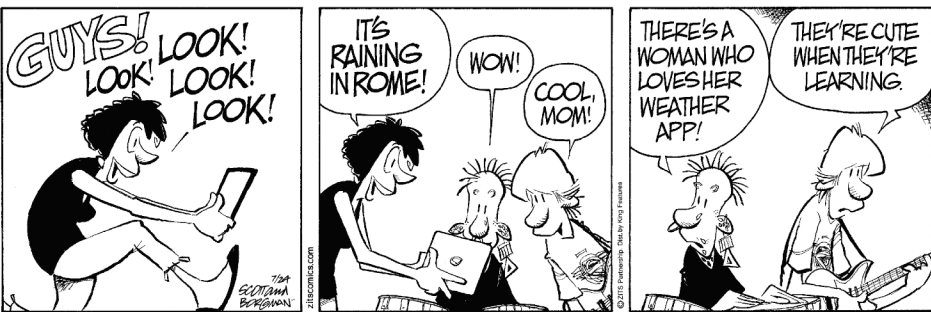




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ROYAL STARS

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 **SAGITTARIUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a lovely, romantic day! In particular, it's the perfect day to tell someone how much you care for them. This might be a family member or someone who lives with you. It might be a co-worker and, of course, it could be a romantic interest. Tonight: Study and learn.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ All your conversations with others are charming today because you have the gift of gab. Your words are sweet, and people want to hear what you have to say. You might choose today to tell siblings, relatives and neighbors something positive — something they will want to hear. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Financial discussions will go well today because you will be tactful, diplomatic and also convincing in a subtle way. (They won't even see you coming.) Whatever transpires, you will be the one who is laughing all the way to the bank. You also might shop for beautiful things today. Tonight: Be affectionate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is a great day to play hooky. Today you'll enjoy reading for pleasure, socializing, enjoying concerts and doing anything where you can appreciate the beauty and talents of others. Visit art galleries, museums, architectural buildings and parks. Tonight: Get organized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Enjoy schmoozing today! Accept invitations to socialize. Sports events, the arts, museums, galleries and fun activities with kids will appeal. This is a very romantic day. New romance can begin and existing relationships can blossom because it's easy for people to express their affection for each other. Tonight: Socialize and have fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Romance is in the air today, making this a lovely, sociable day! However, it's also an excellent day for you to buy wardrobe goodies. Enjoy the company of friends and groups. Someone's feedback or advice might be helpful. Bonus! Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You can make great strides in whatever you want to do today because you make such a great impression on parents, bosses, VIPs and the police. You can sweet talk your way into or out of anything. It's also a popular day for you. Enjoy socializing, reading for amusement, concerts, art exhibits

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, July 24, 2026:

You are energetic, sympathetic and sensitive. You have enthusiasm for what you believe. Exciting changes will bring you increased personal freedom this year. Stay flexible. Let go of whatever holds you back. Trust your intuition. Travel is likely.

BORN TODAY

Multitalented entertainer Jennifer Lopez (1969), actress Rose Byrne (1979), American aviator Amelia Earhart (1897)

and sports. Tonight: Interesting conversations.

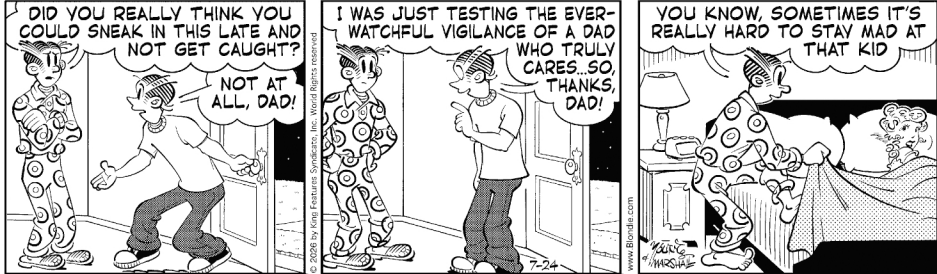
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ This is the perfect day to explore avenues in higher education, publishing, the media, medicine, the law and anything to do with travel. Doors will open for you because you're admired, well-spoken and convincing. You will hold people in the palm of your hand. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a five-star day for you! The Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. You will find that financial discussions about shared property and anything that is jointly held with someone else will favor you. Ka-ching! Tonight: You win!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ This is the perfect day to tell someone close to you how much they mean to you. Tell them that you care. People love to hear this — we all do. And yet, so many of us leave it up to the imagination of someone very close. Travel plans look appealing! Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Some of you might have a crush on a co-worker or a person involved with your health regimen. Whatever the case, today is the day to let someone know that you care. You also might get caught up in competitive sports and athletics because it is appealing. Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ This is such a romantic day! Enjoy the company of loved ones. Do something special for your main squeeze. You will also enjoy appreciating the arts and creative work of others. Your appreciation of beauty is heightened today. 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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Difficulty: ★★★★★

7/24

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- Sound booster
- Unpaid TV ad
- Computer problem
- Chai, e.g.
- Part of NATO
- Island porch
- Kate Spade creation
- Truck fuel
- Inter —
- Science room
- Enthusiast
- Emporium
- Nobelist Pavlov
- Shoe fasteners
- Candlelight ceremonies
- Deli sandwich
- Stop
- Saint Petersburg's river

DOWN

- Lake of "Hair-spray"
- Actress Thurman
- Foot rub response
- Land measure
- "Hold tight!"
- Postal tote
- Receded
- Before
- Ginger —
- Royal crown
- Composer Rorem
- Pos-sessed
- "Love Story" author

DOWN

- Off-torn knee part, for short
- Mexican Mrs.
- Flood protection
- Morales of "Jericho"
- Pilferer
- Goddess of wisdom
- Series of courses
- Skillet
- Cellist Casals
- Step
- Aquarium buildup
- Nissan, once

DOWN

- Latin dance
- Tyler of "Jersey Girl"
- Bird (Pref.)
- Observe
- Jefferson's coin
- Espresso froth
- Luau necklace
- Squishy chair
- Perón of Argentina
- "Unh-unh"
- Swelled suddenly
- Asian noodles
- Empathic words
- Sobbed
- Helps a crook
- Fancy party
- Theater award
- "Hum-bug!"
- Epoch
- Indian lentil stew

Solution time: 25 mins.

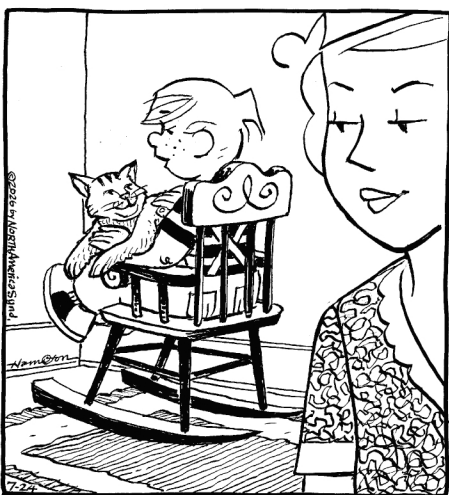
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Yesterday's answer 7-24

TODAY'S ANSWER

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