

What's On

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By Jacqueline Bigar

Happy birthday for Tuesday, December 26, 2017: This year you openly express your goals and desires, and you work with your feelings in a new way. Your determination becomes your ticket to success. If you are single, you might want to change your status and meet someone you'd like to commit to. You know what you want. If you are attached, use this special year to create more of what you want as a couple. The two of you will see an increase in your emotional connection. AR-IES lets you know that he or she wants to take the lead.

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

Capricorn - (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

**** You might want to consider helping a friend re-evaluate a personal matter or a domestic issue. With your help and good

communication, you could prevent a problem from arising. You finally are able to have a conversation with a new friend. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

Aquarius - (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

**** You might be heading in one direction, yet you could be eyeing another possibility. Stop before you make a mistake. Assess the implications of each path before you decide which way to go. You will know what to do. Listen to a friend's feedback. Tonight: Chat the night away.

Pisces - (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

**** Be aware of a need to handle your finances. You might want to look at your budget and see if a change is in order, especially after the holidays. Tension could rise, as you are forced to choose between doing what you enjoy and doing what is reasonable. Tonight: All smiles.

Aries - (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

**** Despite a difficult moment or two, you will clear out hassles in order to make the most of today's interactions. Communication excels because of your openness and willingness to hear new ideas. Consider initiating an open conversation right now. Tonight: Host a brainstorming session.

Taurus - (Apr 20 - May 20)

*** A lot seems to be going on behind the scenes, and you want to know more. What is being discussed might not be what you think you are hearing. Ask for clarification. Someone's response could make you wonder why you ever wanted more facts. Tonight: Do a vanishing act.

Gemini - (May 21 - June 20)

**** Your energy and kindness mix together well, and you often draw unusual

people toward you. Try to hold back and not react to any triggers; instead, work through them on your own. Know that developing this type of self-discipline takes determination. Tonight: Have a chat.

Cancer - (June 21 - July 22)

**** You might not feel connected to everything that is going on around you within your community or in your immediate environment. Make an effort to stay on top of your work or a project. New information comes your way. Tonight: Stay in front of what is occurring.

Leo - (July 23 - Aug 22)

**** You might want to play it low-key for now. Withdraw from a situation that could be causing you some undue stress. Look at the big picture before reacting. Get more information from the right source. Do not be derailed by what is happening. To-

night: Out and about.

Virgo - (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

**** One-on-one relating provides insights into the personality of a close associate. Once you internalize what you have learned about this person, initiate a talk. Be willing to come to a better understanding with a loved one. Engage in an animated discussion. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

Libra - (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

**** It might be easier to express your feelings than to keep them locked up. A close friend or relative might be extremely informative; have a conversation with this person in order to gain more insight. You will be surprised by how much is revealed. Tonight: Go with the moment.

Scorpio - (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

**** Your words have impact. Remain open to a different perspective. Toss yourself into a project in order to accomplish more of what you want. Listen carefully to someone else's suggestion. You will be respected because of your openness. Tonight: Accept an offer.

Sagittarius - (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

**** You are full of energy, and are ready to allow your creativity to continue surging. Be aware of your sharp wit, as it could rub someone else the wrong way. New beginnings become possible if you flow with the moment. Do not pull back. Be willing to take a risk. Tonight: Let more fun in.

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Born today: Actor Kit Harrington (1986), baseball player Ozzie Smith (1954), mathematician Charles Babbage (1791)

home decor



tape - paint art

Supplies:

Canvas
Tape roll
Paint
Paint brush

Instructions:

Stick different lengths of tape to cover part of the canvas, you can stick the tape on a random basis. Leave a small piece of the tape dangling at the ends. After putting all the tape down, paint the whole canvas with your favorite colored paint. Before it dries slowly take off each tape strand. Set it aside to dry completely.

indoor gardening



phragmipedium kovachii

Phragmipedium kovachii is a terrestrial orchid, growing in tufts. Its flowers are 11-15 cm wide and dark pink to royal purple.

Site: In summer, provide bright indirect light and high humidity. In winter, provide full light.

Temperature: Range between 55-85° F.

Water: Their roots are constantly kept moist by water trickling and flowing over them.

beauty tips



cheese massage

Take a blender container and combine 1/4 cup cheese, 1 teaspoon honey, 2 teaspoons yogurt and 5-6 drops of bergamot essential oil in it. Blend to form a smooth and thick paste.

Massage the mixture on your face and neck in gentle circular movements. Do the massage for about 5-15 minutes every day. You can also add a few drops of lime juice for further enhancing the skin lightening benefits.

taste buds



chicken spread

Ingredients:

8-oz cream cheese
small onion, finely chopped
2 cup chicken
1 tbsp mayonnaise
1 tsp soy sauce

Method:

Blend all ingredients together with a hand mixer until creamy and combined. Serve with your favorite crackers.

Dear Abby

Couple's off-chilly marriage is subzero following election

By Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby: I'm at a loss as to how to stay in my 21-year marriage. In August, when our twin daughters leave for college, my wife and I will become empty nesters. We haven't had intimacy in more than 2-1/2 years, and before that it didn't happen more than a couple of times a year.

My wife says she "doesn't feel a connection with me anymore" (or perhaps never really did). We have seen a counselor a couple of times over the last 12 years, but the most he has to offer now is that I will have to decide whether or not to accept this as my new normal. We don't fight, but we live like roommates, although we continue to share a bed.

We are on opposite sides of the political spectrum, and I suspect that may have something to do with her sense of disconnect. The little affection progress we were making died the night of the presidential election. She seems content to continue like this. I hate the notion of divorce, both for what it would mean spiritually and for what it would do to our families and friends. Can you help?

— Is this my new normal?

Dear "Is": Couples on opposite sides of the political spectrum can still have successful marriages IF they respect their mates and can discuss their differences intelligently and calmly. However, you state that your life has been the way it is for 21 years — which makes me wonder whether the chemistry was strong to begin with.

I do think you and your wife are overdue for a series of honest conversations, and the first should start with whether the difference in your political beliefs has affected the way she feels about you.

The next should start with asking her whether she was ever satisfied in the bedroom with you. If you can get her to talk about it, you may be able to find out where the two of you went off track and fix it. However, if you can't, then your counselor was correct.

Dear Abby: I've been single for more than a year and playing the field, having casual relationships, but never anything I was too invested in. That changed recently when I met someone I'll call "Eve." We have hit it off spectacularly and are very much into each other.

The only issue is she has a kid. I'm only 23, and I'm not in a position to be any kind of father figure. That being said, I would still love to be with Eve and occasionally help out with her little one, but I don't know how to open up and tell her directly that I'm not prepared for the pressures of being a "dad" to a newborn. How do I express this to her?

— No white knight in Knoxville

Dear no white knight: "Daddyhood" isn't a skill that every man is born with. Some men are naturals at it; others learn gradually through experience. Tell Eve that you care about her, but that at 23 you are not in a position to be a dad to her baby. In time, things may change — gradually — but not right now. It may or may not cause the end of the relationship. Her first responsibility must be to her child, and a romance right out of the delivery room is too soon, "white knight" or no white knight.

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■ **TIES Center events:** TIES Center announces following events — Tajweed and Recitation: Learn and practice the art of reciting the Holy Quran (tajweed). The instructor will also answer questions related to the meaning of the Arabic words and verses.

Every Sunday & Tuesday @ 10 — 11:30am; every Monday @ 5-6:30pm.

The TIES Center is the social and educational hub for English Speaking expats in Kuwait. For more information, please call 25231015 or e-mail info@tiescenter.net or visit www.tiescenter.net.

■ **IPC Islamic Courses:** 'Say: O my Lord, let me grow in knowledge'. IPC is offering Islamic courses in English (for ladies only). Muslims and non-Muslims are welcome.

1. Tilawa Surah Ar-Rad and Surah Ibrahim — Sundays at 5:30-7:00 pm; 2. Principles of Tafsir (part 2) - Sundays at 7:00-8:30 pm; 3. Tajweed 3 - Tuesday, at 5:30-7:00 pm; 4. Jesus in Surah Mariam (part 2) - Tuesdays at 7:00-8:30 pm.

Instructor: Sr Zeinab Hassan Ashry
Place: IPC - Women Section Al-Rawdah, Area 3, Street 30, House 12, opp 4th Ring Road.

Email: ipc_sch@yahoo.com, Telephone: 22512257.

■ **KTCC activities:** Worship service — every Wednesday 7:00-9:00 pm at North Tent, NECK.

Children's Bible School — every Wednesday 7 to 9 pm at Activity Building, NECK.

Overnight prayer — every 1st Thursday from 10 pm — 4:00 am at Diwaniya, NECK.

Communism Service — every 3rd Wednesday.

The Following meeting are held at our KTCC Prayer House:

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General

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■ **Indian Embassy SPDC notice:** Attention of all Indian associations/Indian schools in Kuwait is once again drawn to Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) which was introduced by Government of India in the academic year 2006-2007 with the objective to make higher education in India accessible to the children of overseas Indians and promote India as a centre for higher studies.

Under the scheme, 100 PIO/NRI students were awarded scholarship of up to US\$ 4,000 per annum for undergraduate courses in Engineering, Technology, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and some other courses.

The scheme is open to NRIs/PIOs from over 40 countries (including Kuwait) having substantial Indian Diaspora population.

The Scheme was revamped and launched in July 2016. Under the revamped Scheme, number of scholarships has been enhanced from 100 to 150 with introduction of 50 scholarships for children of Indian workers employed in the Emigration Check Required (ECR) countries. The Scheme is now applicable to four categories of applicants:

(i) Persons of Indian Origin
(ii) Non-Resident Indians
(iii) Children of Indian workers working in ECR countries (including Kuwait).



A flyer of the events



A photo from the event

AWL Kuwait marks Victory Day of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Awami League Kuwait celebrated 46th Victory Day of Bangladesh with discussion meeting held on Dec 13 at Gulshan Hotel in Kuwait City. Masud Karim president of Awami Volunteer League Kuwait presided over the meeting. General Secretary Belal Uddin brilliantly presented the program. Mr. Shaded Alam Badal, advisor of Awami Volunteer League Kuwait was the chief guest. The special guests were Ashrak Ali Ferdous Advisor of Awami League Kuwait, Awami League leader Sayed Mizanur Rahman, Imam Uddin Badal Convener of Awami Jubo League Kuwait, joint Convener Touhidul Alam Chowdhury, Didarul Alam president of Amra Mukti Juddhar Sontan

Kuwait. Mohammed Ismail, Project Manager of Al Abraq Co, Azad member presented the celebration.

The program started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by a minute's silence in honor of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and all martyrs of liberation war in 1971.

Awami Volunteer League Kuwait Vice-President Abdul Mannan, Mohammed Yousuf, Abu Taher, Joint Secretary Shahadat Hossain, Organizing Secretary Ashraf Azam, Sports Secretary Abu Toyob Sumon, Education Secretary Ahammed Hiru, Publication Secretary Monir Hossain delivered their speeches.

(iv) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries - studying in India

The institutions that are covered under this Scheme are:

(i) NITs, IITs, Schools of Planning and

Architecture

(ii) "A" Grade institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognised by University Grants Commission (UGC).

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- 1) Children Bible School Teacher's Prayer — 1st Saturday 7 to 9 pm.
- 2) Children's Prayer — 2nd Friday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- 3) Bible Study — every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.
- 4) ISOM — Batch 1 Class Tuesdays — 7 to 9 pm and Batch 2 Class Fridays — 4 to 6 pm.
- 5) Choir Practice — Mondays — 6 to 8 pm.
- 6) Men's Fellowship — 4th Friday — 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- 7) Women's Prayer — (Abbasiya) — 3rd Sunday — 6:30 to 8:30 pm and (Salmiya) 4th Tuesday — 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- 8) Fasting Prayer — every 3rd Friday from 12:00 Noon — 3:30 pm.
- 9) Cottage Prayers — every 2nd and 4th Week.
- 10) Baptism Service — every 4th Friday.

Welcome to all Tamil known people to participate in our regular activities to worship the Lord in our own mother tongue and be blessed!

For details or for any prayer needs contact Tel No: 66920350 / 99432849.

(iii) Other institutions covered under Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme. Income criteria will be applicable to all four categories. Applicants will seek scholarships after they obtain admission in the approved list of educational institutions.

Applications are required to be submitted online at SPDC portal - <http://spdcindia.gov.in/login/index.php>. Last date for submission of applications was extended till Oct 14, 2016. Nodal officer for SPDC is P. Bharadwaj, Deputy Secretary (OIA-II), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, Tel: 00-91-11-24197952, Email: dsoia2@mea.gov.in

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TIES Center classes: TIES Center is conducting a series of classes about some of the Prophets and Messengers of God who strove very hard to spread monotheism and teach their respective peoples how to worship God. Their message was not only spiritual; they also taught people how to conduct their daily lives and develop the living conditions on earth.

In this series, we will focus on the following prophets: Adam, Noh (Noah), Ibrahim (Abraham), Ayoub (Job), Yousuf (Joseph), Mousa (Moses), and Eisa (Jesus) — may peace, mercy and blessings of Allah (to Whom all might and majesty is ascribed) be upon them all.

We will not only focus on historical facts, but will also deduce some important lessons whose application in our daily interactions and chores determine our success and salvation.

Join us every Thursday at 7 pm to learn about the life and times of those messengers of firm resolve. The TIES Center is the social and educational hub for English Speaking Muslims in Kuwait. For more information, please call 25231015 or e-mail info@ties-center.net or visit www.tiescenter.net.