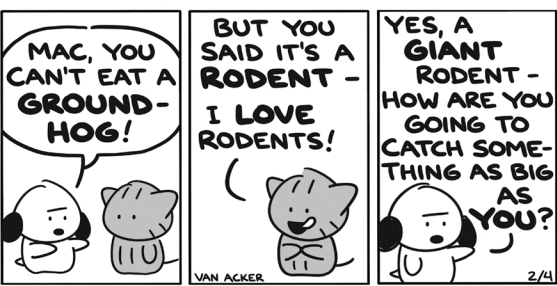
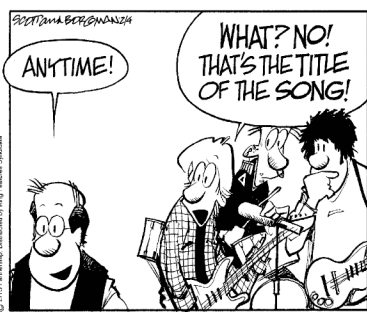




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ROYAL STARS

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 until 11:30 p.m. PST. The Moon is in **VIRGO**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Something unexpected might impact your health today. Similarly, pet owners should know that something surprising might affect their pet. Keep your eyes peeled. You might receive benefits or technological advances in your job. Tonight: Get organized.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Go gently today. The forces of authority are with you and will help you if you seek this assistance. It's easy to impress bosses, parents and VIPs. As this day wears on, unpredictable events with your kids, sports and vacations might occur. This includes a social event. Tonight: Relax and socialize.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Despite your urge to do something different, seek adventure and hopefully travel, today you're happy to cocoon at home and deal with family matters. A discussion with a female relative might surprise you, especially by this evening. Take things one step at a time. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ A number of issues are important to you today, some of them financial. They could deal with shared property, loans, debt and inheritances. The bottom line is you have something to say and you want to be heard. Guard against accidents later in the day. Tonight: Discussions!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Be patient and friendly with partners, spouses and close friends today. On the whole, things will flow smoothly; nevertheless, with fiery Mars opposite your sign, something might spark. Keep an eye on your money and possessions, especially this evening. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Things will tend to go your way today while the Moon is in your sign. Admittedly, it can heighten your emotions. You can count on getting a lot done because this is a productive day for you. Co-workers will be helpful. Steer clear of controversial issues this evening. Things are unpredictable. Tonight: You're strong.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Keep a low profile today. Enjoy the arts, movies, the theater, sports events and children's activities. Socialize with loved ones. Flirt a little. Even though you might feel restless this evening, enjoy good conversation and good food with someone. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026:

You are energetic, innovative and constantly curious. Your compulsion to act leads you into uncharted realms. Take time to renew your spiritual beliefs; explore philosophies that will give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the meaning of your life.

BORN TODAY

Actress Gabrielle Anwar (1970), actress, musician, comedian Lauren Ash (1983), actor Patrick Bergin (1951)

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Family discussions about home repairs or redecorating projects might take place today. Your ideas for home improvements could be ambitious. Meanwhile, a friend, perhaps a female, might do something that surprises you, especially this evening. Or you might meet someone new. Tonight: Friendships are rewarding.

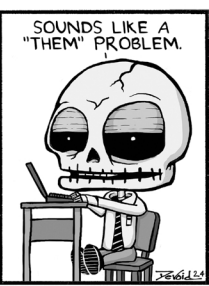
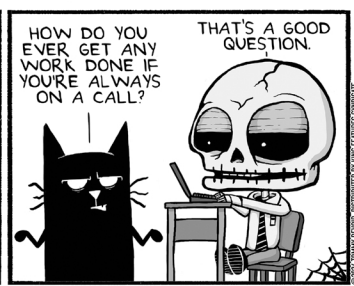
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Like yesterday, you're still high-viz today. People do notice you, whether you are aware of this or not. At the end of the day, something unexpected might impact you, perhaps with an authority figure. Meanwhile, the pace is busy and you're keen to converse. Tonight: Show respect.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Financial issues are on your mind today. Very likely, you have some excellent money-making ideas. Some of you also might spend money on art or beautiful things. Be aware that travel plans might change, especially later in the day. Tonight: Learn and discover.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ This is a powerful time for you and you have lots of energy — physically and intellectually. Enjoy discussions with others and find people who will appreciate your ideas. Meanwhile, keep abreast of banking and financial matters, because late in the day, something unexpected could occur. Tonight: Check your finances.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Like yesterday, you have to “go along to get along” because the Moon is opposite your sign. Furthermore, a handful of planets in your chart are “hiding,” which means you want to keep a low profile as well. This evening a partner, spouse or close friend might surprise you in some way. Tonight: Be friendly and reasonable.

NEVER BEEN DEADER BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES



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- 12 Gullet
- 13 Big mouth
- 14 Novelist Jaffe
- 15 Multifunctional, as a printer
- 17 “— Lang Syne”
- 18 Lathered up
- 19 IHOP competitor
- 21 Italian money
- 24 Toss in
- 25 Roe provider
- 28 Spheres
- 30 Sample
- 33 Rug cleaner, briefly
- 34 Cockeyed
- 35 Teeny (Abbr.)
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- 37 Movie
- 38 Cushy

- 39 Delta's one-time rival
- 41 Broadway's Verdon
- 43 Sweater wool
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- 55 Here, to Henri
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  - 10 Unique
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  - 20 Sunrise direction

- 22 Indian flatbread
- 23 Rubber gasket
- 25 “Law & Order: —”
- 26 Actor Linden
- 27 Final segment of “Our Town”
- 29 Huffed and puffed
- 31 Game official
- 32 Even so
- 34 Berry in a smoothie
- 38 Takes a whiff of
- 40 Stinging insects
- 42 Right angle
- 43 Netting
- 44 Hono-lulu's isle
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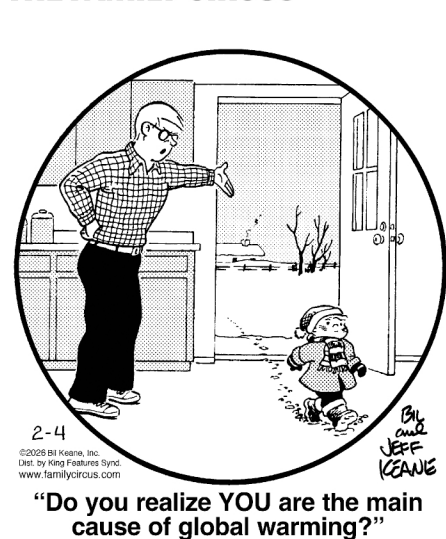
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