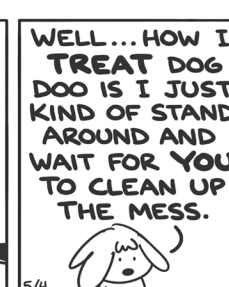


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**ROYAL STARS**

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 after 5 p.m. EDT today (2 p.m. PDT). The Moon is in **SAGITTARIUS**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Today you're bursting with energy to get things done. You're enthusiastic, proactive and ambitious. (Oh yeah.) You might make travel plans. You also might explore opportunities in medicine, the law or higher education. Note: Don't bite off more than you can chew. Tonight: Explore and learn!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You're chatty today because Mercury is in your sign making you eager to share your ideas with others. Furthermore, with the Sun also in your sign, you're more confident and enthusiastic! Today you can make headway with behind-the-scenes financial red tape matters. Tonight: Check your finances.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is a marvelous day to enjoy the company of friends. In particular, you'll be successful dealing with groups and organizations because your enthusiasm and drive will catch their attention. You might even take control. However, with Venus in your sign you'll be tactful and charming. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Your ambition is aroused today, and you intend to go after what you want! People will step aside (as they do for anyone who knows where they're going). This is a popular time for you. Many of you are talking to younger people more than usual. Tonight: Get organized.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ This is a powerful way to begin your week. The Sun at the top of your chart makes you look fabulous in everyone's eyes. Meanwhile, you're gung-ho to travel and explore opportunities in medicine, the law and higher education. Go, go, go! Tonight: Socialize!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ This is a strong day for you! Check out travel plans or act on your desire to expand your world in some way. Meanwhile, today is an excellent day to defend your best interests in discussions about estates, wills, inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt because you have the advantage. Tonight: Relax at home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ This is a tricky day because you might attract someone to you who is very forceful. Meanwhile, you're a people-pleaser. Deal with this combination as best you can — and don't give away the farm. Explore

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**For Monday, May 4, 2026:**  
 You are sensible, imaginative, kind and generous. You have a genuine concern for the well-being of others. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Prepare for leadership. What you do now will bring great benefit in the future.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Actress Audrey Hepburn (1929), actor Richard Jenkins (1947), actor Will Arnett (1970)

opportunities to travel and do something different. Tonight: Lively conversations.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Today, you begin your week hitting the pavement running. You're gung-ho to get a lot done, which is why not only are you working hard, you're also delegating and allocating as much as possible. Financial arrangements favor you today. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

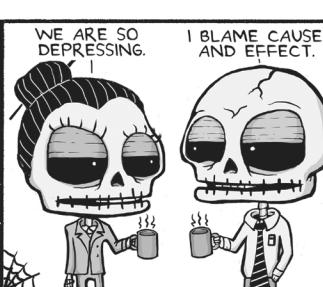
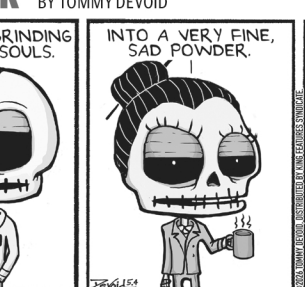
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign energized by fiery Mars, making this a wonderful day to socialize. It's also a strong day to work in the entertainment world, the hospitality industry or sports. Decisions about how to share something will be in your favor. (Yay!) Tonight: You're in charge.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Although you're keen to play and pursue pleasure this week (including romance), today you're motivated to make some domestic improvements. You might explore redecorating projects or renovations. You might even research a residential change. Tonight: Enjoy peace and quiet.

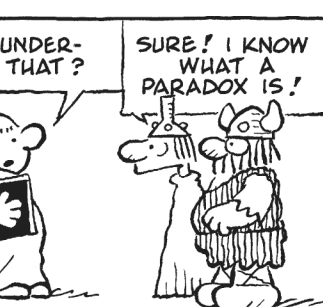
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Put on your dancing shoes and get out there. Your ability to persuade and convince anyone about anything that you want is fabulous today. This is a productive day for those in sales, marketing, teaching, acting or writing. It's also a playful day! Tonight: Be friendly with others.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You're very enthusiastic about financial matters today or something to do with earnings and cash flow. People notice you. You might make a bid for a raise or act on some moneymaking ideas. You'll enjoy entertaining at home. Tonight: You're admired.

**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: ★ 5/4

**SHEFFER CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

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- 4 Indian lentil stew
- 7 Witticism
- 11 "Zounds!"
- 13 Gorilla
- 14 Desire
- 15 Pop flavor
- 16 "— voyage!"
- 17 Flair
- 18 Borneo denizen
- 20 Vatican leader
- 22 "Home-land" org.
- 24 Citizen Kane's estate
- 28 Spotted tiles
- 32 Timber wolves
- 33 Persia, today
- 34 Schlep
- 36 Flippers
- 37 Endorse online
- 39 Farm alarm
- 41 Muslim's place of worship
- 43 Aunt, in Mexico

**DOWN**

- 2 Mr. Stravinsky
- 3 Fancy party
- 4 Apply cream
- 5 Each
- 6 Big name in china
- 7 Nickname for singer
- 8 Internet address
- 9 Polish tennis star
- 10 Stock holder
- 12 #1 hit by ABBA
- 19 Tom Collins liquor
- 21 Chum
- 23 Pioneering ISP
- 25 Slightly
- 26 Finito
- 27 Cold War initials
- 28 "Carpe —!"
- 29 Guesser's words
- 30 French "but"
- 31 California's Big —
- 35 Obtained
- 38 Central point
- 40 Black gold
- 42 Haunting
- 45 Pealed
- 47 Penne — vodka
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- 51 "Feels so good!"
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- 54 Heart chart (Abbr.)

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

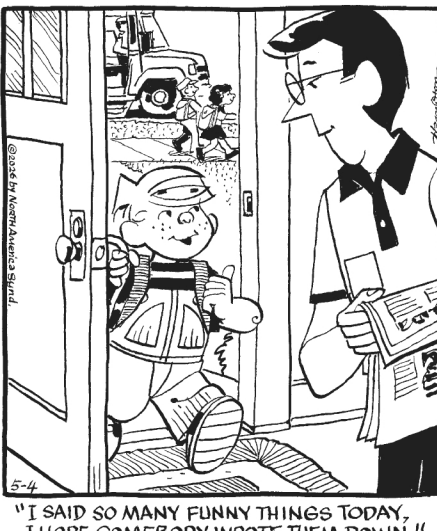
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**Saturday's answer 5-4**

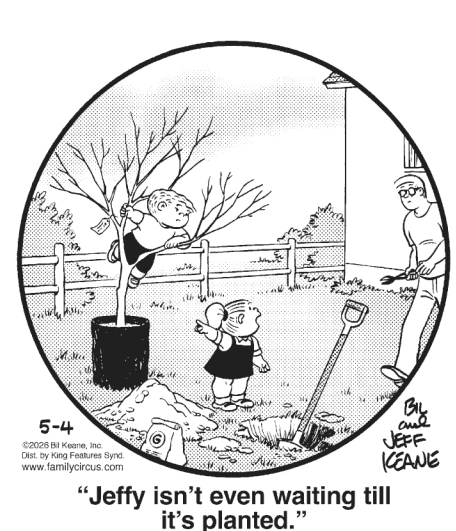
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



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