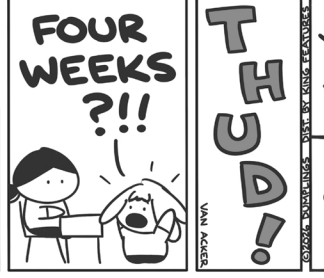


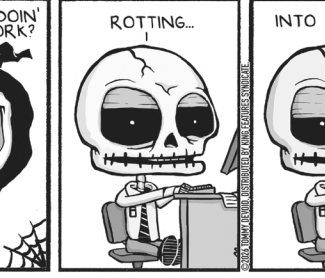
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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS
The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and major decisions from 5:45 a.m. until 8:45 p.m. EDT today (2:45 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **PISCES** into **ARIES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ It's a tricky day! You're enthusiastic about financial matters! Perhaps you're ready to spend big on something you really want. Or you might want to make a financial decision or choose a job. Change of plans: There's a **Moon Alert** in effect today. Restrict spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions until tomorrow (which is a good day). Tonight: You win!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Today Mercury is in your sign dancing with Jupiter, which makes you optimistic about everything. Oh yes, you're ready to take a chance. But lo! What news from yonder modern breaks? Today is a **Moon Alert**. Put your money back in your wallet. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You make a great impression on others today because you're upbeat and enthusiastic, especially about some behind-the-scenes ideas. Before you commit to anything important, be aware that today is a **Moon Alert**. Do your homework, but wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Warm friendships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your enthusiasm is contagious, and you will encourage others today because of it. You have big ideas about travel plans, higher education and matters related to medicine and the law. Nevertheless, today is a **Moon Alert** all day — be careful! Postpone until tomorrow. Tonight: You're noticed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Tread carefully today because the Moon is in one of your Money Houses boosting your enthusiasm and giving you the ability to convince others to go along with your ideas. However, today is also a **Moon Alert**. Put things on hold until tomorrow. Tonight: Learn and explore.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Plans for travel, higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law sound exciting. However, do not sign on the dotted line today. (Whaat?) Restrict spending to food and gas because most of today is a **Moon Alert**. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Work-related travel might occur today. You'll be convincing if dealing with wills, inheritances, shared property, taxes or debt. Nevertheless, know that today is a **Moon**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, May 12, 2026:
You are methodical, dependable, logical and tenacious. You're also caring and supportive. This is the end of a nine-year cycle, making it a time to let go of people, places and the things that hold you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Focus on being compassionate and loving.

BORN TODAY
Actor Rami Malek (1981), actress Katharine Hepburn (1907), founder of modern nursing Florence Nightingale (1820)

Alert. Restrict your spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions until tomorrow. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Conversations with partners, spouses and close friends are optimistic and mutually encouraging; plus, it's a great day to socialize and enjoy sports events and fun times with kids. But today is a **Moon Alert**, so restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Get better organized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ It's a tricky day! You're pumped about issues with your job, your health or a pet. Family discussions are ambitious. But today is a **Moon Alert**, which means postpone important decisions until tomorrow. Restrict spending to food and gas. It is what it is. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You're full of great ideas and eager to persuade others to your point of view. Plans for vacations, social outings and sports events are so exciting they're almost at a fever pitch! Unfortunately, today is a **Moon Alert**. Cool your jets and wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Relax at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might be enthused about financial matters — potential earnings or a way to boost your wealth. You might want to buy something exciting. It's important to know that today is a **Moon Alert**, which means restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Conversations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ For most of this day, the Moon is in your sign dancing with Jupiter, making you feel extroverted and eager to make your pitch about whatever interests you. Alas, most of this day is a **Moon Alert**. Postpone until tomorrow. (Tomorrow is strong.) Tonight: Check your money.

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: ★★

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Skip
 - 5 "Terrif!"
 - 8 Alpha follower
 - 12 "— Richard's Almanack"
 - 13 Small battery
 - 14 Muscat's land
 - 15 Villa d'—
 - 16 "Black Panther" star
 - 18 Opportunities
 - 20 Heart line?
 - 21 June honoree
 - 22 Trio after R
 - 23 Purse fastener
 - 26 Automated tech support agent
 - 30 Happy hour venue
 - 31 24 hours
 - 32 "Exodus" hero
 - 33 Room
 - 36 Void
 - 38 Gmail alternative

- 39 Egg (Pref.)
- 40 Positive, as an attitude
- 43 Communion cup
- 47 Delightful
- 49 Maine, to Macron
- 50 Volcanic flow
- 51 Ho-hum grade
- 52 Nevada casino city
- 53 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 54 Multi-purpose truck
- 55 Warning sign

- 2 Slam-dance
- 3 Greek vowel
- 4 Pollster's finds
- 5 Con-fronted
- 6 Contented sounds
- 7 Sheepish "Hello!"
- 8 Withdraw
- 9 Mideast ruler
- 10 Diplomacy
- 11 "Diana" singer
- 17 Facts and figures
- 19 Baseball game souvenir
- 22 Bashful
- 23 Broad-caster from Toronto

- 24 — -di-dah
- 25 Notre Dame coach
- 26 Parked vehicle
- 27 Inlet
- 28 Choice words?
- 29 Frank McCourt memoir
- 31 N.J. neighbor
- 34 Curtain fabric
- 35 Prosperous time
- 36 Director DuVernay
- 37 Ravel composition
- 39 "Oops!"
- 40 251, to Cicero
- 41 Melville captain
- 42 "Avatar" race
- 43 Tech news web-site
- 44 Detail
- 45 Walking stick
- 46 Harrow rival
- 48 Hosp. area

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-12

TODAY'S ANSWER

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