

WHAT HAPPENED? SARGE ASKED ME TO GO HAVE A FEW BEERS, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO GO

SO HOW DID YOU GET THAT? HE TWISTED MY ARM

HAPPY 4TH! GREG + MOET WALKER

POW! BOOM! KA-BLOOBY! HA! HA! HA! HAPPY 4TH MR. B!!

WHOA! HE DIDN'T EVEN BUDGE!

I'LL PRETEND I'M ASLEEP

LET'S GO FIND SOMETHING WITH A LITTLE MORE KICK TO IT!

UH-OH!

DUMPLINGS BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

HAPPY SEMI... SEMIQUIN-CENTENNIAL. SEMIQUAN... SEMIQUOON...

SEMQUIN-WHAT? BIRTHDAY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

NEVER BEEN DEADER BY TOMMY DEVID

WANNA GET OUT OF THE HOUSE? UGH...

MAYBE YOU NEED TO TOUCH SOME GRASS.

WHADDYA SAY? CAN YOU BRING THE GRASS IN HERE?

ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

HOT GIRLS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO STAY IN ONE SPOT. I'LL SIGN THAT PETITION!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE

MERLIN, WHERE DID THIS BEAUTIFUL, MAGICAL PLACE COME FROM?

IT CAME FROM BRAVE PATRIOTS WHO FORGED A NEW UNION OF LIBERTY, FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE!

HAPPY 250TH ANNIVERSARY USA

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 1 p.m. EDT today (from 10 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. PDT).

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Think before you speak or act today because something going on behind the scenes might affect your daily routine. Sudden changes, new information and different plans are likely. Be careful, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you as well. Tonight: Privacy matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ A dispute with a friend about money, the cost of something or perhaps a possession that you own might arise today. It could create a sudden rift. This issue also might take place with a group instead of a friend. Keep your eyes open to avoid losses. (Gulp.) Tonight: Warm friendships.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
For Saturday, July 4, 2026:

You are purposeful. Your relationships with others mean something. You are loyal, progressive and willing to defend. This is a playful, fun-loving year for you. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit! Enjoy yourself, but don't lose sight of your goals. Old friends might reappear again.

BORN TODAY
Singer-songwriter Bill Withers (1938), playwright, screenwriter Neil Simon (1927), actress Becki Newton (1978)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Relations with bosses, parents, VIPs and the police are subject to sudden burst of anger, rebellion or something surprising today. Be careful when dealing with authority figures, because you might be caught off guard. Be cool and never underestimate the power of courtesy. Tonight: You're noticed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Once again, travel plans are subject to sudden changes, cancellations or new directions. If you have to make decisions today about legal or medical matters, travel, publishing issues or higher education, do your homework. Make no assumptions. Tonight: Explore and learn!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Unexpected issues might impact your financial assets and shared property today. In turn, this could affect your relationship with a group or a friend. You might let someone down because you can no longer provide the support or items they expected. Late deliveries or broken items might be an issue. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ This is a poor day for important discussions with parents, bosses or authority figures, as well as spouses, partners or close friends. Things are at odds today! People don't agree with each other. Hey, "Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!" Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Work-related travel plans might go awry today or be delayed. Efforts to deal with foreign countries, deliveries to schools, legal or medical matters or keeping schedules on track are thwarted today by unexpected obstacles. Do your best. That's all you can do. Tonight: Get busy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be patient with your kids today. Likewise, romantic partners have to be patient with each other as well, especially if disputes about shared property or the cost of something arises. (People are always touchy about money.) Don't jump to conclusions. Be aware and patient to prevent potential accidents. Tonight: Enjoy socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Patience is your best friend today because interactions with partners, spouses and close friends are completely unpredictable. They might be upset about something or do something you least expect. If you keep cool, you are best equipped to deal with whatever happens. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Work-related issues as well as your daily routine are up for grabs today, probably because of unexpected influences, obstacles or possible accidents. Therefore, be aware. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Nothing will unfold as expected. Tonight: A clarifying conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Money issues, especially related to your kids, or social outings or vacations, might blow up in your face today. It could also be a disagreement about the cost of something. You might suddenly lose your tickets or have confused directions. Something unexpected will likely occur. (Yikes!) Tonight: Check your possessions and assets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Today is unpredictable, perhaps even explosive. It's also accident-prone. Therefore, keep your wits about you. Patience will be your best friend. Think before you speak or act. Don't make a big deal about anything. (Five years from now, will this matter?) Take it easy. Tonight: You win!

INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES

NINE O'CLOCK A GUY WILL SHOW UP WITH A MATCH. BEFORE HE CAN LIGHT A DAMN THING, YOU WET ALL THE FUSES. NOBODY GOES KABOOM, CAPISE?

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Difficulty: ★★★

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

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ACROSS

1 Hyper personality
6 Hospital patron
12 Pricy toast topper
13 No longer sleeping
14 "Let me in!"
15 Map key
16 "Hey!"
17 Duel tool
19 Blog feed
20 Gymnast Korbust
22 Go astray
24 Lawyers' org.
27 Waffle brand
29 Surrealist Salvador
32 Leisure-time dwellings
35 "Zounds!"
36 "Garfield" dog
37 Mentalist's claim
38 "Le Coq —"

DOWN

40 First-rate
42 Pub pint
44 Org.
46 Scored 100 on
50 Reproductive cell
52 Lacking
54 Actress Clarke
55 Clarifying words
56 Winter, for one
57 Blog entries
3 Mottled pony
4 — Claire, Wisc.
5 Broken chord
6 Auction
7 Nursery items
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Yesterday's answer 7-4

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

250TH USA ANNIVERSARY

"CONGRATULATIONS TO AMERICA!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"The fireworks won't start until it's dark."

CROSSWORD

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