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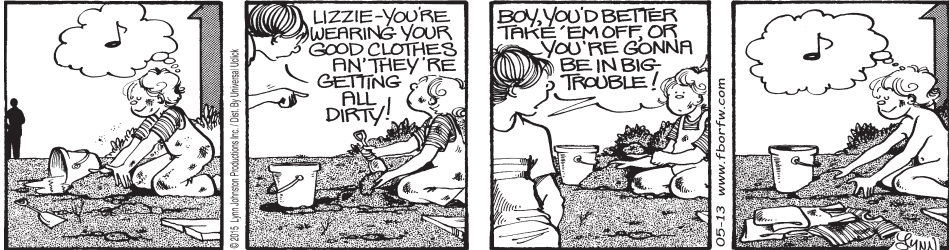
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'Dear Abby' Dinner Promises Good Food And Good Times

DEAR ABBY: We have enjoyed an international dinner club with three other couples for many years. Besides an international theme, we occasionally have other theme dinners. The host couple chooses the country and is responsible for the main course. Another couple brings an associated entree, the third couple brings dessert and the fourth couple provides the wine. We rotate responsibilities so we host only once every four months.

We have become close friends over many memorable meals together, sharing pregnancy announcements, child rearing, graduations, weddings and anniversaries. I think a "Dear Abby" dinner would be fun to host, and I'd love to plan a meal around your cookbooks. Would you please advise how this avid reader might get copies? – CHEF MIKE IN CANADA

DEAR CHEF MIKE: I know a Dear Abby dinner party would be enjoyable, because readers have written to tell me they've hosted one, and it made for an interesting and fun evening. The recipes are traditional, easy to read, simple to prepare and delicious.

As I mentioned to a reader from Little Rock who inquired about the booklet, one hostess described decorating her place cards with appliqued hearts and tiny flowers. She created a centerpiece by making a "bouquet" of envelopes addressed to Dear Abby.

Another woman copied questions from past columns, printed them out and made them into a party game, instructing her guests to supply the answers. She said that after a few glasses of wine, some of the answers they came up with were hilarious, but not suitable for printing in a family newspaper.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

My cookbooklet set contains more than 100 tasty recipes ranging from soups to salads, appetizers, main courses and desserts. The recipes can also be used for holiday celebrations and other special occasions. To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S.

funds) to: Dear Abby – Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. My mother used many of these recipes for dinner parties, and so have I. I particularly recommend the Pecan Pie recipe – which has been printed in this column before because it has taken prizes at county fairs. It was given to Mama by the chef at the now-demolished Phoenix Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky, and people rave about it.

DEAR ABBY: Folks always tell me that gals like to be wooed, but when I holler "woo" at them, they give me dirty looks. What's up with that? – ABBY FAN FROM TWITTER

DEAR FAN: Decades ago, "gals" would have been flattered. But since the women's movement, many females would regard your attempt to be friendly as a form of sexual harassment rather than a compliment. Instead of "hollering," try saying hello and you may get better results.

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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 Pisces if born before 10:13 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015:

This year you will emphasize your immediate circle of friends and your long-term goals. You will have a drive to learn more, experience other cultures and break past your present mental barriers. If you are single, you are likely to meet quite a few people who might be of interest to you. Come fall, the possibilities of meeting The One increase. If you are attached, the two of you might purchase a new house or remodel your present one. It will become important to you as a couple to have sufficient privacy. ARIES understands you a little too well for your comfort.

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)

★★★★ You'll want to take some time to process your feelings. Try not to act too quickly; otherwise, you could experience a problem. Share some of your thoughts with a trusted friend whose feedback might be significant. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Zero in on a friend who might be a creative type. Conversations could be trying, as he or she might have difficulty being clear. Remain gracious, and try asking a clarifying question or two. A meeting is likely to take up much of your time. Tonight: Let the party go on.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Someone will make it very clear that he or she wants what he or she wants. Stay centered and direct, especially if you are involved. You might need to re-establish a boundary. You have a lot to do, and there is little time for other matters. Tonight: Go till the wee hours.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Allow your imagination to soar when faced with unavoidable obstacles. You will find a solution. A conversation with someone you look up to will make a big difference in your perspective. Make calls and plans to take off for a few days. Tonight: Listen to the music.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a personal situation and an apparent lack of options. You

will remain mellow yet direct. Speak your mind to someone you look up to who often gives you sound advice. Be more forthright with this person. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating will take you down a new path. You could be confused by someone who seems to pull back suddenly. Know that this person will calm down in time. Enlightening news will open the door to a potential change. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn. How you handle a partner or associate who feels a stronger need to be in control will be more important than you think. You can't put off a discussion any longer. You might be surprised by what is going on. Tonight: Be social.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Dive into a project that can't be delayed any longer. You could be exhausted by a personal matter that seems to be dominant and perhaps takes up too much of your time. Allow your creativity to emerge, and head in a new direction. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might be mulling over a situation that you have not yet come to a conclusion about. Encourage a discussion, even though a side of you will want to close down the conversation. Ask yourself, Why is there resistance? Get down to the root cause. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Speak your mind, and understand what is happening with a close associate. This person might be upset, but can't seem to discuss why. You have a talent for communicating, and it will help him or her to open up. Let your creativity flourish. Tonight: Head home first.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

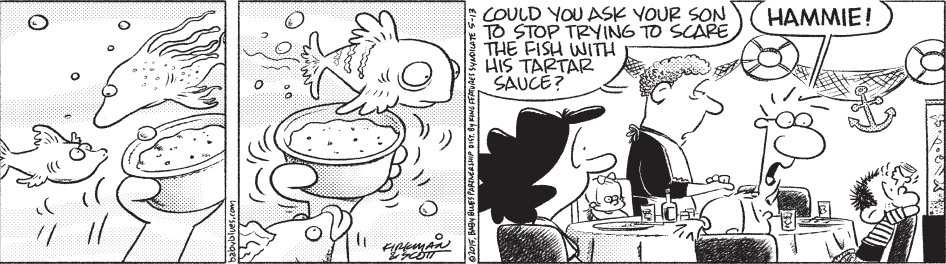
★★★ Dealing with funds could be difficult, as a close associate seems to close down no matter what you do. Understand that you can do only so much. Take your cue from a family member or roommate, and give this person some space. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

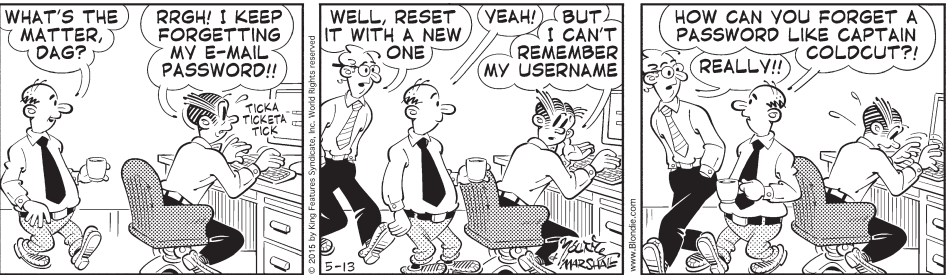
★★★★ You dominate the present scene more than you realize. An issue with a changing situation could cause an unexpected problem. Nevertheless, you'll decide to continue as you have been. Speak your mind so that those involved can continue down a specific path. Tonight: Hang out.

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