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**ROYAL STARS**

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

**Moon Alert:** After 2:55 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in **SCORPIO**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Continue to focus on home and family issues, especially repairs and improvements. This is a lovely day to socialize and enjoy fun activities with kids; however, disputes about shared property, taxes, debt or inheritances could create power struggles. Tread carefully. Tonight: Check your finances.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ This is a busy time for you with short trips, appointments and conversations with everyone. You might be redecorating at home and entertaining. You have lots of energy because fiery Mars is still in your sign boosting your vim and vigor. Be patient with partners and authority figures today. Stay chill. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ It's fortunate that fair Venus is in your House of Communications, smoothing difficult conversations that you might encounter today. This is because power struggles related to your job, your pet or your health are hard to avoid. Guard against being obsessive. Tonight: Get busy.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You are a nurturing sign, and today you might feel compelled to have your way with issues related to your kids, social outings and the arts. This could put you at odds with someone, especially about funding or the cost of something. Make sure to listen to what others have to say. Tonight: Socialize.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Today has its challenges because the Moon and Pluto are at odds with your sign. This could create sudden urges and impulsive behavior at home, within the family or with a spouse or partner. Something might upset you to the point that you lose focus on everything else. Deep breaths. Deep breaths. Tonight: Relax at home.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ This is a popular time for you, and you might be interacting with younger people more than usual. Travel and educational plans, along with medical and legal issues, also might be on the table. For your own good, avoid emotional power struggles today. Don't let people manipulate you. Tonight: Discussions.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You like pleasant harmony in your surroundings. Furthermore, you are noticed now because the Sun is high in your chart making you look good, which is fortunate. These are good reasons to avoid public money

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For Wednesday, June 24, 2026:

You are determined, realistic and energetic. You're also affectionate and committed to those who are dear to you. This is a year of work and construction. Simplicity is key. Build solid foundations, both internally and externally. Take charge of your health.

**BORN TODAY**

Argentine footballer Lionel Messi (1987), actress, comedian, screenwriter Mindy Kaling (1979), actor Iain Glen (1961)

squabbles with your kids or a romantic partner. Tonight: Check your money.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with your ruler Pluto, making you emotionally intense, perhaps even obsessive about something. You are a strong-willed sign, and when you want something, you can be threatening or overpowering. Turn down the volume today. Tonight: You win!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Something going on behind the scenes is filling your thoughts. It's all you can think about. To break free from this obsessive grip, focus on work and being productive today. You also might travel for pleasure -- something that always pleases you. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be easygoing and cooperative when talking to friends and members of groups and organizations today, because personality clashes will easily arise. Why not channel this playful, competitive energy into something enjoyable? Let go of what is creating your angst. Tonight: Be friendly.

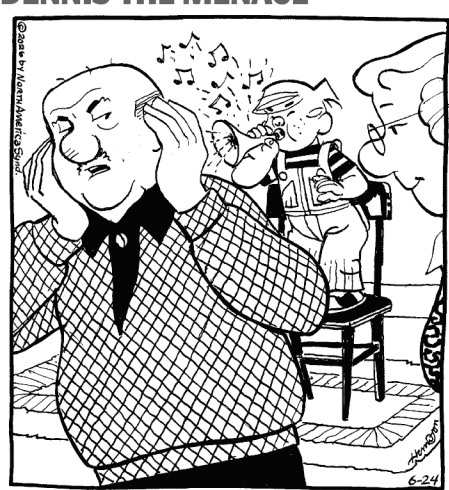
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Increased chaos and activity at home might be frustrating now. Fortunately, you're prepared to work. Today, however, power struggles with authority figures -- parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs and the police -- might arise. Never underestimate the power of courtesy. Tonight: Others notice you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Focus on playful opportunities to socialize with others and enjoy sports, the arts and fun times with children. Work colleagues will also be pleasant and supportive. Therefore, don't get bogged down in politics, religion or racial issues, which might upset you. Not today. You need a clear mind to address these matters. Tonight: Learn and explore ideas.

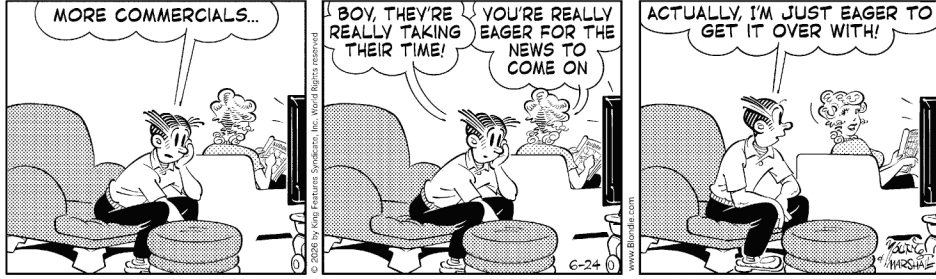
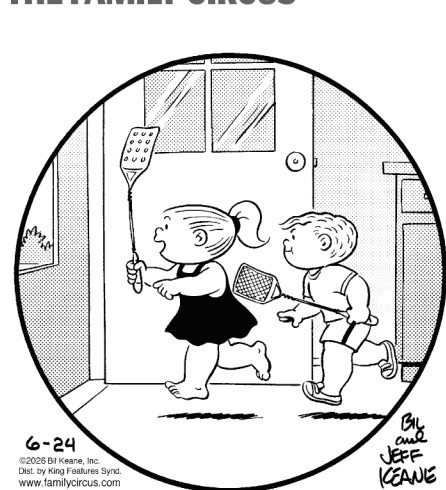
**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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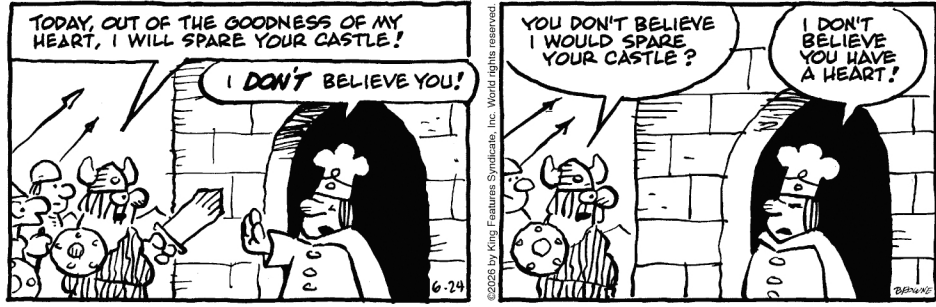
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**NEVER BEEN DEADER** BY TOMMY DEVOID



**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** BY CHRIS BROWNE



**INSANITY STREAK** BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★

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**ACROSS**

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- 5 June honoree
- 8 Club in a Manilow hit
- 12 Black, in verse
- 13 Comic Philips
- 14 Shrinking sea
- 15 Beeethoven's "Emperor," for one
- 17 Incursion
- 18 Auto style
- 19 Medit. volcano
- 21 Chimney buildup
- 24 Equal (Pref.)
- 25 Bud holder
- 28 Caboose
- 30 Hitter's stat
- 33 Glacial
- 34 Feel
- 35 Author Fleming
- 36 Doctrine
- 37 Nail polish layer
- 38 Spanish artist

**DOWN**

- 1 Chest muscles, briefly
- 2 Basoon's kin
- 3 Duck's hangout
- 4 Sheathe
- 5 Bonn article
- 6 Invoice fig.
- 7 Dire fate
- 8 Gives a hoot
- 9 Handel's "Messiah" or "Samson"
- 10 Ache
- 11 Emmy winner Alan
- 16 Rock producer Brian
- 20 Exhaust
- 22 Layered cookie
- 23 Coffee break hr.
- 25 Half of XIV
- 26 Condo coolers
- 27 Schumann's "Rhenish," for one
- 29 Regarding
- 31 Howl at the moon
- 32 — bind
- 34 Bar fight reminder
- 38 Does a tiling job
- 40 Computer whizzes
- 42 Choose
- 43 Fed. food inspector
- 44 Bridge coup
- 45 Winter blanket
- 47 Met melody
- 48 Tech news website
- 49 "Present!"
- 52 Hugs, in a letter
- 53 Comedian Margaret

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 6-24

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