



## DUMPLINGS

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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) or important decisions after 11:30 p.m. EST today (8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from **LEO** into **VIRGO**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You feel the need to get out and schmooze with others today. Sports events, fun activities with kids and romantic outings will rev your engines! Explore travel opportunities and new chances to learn exciting things. Nevertheless, be diplomatic and patient with everyone. Tonight: Protect your kids.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might want to make home improvements today or do something to tweak your digs to make them more attractive. You might even rearrange furniture. Family discussions will be energetic, especially about shared property. Money can come to you today. (Yay!) Tonight: Domestic surprises.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Today you will express yourself with more courage and confidence when talking to others, which is why your style of communicating will be more direct and more forceful. In turn, others will respect you. You might want to take over a project or show direction to others. Tonight: Avoid accidents.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might make an extra effort to earn money today or come up with some moneymaking ideas. You feel that you want to start something new. However, this same astrological influence can encourage you to spend money as well! Tonight: Check your belongings.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Mars, which boosts your energy level. You won't shy away from physical labor or exercise. However, be careful about rushing into something without thinking first. Be smart and check out the landscape before you act. Tonight: Avoid knee-jerk reactions.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Home and family are your focus now, and many of you are doing something to improve your home or make it look more attractive. Today in particular, you have the energy to kick things up a notch. Family discussions will be lively. Tonight: An epiphany?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ In conversations with friends and groups, you'll assert yourself in a positive way today. If challenged, you will stand your ground. That's why this is a great day to schmooze! You'll radiate an inner excitement and enthusiasm when talking to others, which people find attractive. Tonight: A friend might surprise you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You make a strong impression on others today because you appear confident, energetic and ready to take charge. However, do be aware that some people seem to know personal details about your private life. Do you have to do some damage control? Tonight: Rebellious feelings.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025:

You are imaginative, analytical and inspirational. You have excellent organizational and technical skills. This is a year of fun and pleasure. Your creativity and zest for life are at the pinnacle. Nurture the happiness within yourself. Have fun but don't lose sight of your goals.

## BORN TODAY

Actor John Malkovich (1953), actress Judi Dench (1934), actor Beau Bridges (1941)

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## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★

You are the traveler of the zodiac. You love adventure and excitement. You like to research, observe, read and learn new concepts. That's why today, you'll love stimulating discussions with others about travel, politics, religion and new ideas. Tonight: Travel changes.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★

You like well-planned endings. You also hate waste. Today is the perfect day to focus on how to make the best use of shared property and the resources of others (including the government) so that you can take advantage of the opportunities that can benefit you. Tonight: Check your finances.

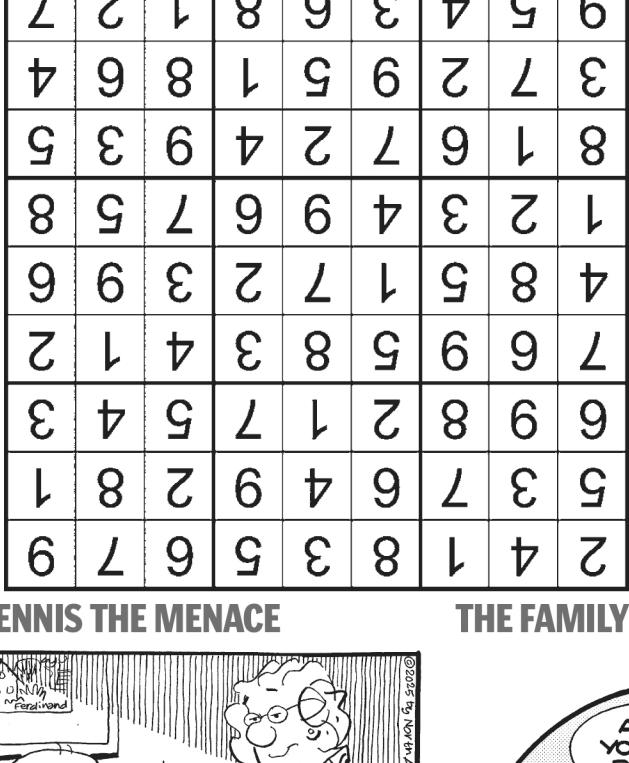
## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★

Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. A pleasant compromise. Nevertheless, this is an upbeat, energetic day! Enjoy expressing your ideas to friends as well as groups and organizations. People want to hear what you have to say! Tonight: Patience.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★

This is a productive day for you. You feel energetic, enthusiastic and ready to begin something new! This is why you will project more confidence than usual when talking to bosses and authority figures. You're not afraid to show you're ambitious and ready for something challenging. Tonight: Freedom beckons.

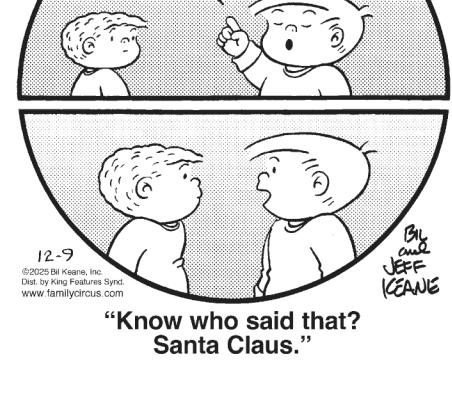
## TODAY'S ANSWER



## DENNIS THE MENACE



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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"I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE YOUR AGE TO GET ANY OLDER."

## BLONDIE

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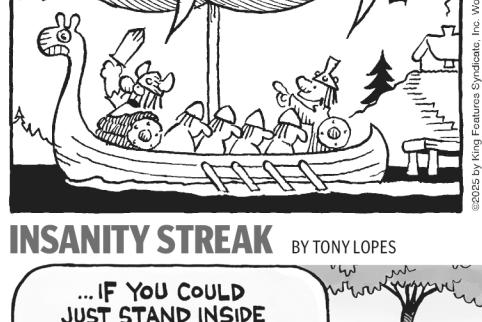
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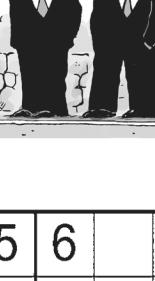
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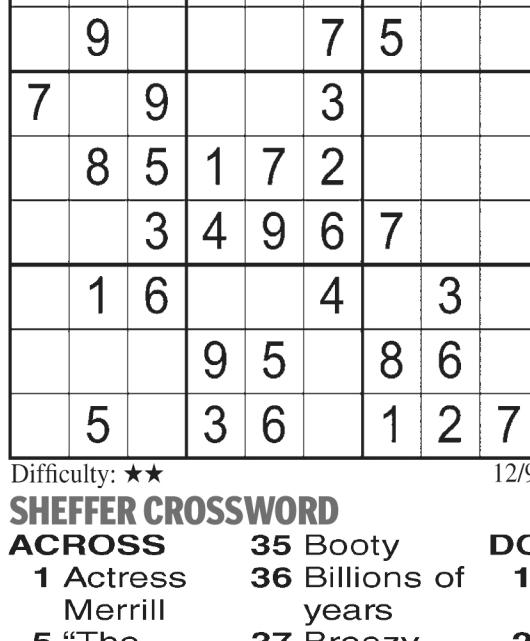
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Meet RANDAL BROOKS, WEDDING photographer by Day... FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHER by Night.

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## SUDOKU



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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Difficulty: ★★

## SHEFFER CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1 Actress Merrill  
5 "The Bells" writer  
8 Daly of "Judging Amy"

12 Earth Day subj.

13 Nabokov novel

14 Get wind of

15 More vivacious

17 Avenue liners

18 "Friendly skies" co.

19 Bathroom bowl

21 Postage

24 "I'm a total klutz!"

25 "Now hear —!"

26 More hot and humid

30 Help

31 Sand bar

32 — pro nobis

33 More difficult, in slang

## DOWN

1 Society newbie

2 Hosp. section

3 San Francisco's — Hill

4 Photo collections

5 Sandbox toy

6 Verse by Pablo Neruda

7 Like some grins

8 Belief in God

9 Holler

10 Christen

11 Formerly, once

16 Pool unit

20 Lustrous gem

21 Male deer

22 Reedy

23 Verdi opera

24 Platte River tribe

26 Roofing tiles

27 Nebraska neighbor

28 Part of Q.E.D.

29 Scott Joplin compositions

31 Tart fruit

34 Cure

35 Postpone

37 Browns, on scoreboards

38 Zilch

39 Friendly leader?

40 Yonder item

41 Hertz rival

44 Choose

45 Author Fleming

46 NFL's Manning

47 Wine choice

Solution time: 22 mins.



Yesterday's answer 12-9

