



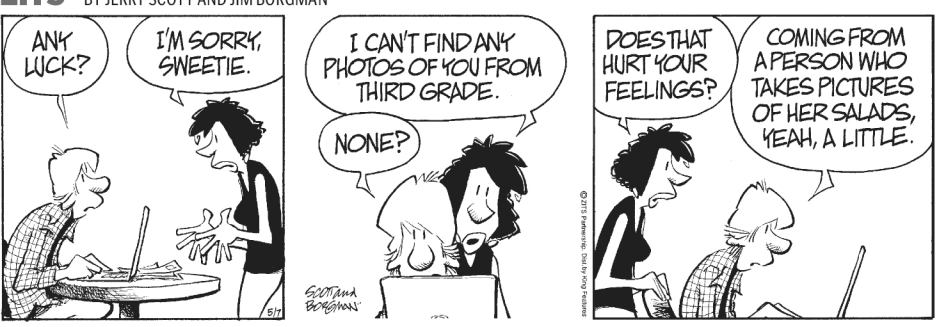
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ROYAL STARS

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 after 10 a.m. EDT (8 a.m. PDT) for the rest of the day. The Moon is in **CAPRICORN**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ It's another scrappy day! Steer clear of authority figures, bosses and the police, because anger and frustration might get you into trouble. And this is the kind of day when you don't need to look for trouble because it will find you. Cool your jets. Appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: You're high-viz.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ With the Sun and Mercury in your sign, you have something to say today. Furthermore, **TAURUS** is a political sign — well-versed in current history and news, which is why you might not resist arguing with someone about politics or religion. Don't do it. Save yourself. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ This is the classic day for disputes about inheritances, wills, shared property or anything that you own jointly with someone else. Avoid these discussions on a day where conflict is likely. Table this discussion for another day. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Summon up all the patience you have when dealing with partners, spouses and close friends today. Difficulties will arise, especially if parents and bosses are in the picture as well. Leftover hurts from earlier in the week might be percolating on the back burner. Stay chill. Tonight: Cooperate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ There's a strong probability that controversial subjects will lead to arguments today, because people are impatient, feisty and ready to defend their ideas. Actually, you look great with the Sun high in your chart, while Venus in your House of Friendships encourages good times. Avoid touchy subjects. Tonight: Get better organized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Avoid discussions about how to share costs, expenses or who picks up the tab today. Likewise, discussions about kids and shared responsibilities (and costs) are also likely to lead to arguments. Go with what works. Do something different. Be a tourist in your own town. Tonight: Socialize!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Do what you can to keep the peace in the family today, and especially to stay on good terms with spouses, partners and close friends. People are impatient and too ready to lash out. Who needs this? Not you, because you like a peaceful environment. Protect

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Thursday, May 7, 2026:

You like to make a good impression because you are self-aware. You are also inquisitive, deeply sensitive and compassionate. Simplicity is the key to life this year. It's time to build solid foundations, both externally and internally. Take charge of your health. Physical exercise will be important.

BORN TODAY

Actor Gary Cooper (1901), actress Lela Loren (1980), actor Breckin Meyer (1974)

your precious peace of mind. Tonight: Relax at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ This is the classic day for some feisty exchanges that are work-related, health-related or related to a pet. You might get involved with a sibling, relative or neighbor, and before you know it, the fur is flying! Keep in mind that you need more rest, and without this, you might be irritable. Tonight: Go gently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ If you are a parent, be patient with your kids today because it's very easy for things to go south in a New York minute. Likewise, romantic partners might start out cozy and then end up arguing over nothing. That's because the Moon is at odds with Mars today and everyone is irritable. Tonight: Money and possessions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which can make you more emotional than usual. On top of this, it's at odds with fiery Mars, which creates needless disputes, irritability, rash actions and hasty behavior. Yikes! Tonight: You're strong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You might encounter money squabbles with someone today or arguments about something you own, or something they own. Very likely, this could involve your kids, a romantic partner or something to do with sports, show business or the hospitality industry. Tonight: Solitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Use patience and mental willpower to avoid arguments with friends or members of groups, which might easily arise today. These disputes could be related to money, cash flow, earnings or something that someone owns (especially you). Tonight: Friendships.

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: ★★★

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Hitch, 5 Splits, 9 Felon's flight, 12 Beige, 13 Not many, 14 Lyricist Gershwin, 15 1970s political scandal, 17 Levy, 18 Bahamas capital, 19 Suspect's excuse, 21 Baseball's Cobb, 22 Parsley piece, 24 Cincinnati team, 27 Observe, 28 Christen, 31 Broad st., 32 Sales rep., 33 Pro Bowl stats, 34 Snitch, 36 Wish undone, 37 Optimum, 38 Haunting. DOWN: 40 Scale member, 41 Rolling Stones hit song, 43 Pandemonium, 47 Sportage maker, 48 "Dead to Me" actress Christina Addams cousin, 52 Swampy terrain, 53 Jazz singer James, 54 Born, 55 Hearty dish, 56 Writer O'Casey. 20 — -Manuel Miranda, 22 Musical transition, 23 Seeger or Sampras, 24 Dumpster critter, 25 Adam's mate, 26 Assign, as tasks, 27 New Delhi dress, 29 ER workers, 30 Proposal fig., 35 Luau necklace, 37 Police identifiers, 39 Paper packs, 40 Charge, 41 Similar, 42 Evening, in an ad, 43 Erupted, as a volcano, 44 Overdue, 45 "— girl!", 46 Intend, 49 Deep hole, 50 Opposite of "post-". Solution time: 24 mins. Yesterday's answer 5-7

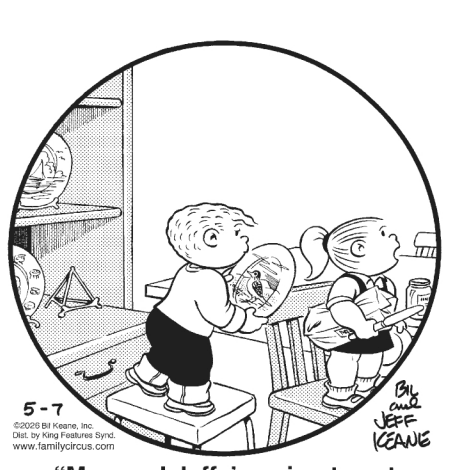
TODAY'S ANSWER

9x9 grid with numbers: Row 1: 1 9 7 4 6 3 8 7 5 ; Row 2: 7 3 4 5 8 1 2 9 6 ; Row 3: 9 5 8 9 7 2 1 3 4 ; Row 4: 2 6 5 7 4 8 3 1 9 ; Row 5: 8 4 1 6 3 9 7 5 2 ; Row 6: 3 7 9 2 1 5 6 4 8 ; Row 7: 9 8 3 1 2 4 5 6 7 ; Row 8: 4 2 6 3 5 7 9 8 1 ; Row 9: 5 1 7 8 9 6 4 2 3

DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"EVEN IF YOU DON'T ASK MARGARET A QUESTION... SHE'LL ALWAYS HAVE AN ANSWER."

"Mommy! Jeffy's going to eat off one of your collector's plates!"