

DUMPLINGS

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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 **PISCES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ This is a wonderful, feel-good day. However, you are more likely to be aware of the misfortunes of others, and if you can do something to help someone, you will. Not only is this admirable, it's wise, because what goes around, comes around. Tonight: Solitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your relations with friends are warm and reassuring today. Actually, for the next four weeks, your focus on friends and your interactions with groups will be stronger than usual. Enjoy the company of younger people as well as artistic types. Jot down some goals for the future. Tonight: Friendships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Today the Sun moved to the top of your chart to stay for the next four weeks. Symbolically, this means you're in a flattering spotlight, which is why everyone will admire you and think you're super capable. Obviously, you can use this to your advantage. Tonight: You are admired!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Grab every opportunity to travel or learn something new in the next four weeks. You want to expand your world. This is great time to study and explore publishing opportunities. Medicine and the law are also favored. Romance with someone "different" might blossom. Tonight: Learn and explore.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ This is a great money day for you. For example, it's the perfect day to discuss financial arrangements or to talk to banks, credit card companies or anyone with whom you share assets, including debt. Meanwhile, relationships are affectionate and passionate! Oo la la! Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Enjoy time spent with partners, spouses and close friends today. People will be friendly, warm and loving. You might be introduced to someone you like. Meanwhile, for the next four weeks, get more sleep, because the Sun will be opposite your sign, giving you less energy. Go to bed. Tonight: Be cooperative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Roll up your sleeves; you're in work mode! You can accomplish a lot today, in part because others will be helpful. Younger people and co-workers will accommodate you. Work-related travel is likely. A work-related romance also might occur.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026:

You are tenacious and farsighted, and you have strong convictions. You are also sensitive, spiritual and focused. This is a fun-loving year of pleasure! Give yourself permission to let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Old friends might reappear. Nurture the happiness and beauty you have within.

BORN TODAY

Actor George Kennedy (1925), novelist Toni Morrison (1931), actress Greta Scacchi (1960)

This energy holds for the next four weeks. Nice! Tonight: Work and get organized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Get out and schmooze! Meet friends for a power breakfast, coffee, lunch, happy hour, whatever. Go out alone. Grab a matinee. Enjoy the vibes! The arts, sports events and fun activities with kids will appeal to you. Romance will flourish! This social influence lasts for the next four weeks. Yay! Tonight: Enjoy fun times.

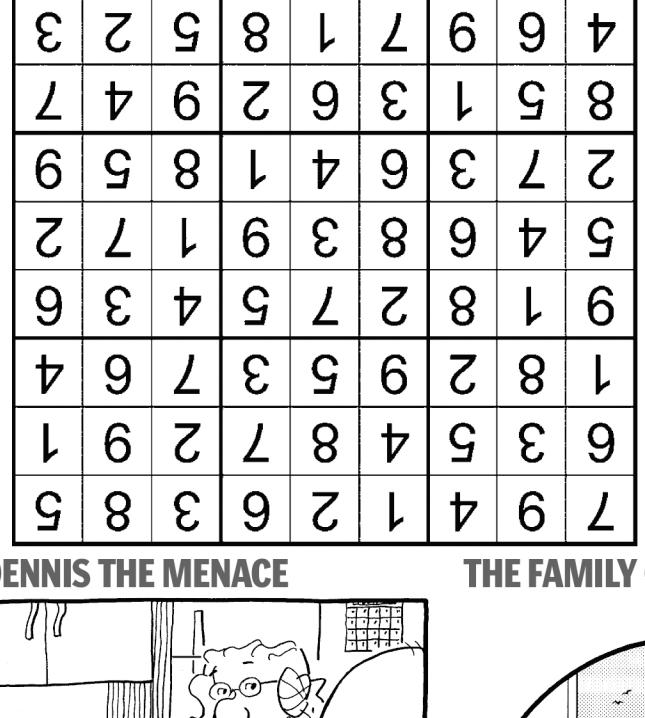
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Enjoy interactions with home and family today. This is also a great day to entertain. Invite the gang over for pizza and beer or quiche and wine — your choice. Family interactions will be friendly and important for the next four weeks. These positive vibes will apply to real estate as well. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ The next four weeks are promising for you. You will be more upbeat, happy and enthusiastic about life. Short trips, vacations plus fun interactions with daily contacts will please you. Whatever happens, you'll appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: Conversations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your finances will get a nice lift today and in the next four weeks. Trust your money-making ideas. Not only will you attract money to you, you will also enjoy buying pretty things for yourself and loved ones. How sweet it is. Tonight: Check your longings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Lucky you! Today the Sun, the Moon, Mercury and Venus are in your sign, and the Moon is lined up with Venus and lucky Jupiter. All hail **PISCES**! Enjoy schmoozing with others. This is a choose-your-adventure kind of day. Tonight: You're powerful.

TODAY'S ANSWER



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



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BY CHRIS BROWNE

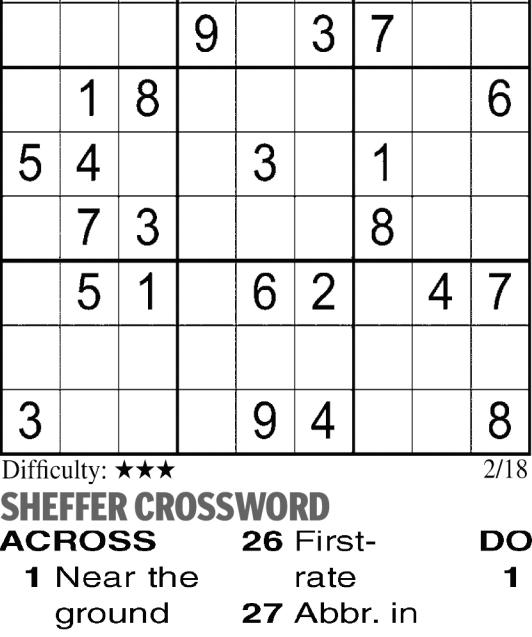


INSANITY STREAK

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Difficulty: ★★

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4	Rockies hrs.	27	Abbr. in an email	15	— Halles (historic food market of Paris)
7	Jeans innovator Strauss	28	New Zealand native	19	Hosp. scan
8	Computers from Taiwan	30	Actress Farrow	20	Asner and Harris
10	Devoured	33	Doggedly persist	21	Desert flora
11	Hogs the mirror	36	Roma's land	22	Louisa May —
13	Poker tournament format	37	Unconventional	23	Lawn mower brand
16	Green prefix	38	Suit material	24	Ideal example
17	Red-tag events	39	Apportion	25	Small ammo
18	Bagel variety	40	D.C. baseballer	26	Sound-related
19	Crèche figure	41	Spiritual leader?	28	Sasha's sister
20	"Electric" creatures			29	Cockeyed
21	"— diem!"			30	Catchers' needs
23	Kennedy or Roosevelt			31	Concerning
25	Indonesian island			32	Mature

Solution time: 23 mins.



Yesterday's answer 2-18

