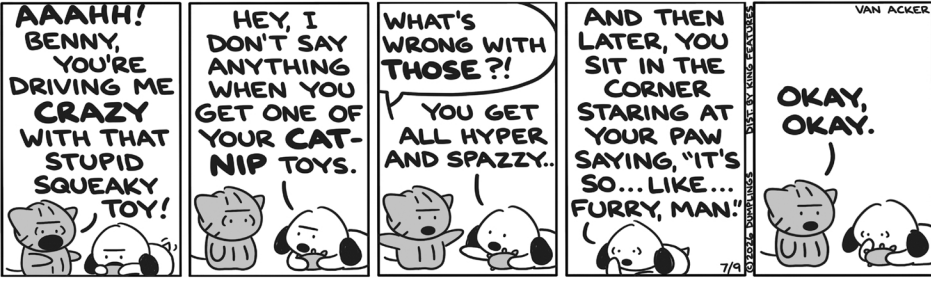




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ROYAL STARS

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 **TAURUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your desire to relate to others, especially at work, will be stronger in the next four weeks, which is why you might choose to make peace with co-workers or customers. This will be easier to do. In fact, it's an excellent window to extend an olive branch to someone. Tonight: Check your money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Romance is favored in the next four weeks! In addition, your social life will get a boost, because opportunities to schmooze with others, and enjoy the arts and the entertainment world, as well as visit restaurants and hotels will be pleasing options for you. (We like!) Tonight: You're strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Look for ways to improve where you live or make your digs more attractive. This will please you. You might want to entertain at home as well, especially to show off your clever ideas or what you might have done. Real estate opportunities are particularly favored. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ A lovely influence has just begun for your sign, which promotes interactions with siblings, relatives and neighbors. You'll find that you'll be more charming when talking to everyone, plus this pleasant influence will give you an increased appreciation of the beauty of your daily surroundings. (Sweet!) Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You will attract money, favors and gifts from others in the next four weeks. Ka-ching! This could make you feel more extravagant, which is why you might buy beautiful clothes, jewelry and art objects to beautify your home. You want to spend money on pleasure and fun! Tonight: Be modest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Lucky you! For the next few four weeks, fair Venus will be in your sign making you more charming and attractive in everyone's eyes. Communications with everyone will be easier and more gracious. This is a particularly good time to shop for wardrobe items for yourself. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Some of you will be involved in secret love affairs in the next four weeks, or a saucy flirtation that makes your heart skip a beat. Who doesn't like to be admired, especially romantically? You will also be more generous and more selfless in your closest relationships. Tonight: Check your finances.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
For Thursday, July 9, 2026:
You are curious, sensitive, imaginative and realistic. You're enthusiastic about a wide-range of subjects. This year you will reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect power and leadership. Acknowledgement from others, promotions and the spotlight will shine on you.

BORN TODAY
Actor, filmmaker Tom Hanks (1956), artist David Hockney (1937), actor Jimmy Smits (1955)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Friendships will mean more to you in the next four weeks. You might feel closer to a friend or a member of a group. Indeed, some will take a platonic friendship and move it into a romantic relationship. You might be involved in charitable activities more than usual as well. Tonight: Listen carefully.

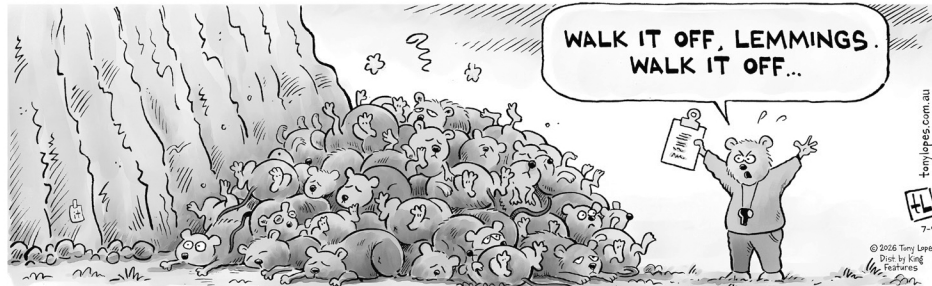
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Others will admire you in the next four weeks. Someone will seek your advice about how to make something look more attractive — a webpage, design, layout work, office redecorating, PR, even gardening. You'll know what to say. Tonight: Work and get better organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Opportunities to travel for pleasure will increase in the next four weeks. Be aware of this and be ready to act if you can break free of your daily routine and explore more of the world, either close to home or far way. Romance with someone "different" might blossom. Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ The next four weeks are an excellent time for financial negotiations and discussions about shared property, shared expenses, inheritances or anything that you own jointly with someone else. Whatever happens, you'll be laughing all the way to the bank. Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Fair Venus is opposite your sign for the next three weeks, which is one of the best places it can be. All of your relationships with others will improve — personal, casual and romantic. Even your relations with your enemies will be better! Tonight: Enjoy a conversation.

INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★

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1 Tora — fig.

5 Use a straw

8 Rabbit's tail

12 Denny's rival

13 Berliner's cry

14 Sushi wrapper

15 Tale teller

16 PBS funder

17 Actress Hathaway

18 Alaskan bear

20 Jazz phrase

22 Hodge-podge

26 Specialized vocabulary

29 Connections

30 "Cock-a-doodle—!"

31 Booty

32 560, in letters

33 Retained

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34 Proposal

35 Photo, for short

36 Rodeo rope

37 Quick reference

40 Latin 101 word

41 Bistro patrons

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Solution time: 24 mins.

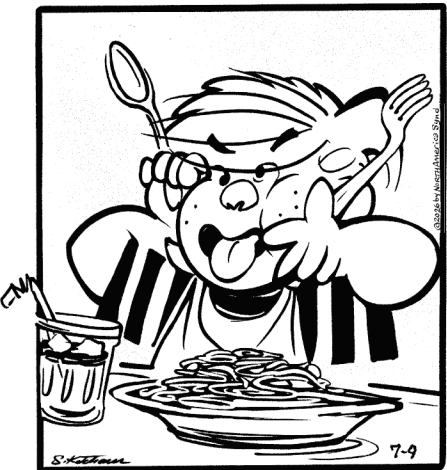
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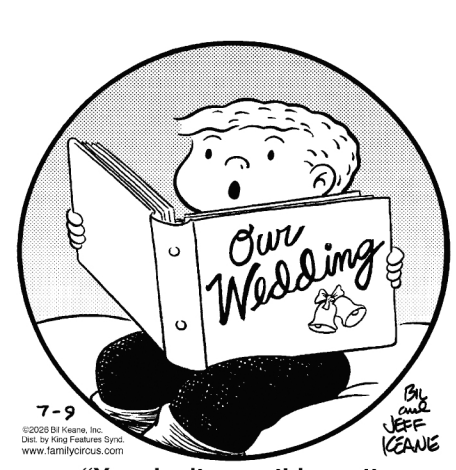
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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'M MAKIN' THIS FACE SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT THIS TASTES LIKE!"

"You don't wear this pretty white dress much anymore, do you, Mommy?"