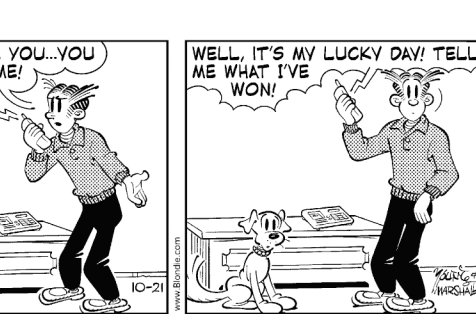
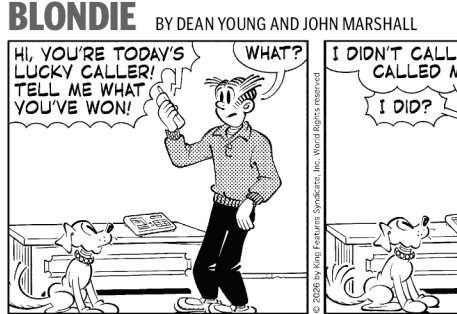
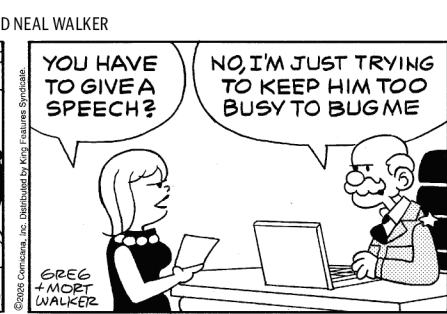




ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and making important decisions from 4:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. EDT today (1:15 a.m. to 6 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **AQUARIUS** into **PISCES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ If you do your homework today, or explore research and behind-the-scenes negotiations, you might get ahead financially speaking. You will certainly be in a good position to negotiate with others. Meanwhile, secret rendezvous and passionate relationships will be hot. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Because this is a lovely day to schmooze with friends and members of groups, make an effort to put yourself out there and talk to others. Relations with partners, spouses and close friends will be warm and rewarding. A surprise related to money and possessions might occur. Tonight: Be friendly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You're high-viz today! People notice you more than usual, and some will know personal details about your private life. Fortunately, you look good to co-workers. In fact, a flirtation or romance might develop. Stay flexible, because an authority figure might surprise you. Tonight: You're admired!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Surprising news about foreign countries or people from other cultures might occur today. You also might have an unexpected chance to travel or travel plans might change. Meanwhile, this is a great day to schmooze, flirt and enjoy social activities! Tonight: Reach out and learn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Double-check banking details, because something unexpected could impact your finances or something to do with shared property. On the upside, you'll enjoy entertaining today. You also might buy something beautiful for your home or receive a gift. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ It's a mixed bag today. In one way, relations with authority figures, spouses and partners might have a few surprises. Tread carefully. However, most of your communications today will be friendly and warm. Enjoy the beauty of your everyday surroundings! Tonight: Listen and cooperate with someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Your work routine might be interrupted today. Equipment breakdowns might occur. On the upside, whatever you do could boost your income or generate future increased earnings. You also might buy something

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
For Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026:

You're idealistic, charming and thoughtful. You're also perceptive and concerned with others' well-being. This year, changes will bring you increased personal freedom. Let go of whatever impedes your growth and progress. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast.

BORN TODAY
Author Ursula K. Le Guin (1929), actor Andrew Scott (1976), actor Ken Watanabe (1959)

attractive for your workspace. Tonight: Get better organized.

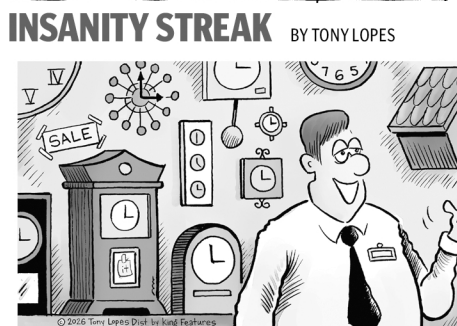
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Parents should be extra vigilant today because this could be an accident-prone day for your kids. In addition, social plans might suddenly change. Double-check details. However, for the most part, this is a wonderful day to schmooze! Romance is blessed. Enjoy the arts. Tonight: Socialize!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Stock the fridge, because today is an unpredictable day at home or if dealing with family members. Anything might happen. However, for the most part, relations with family members will be pleasant. You'll also enjoy making your home more attractive. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Plans might suddenly change, so give yourself extra time for wiggle room to deal with the unexpected today. Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is also a mildly accident-prone day. Fortunately, it's an excellent day to deal with friends and groups. Tonight: Conversations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Protect your money and possessions from loss, theft or damage today. Unexpected expenses for social occasions, sports and your kids also might occur. In the bigger picture, your ability to impress someone in authority could bring increased wealth to you. Tonight: Check your money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with fair Venus, creating warm feelings between you and everyone else, which is why you'll enjoy getting out and having a good time. You'll feel protective about your loved ones. You also might want to beautify your home. Tonight: You win!



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ACROSS

1 Farm fathers
5 UFO passengers
8 Canonized Fr. women
12 California town
13 "So frustrating!"
14 "Present!"
15 "Help yourself to extra candy!"
17 Resort near Snowbird
18 Pastry hybrid
19 Viewpoints
21 Uganda's cont.
22 Shape
23 Yoga pad
26 Little lie
28 Debonair
31 Samoan capital
33 Young dog
35 FBI guy
36 Grouchy folks
38 Stanley Cup org.

DOWN

40 Director Lee
41 Postal delivery
43 Feedback bit
45 Strut away
47 Wears
51 Parliamentarian
52 Cheese-topped diner order
54 Akron's state
55 Part of TNT
56 Crimson Tide, briefly
57 Gradually withdraw
58 Half dozen

59 Trudge

DOWN

1 Campus mil. group
2 Slightly open
3 Shark variety
4 Tuscan city
5 Self-indulgent "journey"
6 Pitch
7 Wheat bundle
8 Deep-pile floor cover
9 Song by Etta James
10 Art Deco master

11 Global septet
16 Ear warmer
20 Refusals
23 Buddy
24 Earth Day mo.
25 Coffee liqueur brand
27 Chignon
29 Moving day rental
30 Chang's brother
32 Desert
34 Capital of Arizona
37 Bracketed word
39 Yuri Zhivago's love
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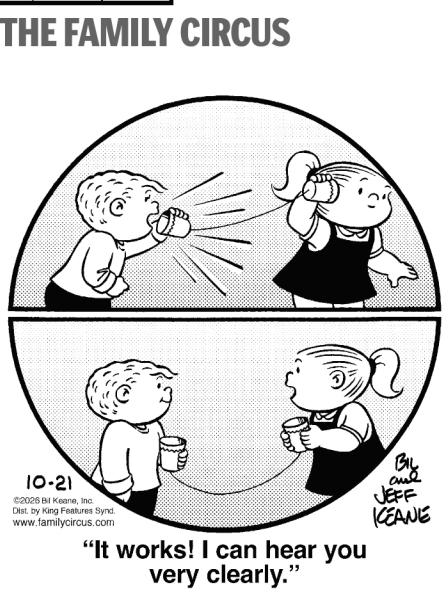
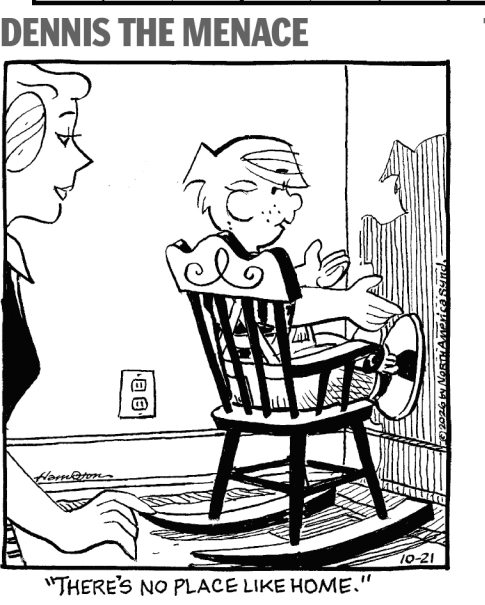
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Yesterday's answer 10-21

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 10-21

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