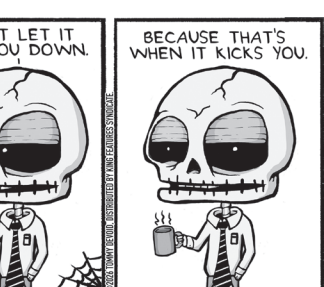
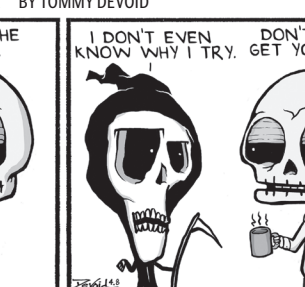
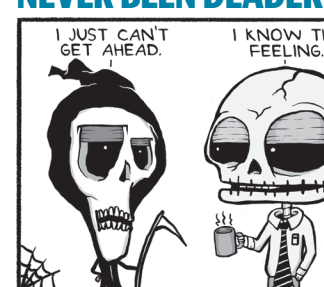


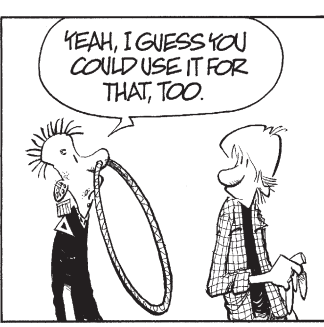
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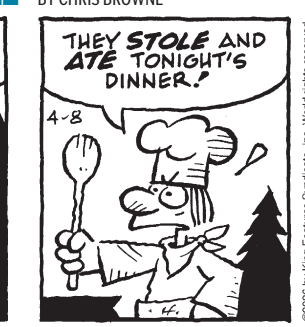
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ROYAL STARS

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 major decisions from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. EDT today (2:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **SAGITTARIUS** into **CAPRICORN**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ This is a tricky day. In one way, you're strong and powerful because the Sun and Saturn are in your sign, plus your ruler Mars is stimulated by unpredictable Uranus. But in another way, dealings with parents and bosses might disappoint you. Guard against impulse spending. Tonight: You're noticed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ News in the media might be depressing today. Likewise, issues related to travel, publishing, medicine or the law might disappoint you. However, a friend or a member of a group might surprise you by what they say or do. Guard against a hasty response. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Think before you speak today when talking with friends or dealing with groups and organizations, because you might impulsively say or do something that you regret later. Nobody wants egg on their face. (Ketchup helps.) Guard against knee-jerk reactions today. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Although you make an excellent impression on others, dealings with partners, spouses and close friends might be strained today. You might feel criticized or diminished. (Ouch.) Be careful of sudden impulses to travel or do something unusual. Tonight: Listen to someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Issues related to publishing, the media, law or medicine might be disputed today, especially if they relate to your job. Dealing with different cultures or different countries might create difficulties. Financial arrangements might suddenly change. Go slowly and gently today. Tonight: Work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Your dealings with partners, spouses and close friends might be challenged today. They might suddenly attack you about an issue, or vice versa, they might suddenly feel that you're on their case. This could relate to disappointing social occasions or something to do with sports or your kids. Romance is also dicey. Tonight: Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Family discussions are confusing today. You might have a vague, dreamy approach to something. You might have a fleeting depression or feel that nobody loves you. That's because it's difficult to relate to others today, in addition to which sudden and

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, April 8, 2026:

You are an empathetic and compassionate humanitarian. You are also strong-willed and active. Simplicity is the key to life this year. It's time to create solid foundations internally and externally. Stay grounded and levelheaded. Physical exercise will play an important role.

BORN TODAY
Actress Robin Wright (1966), actress Katee Sackhoff (1980), actor Dean Norris (1963)

unexpected events could throw things off course. Patience. Tonight: Cocoon

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You're in work mode. But if someone criticizes you today, or they're uncooperative, or they suggest things that are unrealistic, this will discourage you. Meanwhile, parents must be vigilant because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Sports and social occasions might suddenly change. Tonight: Share ideas.

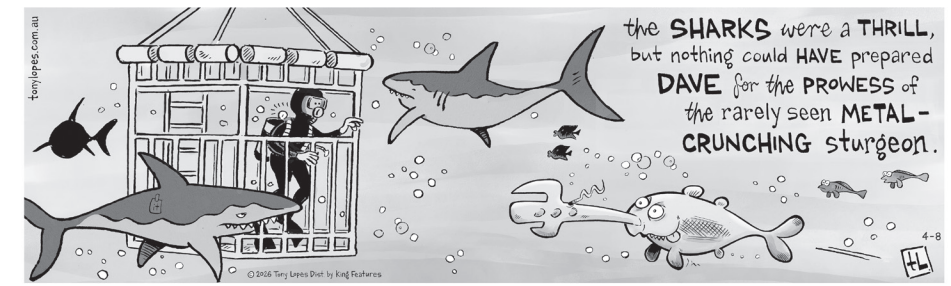
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ You're in a playful, social mood! Unfortunately, someone might rain on your parade, which is a bummer. Furthermore, your home routine might suddenly change today due to appliance breakdowns, minor breakages or unexpected company. Tonight: Manage your possessions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Today the Moon is in your sign giving you a slight advantage over the other signs. Don't be upset if you feel cut off from someone today. You might feel lonely or ignored. This is just a temporary dark cloud on your horizon. Meanwhile, pay attention to everything, because this is an accident-prone day. (Gulp.) Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Today you might find money; you might lose money. Keep an eye on your possessions to avoid loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, you might feel vaguely disconnected with others today. Or perhaps you feel misunderstood. Stay chill, because this is a temporary influence. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Because you might be alarmed or disappointed by comments from a friend or a member of a group, you might impulsively do something that you later regret. You won't like restrictions today. Be smart and mindful. Tonight: Be friendly.

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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 - 5 Mac rivals
 - 8 Madrid miss (Abbr.)
 - 12 "East of Eden" son
 - 13 — polloi
 - 14 Eye drop
 - 15 Ginormous amount
 - 17 Hold sway
 - 18 Allergy season sound
 - 19 Makes amends
 - 21 Heavy weight
 - 22 Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"
 - 23 Alphabet starter
 - 26 Use a shovel
 - 28 "Welcome to Maui!"
 - 31 Harvest
 - 33 Tic-tac-toe loser
 - 35 Elitist
 - 36 Director Frank

- 38 "It's c-c-cold!"
- 40 "Mayday!"
- 41 Male turkeys
- 43 Earth (Pref.)
- 45 Game show fodder
- 47 Pie-making needs
- 51 "Peek—!"
- 52 Stately homes
- 54 Metal boxes
- 55 Occupation, for short
- 56 Squad
- 57 CEO's aide
- 58 Carte lead-in

- DOWN**
- 1 Bar bills
 - 2 Speed skater — Jackson, Olympic gold medalist
 - 3 Actor's quest
 - 4 Cove
 - 5 Capital of Arizona
 - 6 Anti
 - 7 Twine fiber
 - 8 Casual walks
 - 9 Family gatherings
 - 10 Yarn

- 11 God of war
- 16 Sport shirt brand
- 20 Aunt, in Acapulco
- 23 Lob's path
- 24 Arthur of "Maude"
- 25 Photo subtitles
- 27 Sailor
- 29 "Yoo- —!"
- 30 Six-pack muscles
- 32 College official
- 34 Party dress fabric
- 37 Parisian pal
- 39 Workout count
- 42 Brazilian dance
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- 46 Baseball stats
- 48 Unrivaled
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- 50 Bygone fliers
- 53 Have a bug

Solution time: 23 mins.

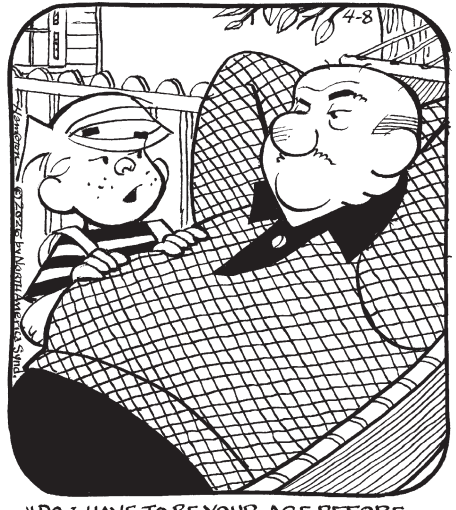
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Yesterday's answer 4-8

TODAY'S ANSWER

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