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ROYAL STARS
YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping and important decisions all day. The Moon is in **LEO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a highly creative day for you. It's great for the arts and wonderful for tapping into your creative talents. It's a fantastic day to schmooze and enjoy sports events and fun activities with children. However, it's an accident-prone day. And it's a **Moon Alert** all day! Tonight: Socialize.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today. You might find money; you might lose money. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. It's a good day to make money plans, but not to act. Don't spend money today except for food and gas. (See the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Today you feel excited and impulsive. Please note that this energy can be accident-prone. Think before you speak or act. There is a **Moon Alert** all day today, so restrict spending to food and gas. Agree to nothing important. A discussion with someone older might help you. Tonight: Discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ This is a restless day for you — no question. However, you also feel congenial, which is why you will be diplomatic and charming with others. Don't shop today except for food and gas. There is a **Moon Alert** all day. Background research might be helpful. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you an edge over everyone else. However, there is a **Moon Alert** in effect all day! Restrict spending to food and gas. Plans with a group or a friend might suddenly change. You also might meet someone unusual, someone different. Tonight: You're strong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Unpredictable events might take place today. Bosses, parents and people in authority might catch you off guard. Or something else might occur that sends you in a new direction. Postpone important decisions and restrict your spending to food and gas today. (See the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: Seek privacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Travel plans might suddenly change today. Ditto for plans related to medicine, the law and higher education. You might meet someone unusual. Agree to nothing important, because there's a **Moon Alert** in effect all day. Restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Enjoy friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
For Friday, May 22, 2026:

You're keen to learn and investigate in great detail. This satisfies your inquisitive, pioneering mind. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities and be ready to take action. What you do now will bring great benefit in the future.

BORN TODAY
Actress Maggie Q (1979), painter, printmaker Mary Cassatt (1844), actor Sean Gunn (1974)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Keep an eye on banking and shared property, because something unexpected might impact your assets. (You snooze, you lose.) You're high-viz today. People notice you. Postpone important decisions and shopping. Be patient with partners and close friends. Tonight: You're admired.

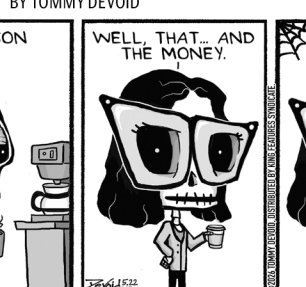
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ A partner, spouse or close friend might throw a curveball your way today. Some of you might meet someone who is unusual. Discussions about kids, vacations and social plans might take place, but because there's a **Moon Alert** all day, agree to nothing important. Be smart. Tonight: Learn and explore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Your work routine will be interrupted today, perhaps by the introduction of new technology. Pet owners please note: This is an accident-prone day for your pet. Be vigilant. Relations with those who are close are smooth; however, don't agree to long-range plans. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Check your finances.

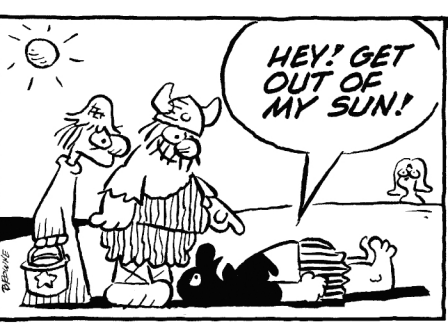
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Parents should know this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Be vigilant. Social plans might be canceled or you might receive an unexpected invitation. Be willing to compromise with others. Restrict spending to food and gas. (See the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: Listen and be reasonable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Small appliances might break down today or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might appear at your door. Discussions about money or spending might take place, but don't act upon your ideas. Wait until tomorrow after the **Moon Alert** is over. Tonight: Get better organized.

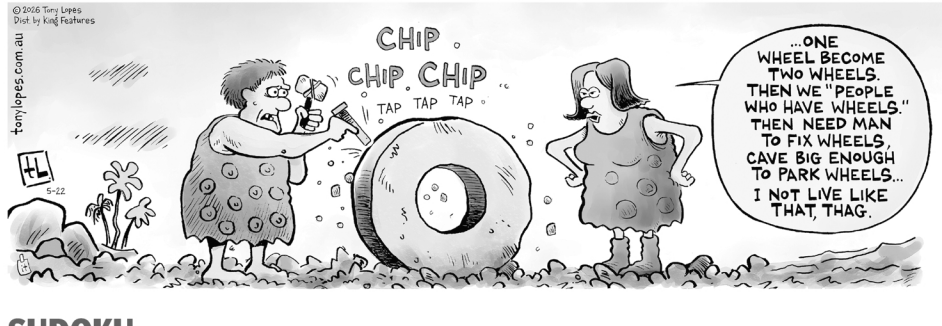
NEVER BEEN DEADER BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES



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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Resort
 - 4 Sheepish remark
 - 7 Sect in "Witness"
 - 12 Animation frame
 - 13 Agrees to
 - 14 Fountain drinks
 - 15 Colorado native
 - 16 Flight preference
 - 18 Census info
 - 19 Woodworker's application
 - 20 Baghdad's land
 - 22 Writer Rand
 - 23 Small flute
 - 27 Boom times
 - 29 Ready to roll
 - 31 Donnybrook
 - 34 Author Joyce Carol —
 - 35 Sailor's affirmative

- 37 Very popular
- 38 Nuisance
- 39 Sugary suffix
- 41 Cygnet's parent
- 45 Smidgens
- 47 Chowd down
- 48 "The Wealth of Nations" author
- 52 Part of DJIA
- 53 Permitted
- 54 Shelter
- 55 USN rank
- 56 Tea biscuit
- 57 Historic period
- 58 Susan of "L.A. Law"

- DOWN**
- 1 Italian for "Pardon me"
 - 2 Fizzle (out)
 - 3 Amazon's virtual assistant
 - 4 Fluffy scarves
 - 5 Japanese dogs
 - 6 Analyze
 - 7 "So be it"
 - 8 Pas' mates
 - 9 Land in la mer
 - 10 Depot (Abbr.)
 - 11 DDE predecessor
 - 17 Director Wertmuller

- 21 Knight's pursuit
- 23 Musical symbols
- 24 Follower (Suff.)
- 25 Charge beings
- 26 Sci-fi
- 28 JFK Library architect
- 30 Bathroom, to Brits
- 31 Tourist's chart
- 32 CBS logo
- 33 Guitar great Paul
- 36 Leeway
- 37 Warming appliance
- 40 Subway entrance
- 42 Walked in water
- 43 Do penance
- 44 Informative
- 45 Capri, for one
- 46 — butter
- 48 Gore and Green
- 49 Calendar abbr.
- 50 Previously
- 51 Fortify

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-22

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE



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