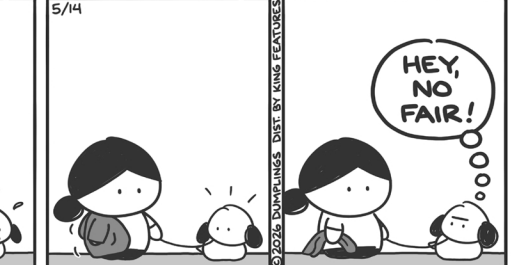
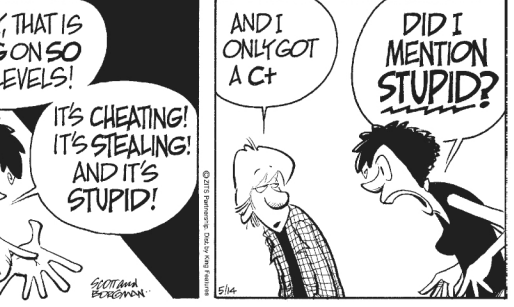




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**ROYAL STARS**

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. EDT today (2 p.m. to 8 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **ARIES** into **TAURUS**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a powerful week for you and, yet again, you have another powerful day! This is why your ability to get things done, especially by working with others or in conjunction with groups, is superb. Go after what you want. Doors will open for you. Make the most of this! Tonight: This is your hour!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Today the energy is mixed because in one way, you want to get out there, fly your colors and talk to everyone. And yet, in another way, you want to pull in and hide or work alone or behind the scenes. Juggle these opposing energies as best you can. Financial decisions are favored. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is a friendly, upbeat day! In particular, it's a day that favors romance, love affairs and socializing with others. Today and this evening are great times for a date. Please note: Your partner might be high energy, even aggressive. Tonight: Socialize.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ This continues to be a high-viz time for you because, yet again, you are noticed more than usual by others. Obviously, you can use this to your advantage if you want to propose something or lead a project. Your strong ambition will give you confidence; plus, this is a popular time for you as well. Tonight: You're admired.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ With the Sun and Mercury at the top of your chart, you make a great impression on others. Your communication skills are also hot. Today you want to meet new faces, see new places and learn new things. Meanwhile, a platonic friendship might turn romantic. Tonight: Broaden your horizons.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Travel and learn as much as possible today. Publishing is favored. This is also an excellent day to settle disputes about inheritances or shared property, because people will be cooperative. Meanwhile, romance and affection will flourish today! Reach out to someone special. Tonight: Check your finances.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Be patient with partners, spouses and close friends, because fiery Mars is opposite your sign, which can make you annoyed with others. Fortunately, this is a great time to travel

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For Thursday, May 14, 2026:

You're compassionate, determined and enthusiastic. You have great powers of perception and imagination. This is a slower-paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energy and outlook on the world. Focus on business and personal relationships.

**BORN TODAY**

Filmmaker and philanthropist George Lucas (1944), actress, producer Cate Blanchett (1969), comedian, actor, writer Greg Davies (1968)

for pleasure. It's also a good time for financial discussions. Romance is in the air! Tonight: Be cooperative.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Roll up your sleeves; you're ready to work! Admittedly, you need more sleep now, so don't push yourself too hard. Romantic relationships will be passionate and affectionate today. Discussions with someone might lead to commitment. Tonight: Work.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a work hard/party hard day! Expect to accomplish a lot. Relations with partners, spouses and close friends are also blessed. Meanwhile, sports, athletic competitions and romance will sizzle! Have fun! Tonight: Play!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ This is a pleasant time for you. You have opportunities to play and socialize or relax. Many of you will enjoy sports events and fun activities with kids. Meanwhile, a work-related romance is likely. Cozy attachments with others are blessed today. Tonight: Relax.

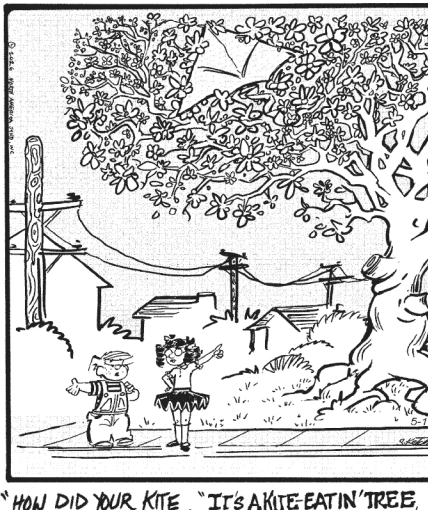
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Home and family are your primary focus, and fun activities with kids will appeal to you. Make note that this is also a romantic day and a great time for a date or making the first move if there's someone out there you admire. Why not? Life is short. Tonight: Conversations.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might entertain at home today. Certainly, working in conjunction with others will help you accomplish the most. This is a great day for short trips, sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You'll also enjoy learning. Romance is blessed. Tonight: Check your assets.

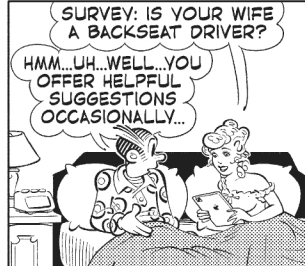
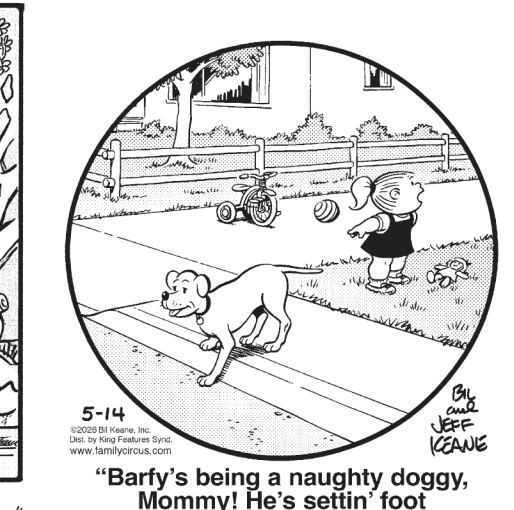
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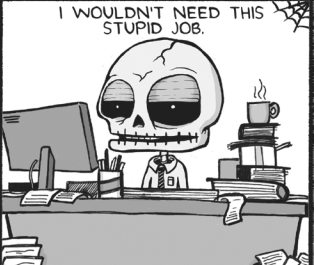
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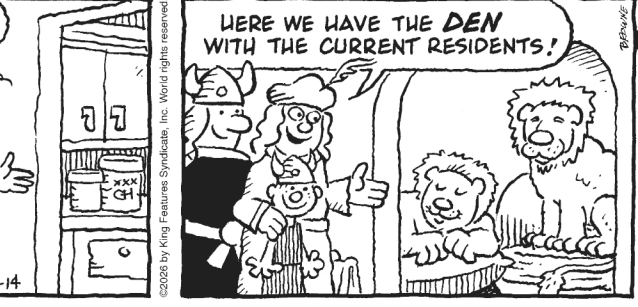
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**NEVER BEEN DEADER** BY TOMMY DEVOID



**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** BY CHRIS BROWNE



**INSANITY STREAK** BY TONY LOPES



**SUDOKU**

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Difficulty: ★★★

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  - 16 Director Craven
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  - 20 Soccer star Mia
  - 22 Period between full moons
  - 26 Wing
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  - 30 Before
  - 31 "Buenos —!"
  - 32 Pooch
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  - 36 Corn covers
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  - 4 Royal shades
  - 5 Team's victory cry
  - 6 Pub brew
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  - 10 Sinusitis doc
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  - 19 Prom outfit
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-14

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