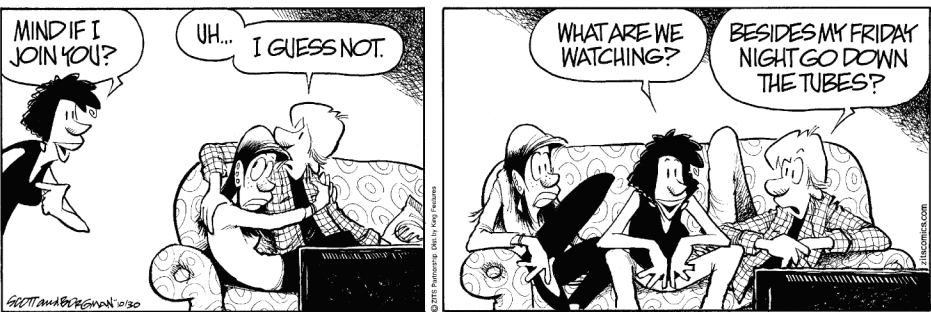




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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in **CANCER**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Avoid heated discussions about kids, social plans, shared expenses or dealing with authority figures. (This covers a wide swath.) People are touchy today! Pull in your reins and tread carefully. You don't have to be right. You don't even have to be wrong. Tonight: Stay private.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ There's a lot of belligerent energy out there today, which can make casual, everyday exchanges with neighbors, siblings and relatives a bit testy. Don't try to prove anything. Or perhaps you feel the need to defend yourself, especially with issues related to home and family. Stay chill. Tonight: Check out the scene.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ This is a poor day for money discussions, especially if dealing with someone older or an authority figure. Likewise, work-related negotiations or anything to do with your pet could lead to a dispute. You don't need this. If you smell trouble coming, walk away. Tonight: Check your money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Saturn, which can make you feel depressed or pessimistic. Things look worse than they really are. (I know it's hard to believe that today.) Separations might occur for some of you. Resist the paralysis of the negative. Tonight: You're strong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You might feel lonely or cut off from others today, which could make you feel bit depressed. Be aware that things look worse than they are today. However, you might have to separate from someone. Family discussions also might be aggressive. Avoid accident-prone behavior. Stay chill. Tonight: Privacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ This is a tough day. Even casual conversations with others might be aggressive or a bit in your face. (What?) You might even feel threatened by someone or feel that you have to defend your ideas. Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day. Tonight: Be friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Money disputes or disputes about property or something you own could arise today. If this happens, be aware that you are high-viz, which means people notice you more than usual. You might have to say goodbye to someone today, and others are aware of this. Tonight: Be modest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, Oct. 30, 2026:

You are forward-thinking, responsible and organized. You're also an activist who is often involved in community fundraising projects to improve the quality of life. Exciting changes and increased personal freedom are likely this year. Grab new opportunities and act fast. Expect to travel.

BORN TODAY

Actor, author, director Henry Winkler (1945), actress Nia Long (1970), actor Michael Beach (1963)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Tread carefully when dealing with parents, bosses, authority figures or the police today, because conflict will easily arise. If so, you might be quickly at a disadvantage. Never underestimate the power of courtesy. Separations might occur today. Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ This is a challenging day for you. Elements of aggression seem to exist, which could cause difficulty when dealing with your kids, or difficulty coming up with enough money or practical support for something you want to do. Travel will be a poor choice. Tonight: Check your finances.

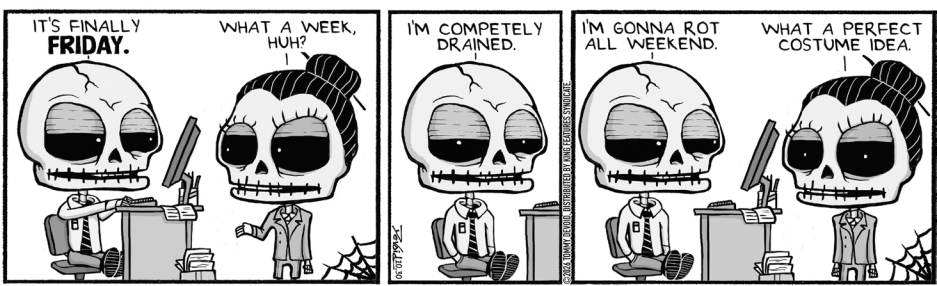
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Keep your wits about you today, especially if talking to friends and groups. You might say something that you later regret. Even discussions with partners, spouses and close friends could be challenging and might result in some kind of separation. Go gently. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ It's not in your best interest to challenge authority figures today. This will quickly lead to an aggressive dispute or argument. Be more skillful in figuring out how to get what you want. You might say goodbye to someone at work, or even a pet. Tonight: Get better organized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Romance is tough today. Likewise, relations with kids will be challenging as well. Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues, because it will lead to arguments. And this might put you in a position where you feel you have to defend yourself. You don't need this. Be observant but just tread water. Stay out of the deep end. Tonight: Socialize with someone.



NEVER BEEN DEADER BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★★★

10/30

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ACROSS

- 1 "Gee, ya think?"
4 Couch
8 Strike callers
12 "Selma" director DuVernay
13 Getting the job done
14 Ship-related (Abbr.)
15 Baseball's "Bam-bino"
17 Confront
18 Currier's partner
19 Less wild
20 Up and about
22 Roman 2,002
24 Iranian money
25 Pre-frat-party trips
29 J.D. holder
30 Intent look
31 Pitcher Maglie
32 Greyhound driver's assignment
34 Hip hop's Salt-N- —

DOWN

- 35 Wimp
36 Insertion mark
37 Purse part
40 Ride the waves
41 Drudge
42 Tenant's IOU
46 Desert-like
47 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)
48 "A snake!"
49 "— 18" (Uris novel)
50 Firsties
51 Used a chair

- 2 Sch. founded by Jefferson
3 Natural homes
4 More achy
5 Burden
6 In shape
7 Sports fig.
8 "That's cheating!"
9 Sir's partner
10 Brownish purple
11 Suffix with hip
16 Satan's forte
19 Lose energy
20 Basra resident

- 21 In — (as found)
22 Deli array
23 Simple
25 A/C measures
26 Service charges
27 Scruff
28 Venetian blind part
30 Gumbo or bisque, e.g.
33 Kigali's country
34 Henry VIII's Catherine
36 Cool veggies
37 Pesky email
38 Actress Hatcher
39 Agitate
40 Wound cover
42 Auction action
43 "Entourage" agent
44 Museum-funding org.
45 B'way show purchase

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 10-30

TODAY'S ANSWER

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