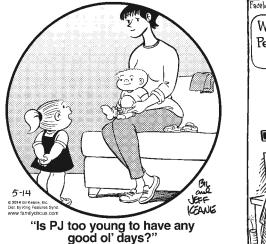


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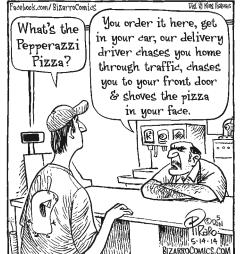
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PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



can be sure I'm sending the right amount to the right place? Thanks! — MAN IN THE KITCHEN IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK DEAR MAN IN THE KITCHEN: I'm glad to oblige. I have been a compulsive cookbook collector for

party.

many years, so I can relate. (I'm sure you will be pleased when you see that my cookbooklets, while wide-ranging in content, take up little space on your bookshelf.)

DEAR ABBY: I love cooking for my wife

and friends. There are few things I find more

and watch people enjoy. I'm always on the

lookout for more cookbooks, and

you hold the key to my next big

I was reading through your

archives and have seen many peo-

I'd love to get them. Can you print

the ordering information again, so I

ple asking about your cookbooklets.

pleasing than to put out a nice spread of food

Your idea of throwing a "Dear Abby Dinner Party" is a good one, and I have been told the recipes provide a fun, traditional eating adventure. All of them are simple, easy-toread and delicious.

One reader described creating place cards for her guests decorated with hearts and flowers. The centerpiece was a "bouquet" of envelopes addressed to me. Another reader said she copied questions from my column, printed them out and, as a party game, asked her guests to supply the answers. (She said that after a few glasses of wine, some of the responses were hilarious,

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014:

This year your ability to harness various perspectives will determine your success. You become more open, as well as wise, in your interpersonal relationships. If you are single, you could meet many interesting people, though most of them might not be what you desire for a long-term bond. The process of choosing the right person could be exciting. If you are attached, the two of you click as you used to. Don't hesitate to develop a new hobby together --- it can only add to your relationship. Do not try to make your sweetie agree with you; instead, respect your differences. SCORPIO often challenges you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ Optimism flows among your peers with the exception of one person. You might feel as if others are testy, especially when the issue is money! You have a lot to share, but a boss or respected associate might not listen to your ideas. Tonight: Juggle different concerns.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

**** You might need to go along with someone else's ideas and leadership, even if just for today. If you stop and think about it, both of you have the same bottom-line issue; you simply have very different approaches. Feelings run high at the moment. Tonight: Be a little wild.

but couldn't be printed in a family newspaper.)

A 'Dear Abby' Dinner Party

Blends Good Food And Fun

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

My cookbooklet set contains more than 100 tasty recipes, ranging from soups to sal-

ads, appetizers, main courses and desserts, that can be used when families get together to celebrate holidays and other special occasions. My mother used many of them when she hosted parties, as have I. To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Åbby - Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. You will find tips on entertaining at the beginning of the first booklet. Anyone who hasn't entertained before should be sure to read them.

By following these suggestions, even the most nervous, first-time host can be confident. I know you will enjoy the recipes as much as we have and serve them with pride.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: It's not what you put on the table, but who you put in the chairs that makes a successful dinner party.

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mate or a partner, could be singing the blues. A problem might surround your home or an investment. Your priorities are likely to change as a result. Tonight: Happily mosey on home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Choose your words with care. You might not be ready for a fast change that a statement could trigger. Tap into your creativity as well as your communication skills. A loved one might be quite smitten when it comes to you. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You might feel as if you have much to learn before you can feel competent in a certain area of your life. Your domestic situation might be transforming in front of your eyes. News comes in from a distance that might put you in a more amorous mood. Tonight: Use caution with funds.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You will see a way of bypassing a problem. Be open to possibilities that you normally would not come up with on your own. You'll see how differently others think and how there are no answers written in stone. Tonight: All smiles. The world is your oyster.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might be keeping certain personal matters to yourself and refusing to share them. Some of you could be depressed. A risk around money will be unusually tempting, but how are you going to handle it if it should backfire? Tonight: Do something specifically for you.

HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



SO MANY QUESTIONS

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON

YOU'RE A RAT,



GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS







I''M DA'

LIKE, WHAT DAY IS THIS?

YOU ARE

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Pace yourself, and follow through on what you must do. If you start overthinking your words and actions, you could stall out and create a problem. You'll need to call upon your self-discipline to complete what you must. Tonight: Get as much done as possible.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You seem to have an answer when others are flustered. Friends could be as demanding as a loved one usually is. If you don't know how to juggle, you are doing a masterful act. A partner could become quite determined. Listen to this person's news. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star$ Pressure builds where you least anticipated it would. Someone close to you, like a room-

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Emphasize what you want and expect from certain friends in your life. Be more upbeat in how you approach a friendship, even if the person is difficult or remote at times. For that matter, understand that you have similar moods at times. Tonight: Where the gang is.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You might want to take a stand and handle a personal matter far differently from how you have in the past. You'll have your hands full with work and your personal life. A relationship likely will add high-voltage energy to your life. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Keep seeking a different vision or a new understanding of what might be workable. A friendship is in the process of developing into a much deeper bond. Indulge a female pal who makes your life easier. Tonight: Where there is great music.

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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

