

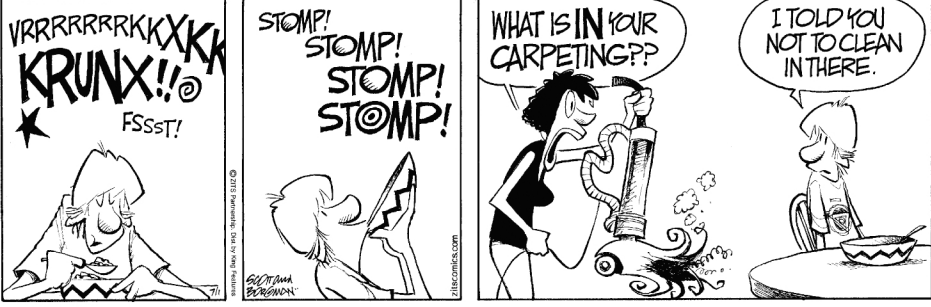
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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS
 The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT today (4:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT). After that, the Moon moves from **CAPRICORN** into **AQUARIUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Communications with friends and members of groups are lively today! You have lots of mental energy when it comes to talking to others. This means you'll be persuasive. However, later in the day, stay flexible. Plans might change and someone new might be on the scene. Tonight: Be friendly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You can express yourself in a direct manner today, especially if talking to parents, VIPs or authority figures. This makes you appear confident. Nevertheless, double-check financial matters, especially later in the day, because something unexpected might catch you off guard. (You snooze, you lose.) Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You have strong opinions today, especially when discussing controversial ideas related to politics, religion or racial issues. Because today includes sudden impulses and spontaneous activities, take a breath and think before you speak so you have no regrets later. Tonight: Explore and learn.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Issues related to shared property, taxes, debt or inheritances might arise today. (Anything related to jointly held matters or your partner's wealth.) Keep your eyes open, because something unexpected might occur that affects your own wealth and assets. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your best choice today is to be easygoing and friendly with others. Be accommodating and helpful, because today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you don't have the edge — other people do. Just accept this. In two weeks, you will have the edge! But not today. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You're keen to work and get organized today. You might be making to-do lists and thinking about ways to improve your health. (The list part is always fun and satisfying, isn't it?) However, something unexpected might catch you off guard at work. Be vigilant about your pet today. Tonight: Work to get better organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Be open to all kinds of possibilities today, because unexpected social invitations might come your way. A surprise flirtation might occur. You might become more deeply in-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, July 1, 2026:

You are deeply sensitive and introspective. You're also empathetic and compassionate. This year is the completion of a nine-year cycle for you. Take inventory of your life. Let go of people, places and things that have held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning.

BORN TODAY
 Princess Diana (1961), actress Pamela Anderson (1967), actor Andre Braugher (1962)

involved in the arts — actively or through appreciation. Parents should be extra vigilant with their kids. Tonight: Enjoy socializing!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Family discussions will be direct and to the point today because someone wants to make issues very clear. (That someone might be you.) Nevertheless, later in the day, your home routine will be interrupted. Small appliances might break down. A minor breakage could occur. Someone might appear at your door. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You're convincing when talking today because you say what you mean and mean what you say. Meanwhile, it's important to know this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. Your daily routine might suddenly change. Tonight: Conversations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today because something unexpected could impact them. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Definitely protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Tonight: Check your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which is invigorating. Plus, it gives you a slight bit of good luck, which is an edge over all the other signs. That's why this is an excellent day to negotiate for something on your own behalf. Try it. Tonight: You win!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ This is a solid week for you because you're able to establish a nice balance between work and play. However, today you probably feel a bit restless. You have that feeling you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. (Let's hope it's in the same size.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

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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ACROSS

- 1 Furry sci-fi critter
- 5 Favorite pal, in texts
- 8 Awe-struck
- 12 Nickel-odeon's "Explorer"
- 13 Rowing need
- 14 Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 15 Depart, in baby-speak
- 17 Tarzan's clique
- 18 Op-ed pieces
- 19 Uproar
- 21 Kenan's pal in "Good Burger"
- 22 Elitist
- 23 Director Lee
- 26 Dict. info
- 28 "Narnia" lion
- 31 Combine
- 33 Medico
- 35 Verdi heroine

DOWN

- 36 Hillside, to Burns
- 38 Prohibit
- 40 Baseball fan's headwear
- 41 Doc's "Now!"
- 43 Bando of baseball
- 45 Body art
- 47 Sidesteps
- 51 Story-book heavy
- 52 Precede
- 54 Bring up
- 55 "Selma" director
- 56 Ninny
- 57 Piano pieces?
- 58 Airline to Sweden
- 59 Chumps
- 60 Italian article
- 23 LAPD alert
- 24 Hide-hair insert
- 25 Err
- 27 Watch chain
- 29 Nabokov novel
- 30 Snooze
- 32 Scrabble tile
- 34 Winter melons
- 37 — Paulo, Brazil
- 39 Cathedral area
- 42 Roman robes
- 44 Some artists' studios
- 45 Peter of the Monkees
- 46 Baseball's Tommie
- 48 Nebraska neighbor
- 49 Faucet problem
- 50 Gels
- 53 Eggs

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-1

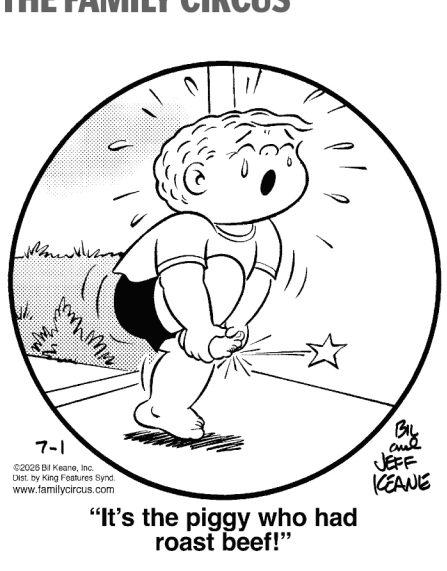
TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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