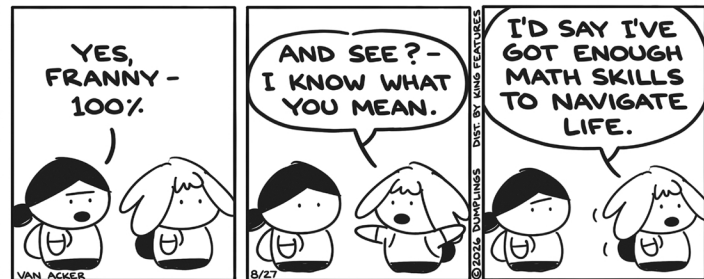
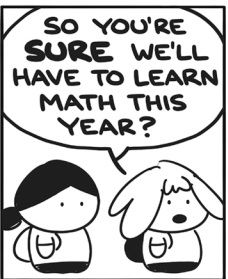


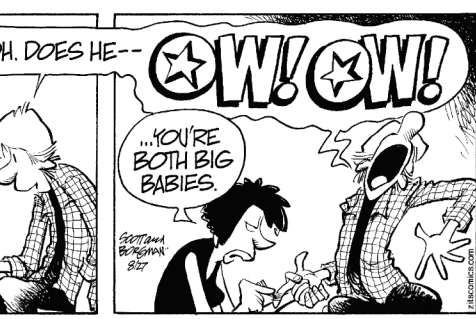
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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Wait until after 3:30 p.m. EDT today (12:30 p.m. PDT) to shop or make important decisions. The Lunar Eclipse in **PISCES** takes place at 9:18 p.m. PDT.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Even though there's some strong energy with today's Full Moon, you can hustle and get a lot done! Don't go against authority figures. Keep to yourself. Someone younger might help you. Stay busy, and you'll be pleased with the results. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Co-workers are supportive today, which is why you'll be productive. However, romance and dealings with your kids might be challenged because of today's Full Moon, which is an intense Lunar Eclipse. You'll be forthright and direct in all your communications. Tonight: Be friendly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might feel a tug-of-war between authority figures and the demands of home and family. You can't keep both these areas happy, which means you have to make a choice. Your choice today has to be in favor of home and family and your personal life. Tonight: You're admired.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Because the Moon is your ruler, naturally you will feel the energy of today's Full Moon. Be careful, because it could introduce an accident-prone tendency. Therefore, pay attention to everything you say and do. Think before you act. Tonight: Explore and learn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Something to do with your finances might come to a head today. As a result, you'll see that there's a light at the end of the tunnel, and it's not a train. This can be a productive day! You're charming with everyone. Be aware of the **Moon Alert**. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ The Sun is in your sign opposing the Moon in **PISCES**, creating today's Lunar Eclipse. This could make you feel that something has evolved to a point of fruition. It could pertain to your sense of responsibility for others. It also might deal with a shift in your values. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ This is a productive day! You're ambitious, and the energy of today's Full Moon makes you want to tackle unfinished business because you have lots of brainpower. Actually, you always have lots of brainpower, which is why many of you are in the legal profession. Tonight: Get better organized.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026:

You are intelligent, tenacious and articulate. You're also inventive, practical and grounded. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle. Let go of people, places and things that have held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Focus on being more compassionate and loving to others.

BORN TODAY

Actor, producer Aaron Paul (1979), actress Sarah Chalke (1976), actor Patrick J. Adams (1981)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Issues related to a friend or a member of a group might come to a head today. If so, you can expect a resolution, one way or another. Whatever happens will probably make you look good in the eyes of everyone because your reputation is solid this year. Lucky you! Tonight: Socialize!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Dealings with bosses, parents and authority figures might be challenged because of the Full Moon energy today. You can't ignore their demands. This could relate to a dispute about your property or shared expenses. Whatever the case, be charming and conciliatory. (Do your friendly, breezy thang.) Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do. This is a mildly accident-prone day for you because of the Lunar Eclipse. You might find yourself in an argument with someone. Be smart and steer clear of controversial issues. Be patient with spouses, partners and friends. Tonight: Discussions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Financial matters might come to a head today. This could be about issues related to a residential move, a job change or both. Or it could be about something incidental. But when money is involved, nothing is incidental, is it? Make sure you have the right facts. Tonight: Check your money.

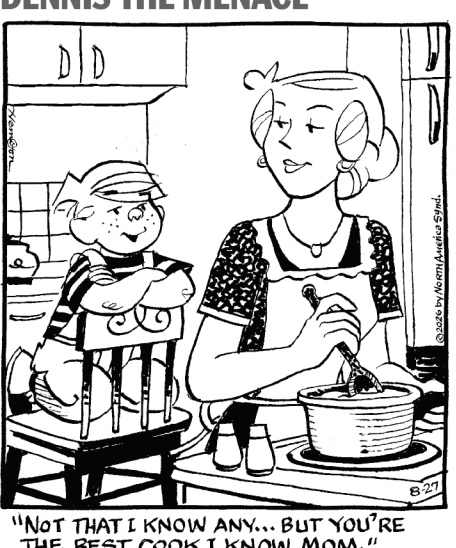
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Today the Full Moon is in your sign, which can make dealings with those who are closest to you a bit stressed. Be accommodating. But be aware that today you can be productive and get a lot done! Tonight: You win!

TODAY'S ANSWER

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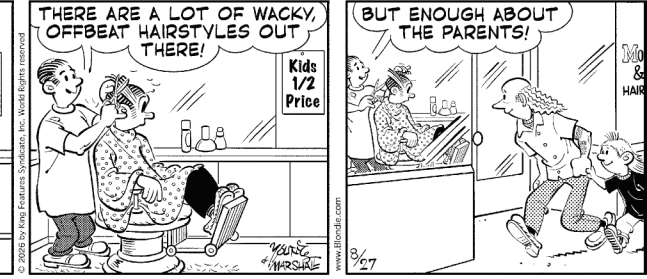
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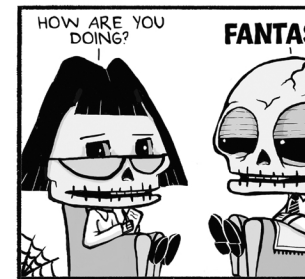
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BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★

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9 Law grads

12 Dutch word for "farmer"

13 Circle dance

14 French "yes"

15 With caution

17 Kyoto currency

18 Exact

19 Elevates

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22 Actor Reeves

24 Battleship color

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28 Winter coaster

31 Happy hour locale

32 Tiki bar necklace

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36 Tavern order

37 Harmonization

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25 "Norma —"

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35 Span. lady

37 Anteaters' features

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40 Gut-punch reaction

41 Droops

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