in Eau Gallie, Merritts Island, and Tallahassee, Fla.

hardline supervisors justifiably receive higher pay than softline managers because their jobs involved more skill.

The district court also agreed to enjoin further equal pay violations throughout the company's chain, but ordered only a two-year back wage penalty for what it declared "unwillful" violations.

On appeal, the court upheld the chain-wide injunction but extended the two-year liability to three, ordering repayment to the affected women of wages that willfully had been denied them since 1965.

The appeals court also reversed the lower court's finding that hardline supervision involves more skill. "Indeed, the evidence is to the contrary: softline managers received more extensive training in terms of time spent in the training program."

Returning the case to the district court for a new ruling on the issue, the appeals court said the Labor Department, in its opinion, had proved "equality of work and inequality of pay."

Evidence that supervisors in all departments order merchandise, assist customers and maintain orderly displays of merchandise "showed that the jobs were substantially equal," the court said.

Sailing Class

The High Point Parks and Recreation Department and the Oak Hollow Yacht Club are sponsoring a sailing class at Oak Hollow Marina, Bill Cords, with

the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will be instructing the class. There will be five weeks of classroom work on Monday nights, beginning January 21. Practical experience in sailing will be provided this spring.

Anyone interested in the Oak Hollow Yacht Club will be able to find out about this program at the sailing class.

1040 U.S. Individual Taxpayers Ask IRS

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Q. Can the cost of a trip to a warmer climate upon a doctor's recommendation ever be deducted as a medical expense?

A. If your doctor advises you to spend some time in a warmer climate as part of your medical treatment or to alleviate a specific condition, your share of the transportation expenses to the warmer area is deductible as a medical expense. However, none of the expenses for food and lodging while you are in transit or for food or rent while you are away from home are deductible.

The cost of a trip taken for a change in environment, improvement of morale, or general improvement of health, even if made on the advice of a physician, is not deductible as a medical expense.

Q. I just purchased a three-year \$5,000 certificate of deposit from a bank for \$4,000. How do I report the discount?

A. The discount on a certificate of deposit, issued after May 27, 1969, must be reported ratably as ordinary income. You must include in income the ratable monthly portion of the original issue discount multiplied by the number of complete and fractional months that you held the certificate during your tax year.

The bank that issued the certificate must provide you with a Form 1099 OID stating the amount of original issue discount includible in income for the year. For a more detailed treatment of how to compute original issue discount, see IRS Publication 550, "Tax

Information on Investment Income and Expenses." It's available free from your nearest IRS office.

Q. When should an employee file a new withholding exemption certificate (Form W-4)?

A. You must file a new Form W-4 at any time if the number of withholding allowances you are entitled to claim increases. This would be the case, for example, if you feel you're going to have a higher amount of itemized deductions on your return next year.

You must file a new Form W-4 within 10 days if the number of allowances you are entitled to claim becomes less than the number you are now claiming. The number of allowances will normally be reduced if your marital status changes from married to single, you stop supporting a dependent, a child marries and moves away from home, or your eligibility for additional withholding allowances changes.

College Students Study Through Visits To Africa

GREENSBORO - A combination work-study program which allows college students to spend eight months in Africa, is being looked upon as a source of future black economists for the nations of that developing continent.

The program, coordinated by A&T State University for predominately-black colleges from throughout the nation, will send 10 students abroad approximately three months from now.

The students arrived at A&T over the weekend for an intensive three-week orientation course in economic development. Following completion of their stay at A&T, the students will receive an extensive briefing from the U.S. State Department, then leave for an assignment in Africa.

The unique work-study program is being funded by the Agency for International Development in its effort to attract more minority persons into its African Bureau as economists.

"The idea is to permit these students, mostly economics majors, to combine academic study with on-the-job training and foreign experience," said Dr. Richard D. Robbins, who directs the program at A&T.

Robbins said the program, now in its third year, is considered to be highly successful. "The students have been extremely pleased with their experience," he said. "Most of them don't want to leave their African countries."

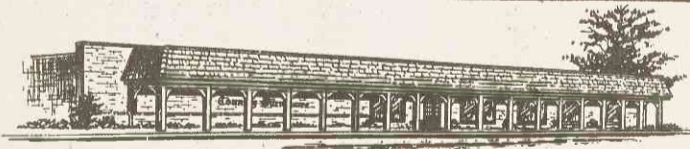
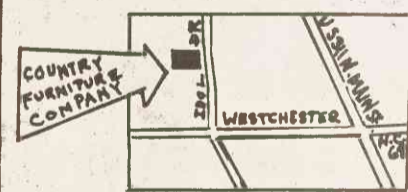
Robbins said a number of the former interns who have graduated from college, have accepted positions in the AID. Others are pursuing graduate degrees in international development. While the students are interning in Africa, they are paid at the G.S. -4 rating. The students this year will be assigned to Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, The Congo, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Ghana.

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