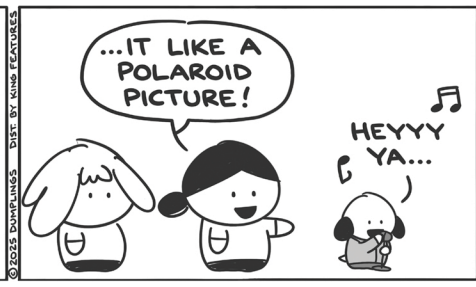
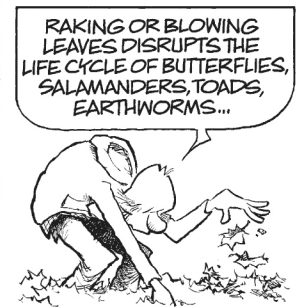




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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in **PISCES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Today you might be tempted to withdraw from the busyness around you and keep your feelings to yourself. That's fine. We all need some "me time" now and then. Some of you might choose to explore mystical or spiritual disciplines today looking for secret answers. Tonight: Peaceful times.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your emotional contact with a friend is important today. In fact, you might feel more protective and supportive than usual to someone. Because of this, you might even feel a bit jealous if a friend pays more attention to someone else. (We've all been there.) Tonight: Warm friendships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ It's curious, but for some reason, some people today will know personal details about your private life. (Obviously, you are best off if you have nothing to hide, but who doesn't?) Do some damage control if necessary. Meanwhile, you might help someone through your job. Tonight: You are admired.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Today you have a strong urge to get away from it all and do something different. Obviously, travel would be the perfect choice. However, if you can't travel, you can be a tourist in your own city. Do something different! Go someplace you've never been before — a different restaurant, a new neighborhood, anything. Tonight: Explore!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today your emotions are more intense than usual, and what makes things even more unusual is you might attract intense or powerful people to you. (Like, what's with that?) Meanwhile, if you can be surrounded by old and familiar things with old memories from the past, this will please you. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which turns your attention to your most personal relationships. Tread carefully, because a conflict with someone will be more emotional. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Make an effort to go along to get along to keep the peace. Tonight: Cooperate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Today you might have to put your own emotional or practical considerations second because you have to perform a service for someone else. This doesn't mean you're being a martyr. Au contraire. It's simply what's happening. No biggie. Tonight: Set things in order.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025:

You are a doer who is easily bored. You are energetic, dynamic and inspirational. This is a fun-loving year for you. Your creativity, zest and desire for life are at a pinnacle. Enjoy socializing. Be involved in relationships. Old friends might reappear to rekindle relationships. Have fun!

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Lyle Lovett (1957), actress Toni Collette (1972), actor Penn Badgley (1986)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ This is a playful, fun-loving day, and you want to enjoy yourself! You will project yourself more emotionally than usual to others, which means romantic encounters will have greater emotional depth. You also might feel protective or nurturing toward someone. Tonight: Have fun!

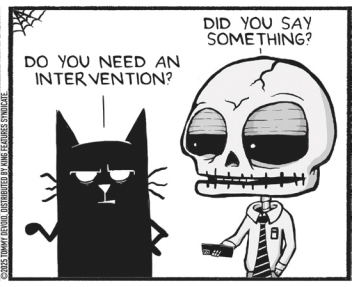
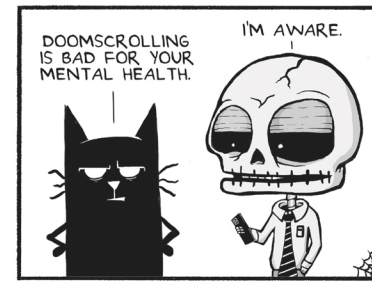
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Home and family are your focus today. Ideally, you want to "hide" at home or in a private place so that you can contemplate your navel. Naturally, you want a pleasant, relaxing time, which is why you might grab some guilty pleasures for snacks and drinks. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Today you have a strong need to express your ideas to someone, which is why you'll seek out someone who understands your concerns. You don't want to waste time in idle chitchat with someone who is disinterested. (Good luck at finding a sympathetic listener.) Tonight: Discussions.

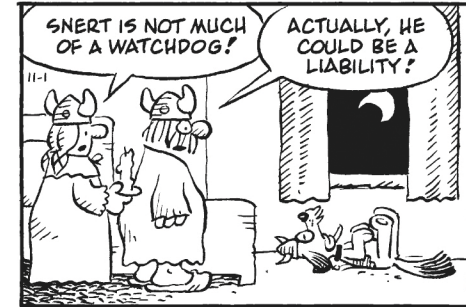
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Today it's easy to emotionally identify with your possessions or whatever you value, which, in turn, can lead to a strong attachment to something. "My precious!" You'll feel good if you can be surrounded by familiar objects that have meaning for you from your past. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign — something that happens for two and a half days every month — and when it does, your luck is a tiny bit better. This means the universe owes you a favor. Why not test this and go after what you want? Make a small request to see what happens. Trust your good fortune. Tonight: You're strong.

NEVER BEEN DEADER BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★★★

11/1

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ACROSS

- 1 Dorm alternative
- 5 Mideast-ern strip
- 9 Mensa stats
- 12 Prego rival
- 13 Librarian's advice
- 14 Chic no more
- 15 Done with
- 16 Jason's ship
- 17 Golfer Michelle
- 18 Nerd's kin
- 19 Neither here — there
- 20 Dogpatch creator
- 21 Finale
- 23 Biblical verb suffix
- 25 Emphatic agree-ment
- 28 Horse's headgear
- 32 Indian yogurt dish
- 33 Less friendly
- 34 Kicks off
- 36 — duck
- 37 Reaction to a light show

DOWN

- 38 Exploit
- 39 Very dry
- 42 Raggedy doll
- 44 March Madness gp.
- 48 Rowing need
- 49 Algerian port
- 50 Popular theater name
- 51 Designer mono-gram
- 52 Cote cooer
- 53 Fonda's bee-keeper role
- 54 — Moines
- 55 Wife of Geraint
- 56 Legend-ary loch

DOWN

- 1 Lily pad traveler
- 2 "This film is a must-see!" review
- 3 Writer James
- 4 Old ragtime dance
- 5 Some large pianos
- 6 Sleek, in car lingo
- 7 Capital of Croatia
- 8 Ruckus
- 9 "The Music Man" setting
- 10 Witticism
- 11 Dance move

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- 2000 film with Rocky Rhodes, the rooster
- "Swell!"
- Samples
- Cen. parts
- Dig in
- "Unstop-pable" singer
- Cato's 502
- Novelist Deighton
- Work unit
- Stone of "Basic Instinct"
- Wrote groan-inducing wordplay
- "Cheers" barman Woody
- Demolish, in Dover
- Web ad-dresses
- "Avatar" race
- Natalie or Nat
- Chopping tools
- Pro votes
- Poetic tribute

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 11-1

TODAY'S ANSWER

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