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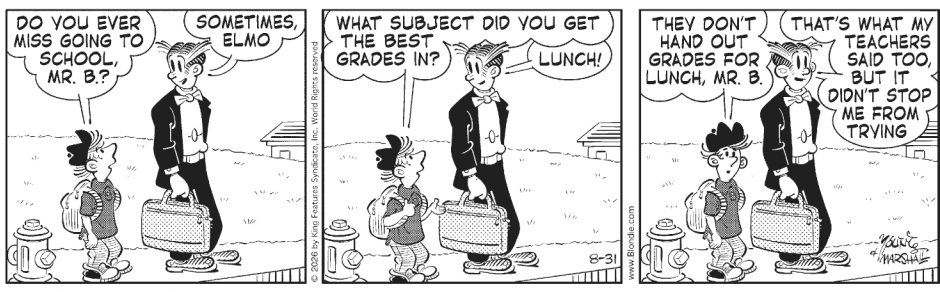

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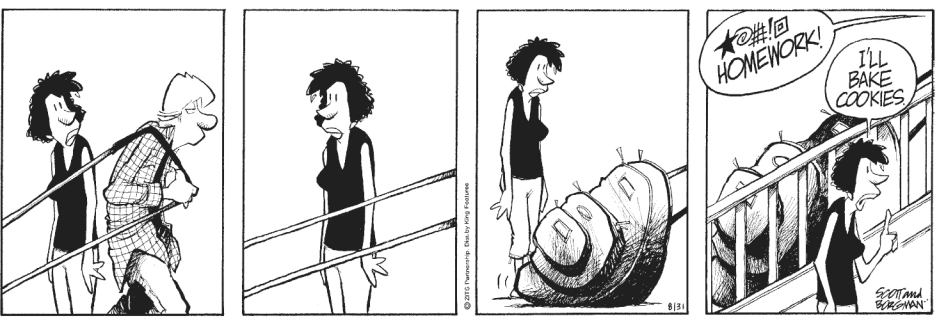

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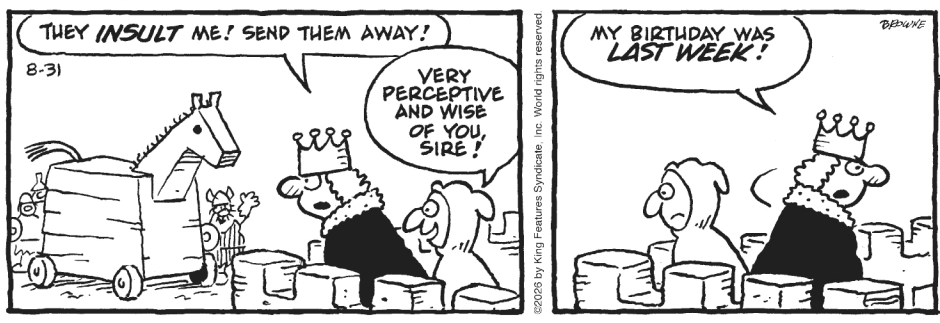

INSANITY STREAK
BY TONY LOPES

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 important decisions after 3 p.m. EDT today (12 noon PDT). The Moon is in **ARIES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ This is a powerful day for you because the Moon is in your sign, and there is a lovely trine between Jupiter and Saturn happening today. This will encourage you to make plans — cautiously. Meanwhile, you're ready to roll up your sleeves and work! Tonight: You're strong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Today is a mixture of work and play for you. Opportunities to enjoy sports events, fun times with children, the arts, the theater and the entertainment world are at hand. However, you might see ways to secure something related to home and family. Tonight: Enjoy your privacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Even though your strong focus now is on home, family and perhaps home repairs, Venus wants you to play! In addition to this, today is a good day to think about long-range future goals, especially in practical terms. Be aware of the **Moon Alert**. Jot down your ideas for future reference. Tonight: Be friendly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You have lots of energy this week with fiery Mars in your sign. In addition to which, both the Sun and Mercury will keep you busy with short trips, appointments, errands and chatting to everyone. You'll enjoy entertaining at home as well. Today is a good day for solid financial plans. Tonight: Respect someone in authority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Money, cash flow and earnings have been on your mind. However, today Jupiter in your sign is dancing favorably with Saturn (for the first time since 2014). Trust your ability to make plans about future travel, publishing, medicine, the law and higher education. Tentative, but a beginning. Tonight: Explore and learn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ The Sun and Mercury are in your sign, which makes you chatty and eager to talk to others. You might want to buy beautiful things, if so, check the restrictions of the **Moon Alert**. Take a moment to do some serious thinking about shared property and your debt. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ If you're involved with a friend, group or organization today, you might help others make a mission statement or come up with a group goal. This is an excellent day to explore this, but don't settle on anything. Don't agree, just yet. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Today you might make some plans about your future, especially your profession, your career and your name in the community. Nevertheless, commit to nothing. (See what happens after tomorrow.) Tonight: Get better organized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You make an excellent impression on others now, which is why it's a great time to talk to bosses, parents and VIPs. Meanwhile, you might discuss travel plans and issues related to children or social outings. Wait until later in the week to agree to anything. Tonight: Be creative and playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Family discussions might have profitable suggestions for home and family or dealing with shared property. Nevertheless, don't agree to anything today because things might change, especially after tomorrow. Just put things in your databank. Tonight: Relax at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A discussion with a partner, spouse or close friend will be enthusiastic, practical and productive today. You might even want to jump on the bandwagon to get things rolling. Don't be too eager. Tomorrow will have some obstacles. Wait to see how things pan out. Tonight: Discussions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Today you have increasing optimism about your job and ability to earn money. You might listen to the advice of someone who is enthusiastic and encouraging. Nevertheless, get your data, but wait until later in the week to act because tomorrow could be a game-changer. Tonight: Check your possessions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Aug. 31, 2026:

You're charismatic, focused and motivated. You're also charming, efficient and committed to your goals. This is a year of work and construction. Create foundations in your life, both externally and internally. Simplicity is key. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

BORN TODAY

Actor Richard Gere (1949), actress Sara Ramirez (1975), actor Donal Finn (1995)

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Difficulty: ★ 8/31

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TODAY'S ANSWER

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- **15** Morning droplets
- **16** Italian bacon
- **18** River that inspired a Strauss waltz
- **20** Overtake
- **21** Flag maker Betsy
- **23** Knight's address
- **24** Bitter feud
- **28** Ten-cent piece
- **31** Citric beverage
- **32** Coral formations
- **34** Tree fluid
- **35** Elegance
- **37** Atlanta suburb
- **39** Texter's "Enough!"
- **41** Actress Sorvino
- **42** Getting up there
- **45** Breakfast bowlful
- **49** "La Traviata" role
- **51** Emmy-winning actress Daly
- **52** "The Time Machine" people
- **53** Chess pieces
- **54** Newspaper section
- **55** — avis
- **56** Guitar innovator Paul
- **57** Pop music's Bee —

DOWN
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- **2** Location
- **3** Grassy area
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- **5** Smoker's mouthpiece
- **6** Spy org.
- **7** Emulate Jessye Norman
- **8** Fearful
- **9** Ravi Shankar, for one
- **10** Loan figs.
- **11** Bicycle part
- **17** Lettuce variety
- **19** Dutch word for "farmer"
- **22** Fulton's power
- **24** Actor Kilmer
- **25** Sch. URL ender
- **26** Neighboring
- **27** Kenyans and Ethiopians
- **29** Wrestling surface
- **30** Ecol. watchdog
- **33** Beget
- **36** Actress Clarke
- **38** Wildlife identifier
- **40** British verb ending
- **42** Exceeding
- **43** Country singer McCann
- **44** Webmaster's code
- **46** Literary Jane
- **47** Poker pot money
- **48** Minus
- **50** Casual shirt

Solution time: 21 mins.

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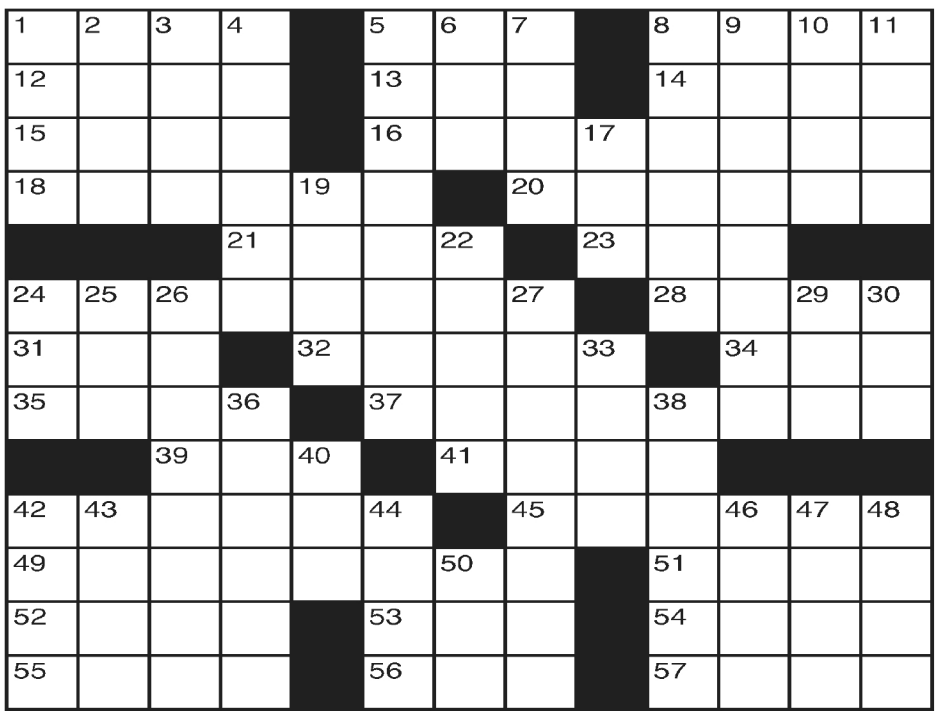
Saturday's answer 8-31



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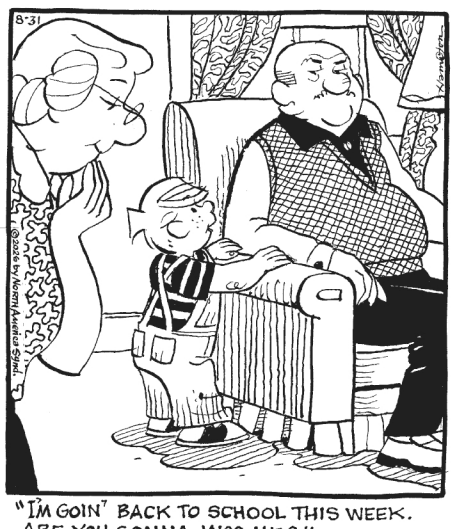

"I'M GOIN' BACK TO SCHOOL THIS WEEK. ARE YOU GONNA MISS ME?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Hey! That would make a good book!"