

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 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT today (12 p.m. to 1 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **CANCER** into **LEO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Keep your eyes open, because it's possible that you can get richer today. It might be in a tiny way, but it could be in a bigger way. (One can only hope.) The bottom line is that unexpected gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way today. Keep your pockets open! Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a favorable day because the Sun, Venus and Uranus are all in **TAURUS**, and your ruler Venus is lined up with unpredictable Uranus. Unexpected events and exciting new experiences might occur! (Especially through love and romance.) Perhaps a new relationship with someone unusual. Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ This is probably a restless day for you. Even though you feel keen to talk to others, and you also might feel competitive, you're a bit unsure of your direction. Unusual moneymaking ideas might occur to you. Spontaneous ways to spend your money also might occur. (Keep your receipts.) Tonight: Interesting conversations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is the classic day to meet someone unusual — perhaps a friend or an acquaintance in a group setting. This person could be a romantic interest, or not. Quite likely, they will introduce something unusual or unexpected into your world. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today you might encounter an unusual authority figure. ("Hi Darth.") Quite possibly, this conversation will make you feel restless. But it also might inspire you in some way. An unexpected advantage — even money — might be the result. Stay open to all possibilities. Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Unexpected opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. If so, act quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Someone unusual might enter your world who introduces you to new ideas, new knowledge and a greater sense of freedom. Tonight: Enjoy quiet time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You're high-viz today! People notice you more than usual. Quite possibly, something unexpected will occur that causes this. Certainly, this is the kind of day where you can benefit from the wealth and resources of someone else. Don't hesitate; say yes. Tonight: Be friendly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Thursday, April 23, 2026:

You're compassionate, intellectual and inquisitive. You enjoy talking to people and have a strong sense of justice. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities! Take action and initiative and define your goals. Prepare for leadership.

BORN TODAY

Actor, wrestler John Cena (1977), actor, author Kal Penn (1977), actor Dev Patel (1990)

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Don't be surprised if someone close to you makes an unusual suggestion today. They might have news about potential travel plans or something to do with higher education, medicine or the law. Whatever it is will likely please you. Tonight: You're noticed!

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Your work routine will be interrupted today by something unexpected. But it could be pleasant. New equipment, unexpected assistance, work-related travel or unusual people appearing in your world are just some examples. Stay on your toes! Tonight: Explore and learn.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ New romance or an unexpected flirtation with someone who is "different" might occur today. Meanwhile, today holds all kinds of fun-loving opportunities. Accept invitations to socialize, especially if it involves learning something new or meeting new people. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Stock the fridge, because spontaneous get-togethers and surprise entertaining might occur for you. This could be related to your work or something to do with a pet. You also might buy something beautiful, artistic or high-tech for where you live. It's an interesting day! Tonight: Cooperate and listen to others.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Keep your wits about you today, because this is a mildly accident-prone day. However, it's an exciting day. You will see new places, meet new faces and have thrilling new ideas. New romance or fun, unexpected outings will delight. Parents should keep an eye on their kids to avoid accidents. Tonight: Work.

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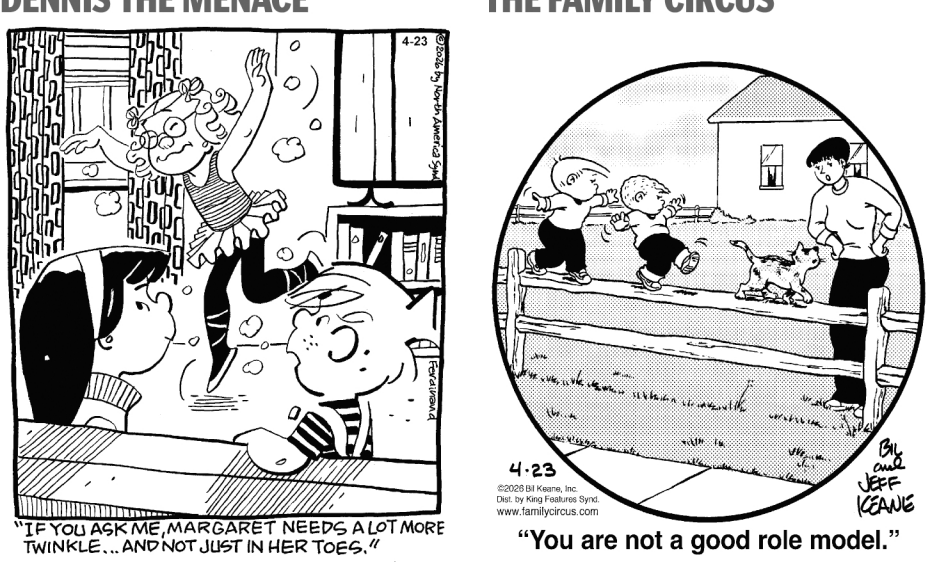
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 - 17 Movie
 - 18 Speck
 - 19 Small bites
 - 21 Aspen topper
 - 24 Observe
 - 25 Sunbather's goal
 - 26 Knock
 - 28 Fighting
 - 32 — Bator
 - 34 Church seating
 - 36 Hawaiian city
 - 37 Prove untrue
 - 39 Collar
 - 41 Meadow
 - 42 Fed. property manager
 - 44 Abrupt
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 - 50 Sinbad's bird
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 - 7 Big rigs
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 - 9 Satan's forte
 - 10 Van-ished
 - 11 Dazzles
 - 16 Homer's lament
 - 20 Actress Arthur
 - 21 Ticket half
 - 22 Hardy cabbage
 - 23 Spigot
 - 27 Signature piece?
 - 29 Joker
 - 30 Sheltered
 - 31 "Casual" singer Chappell
 - 33 During every evening
 - 35 "Now, where — I?"
 - 38 Compass pt.
 - 40 Richard of "Cleopatra"
 - 43 Greek leader?
 - 45 Physician's nickname
 - 46 Clarified butter
 - 47 Stable diet
 - 48 Golf hazard
 - 49 "Trees," for one
 - 53 Hindu honorific
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- Yesterday's answer 4-23

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