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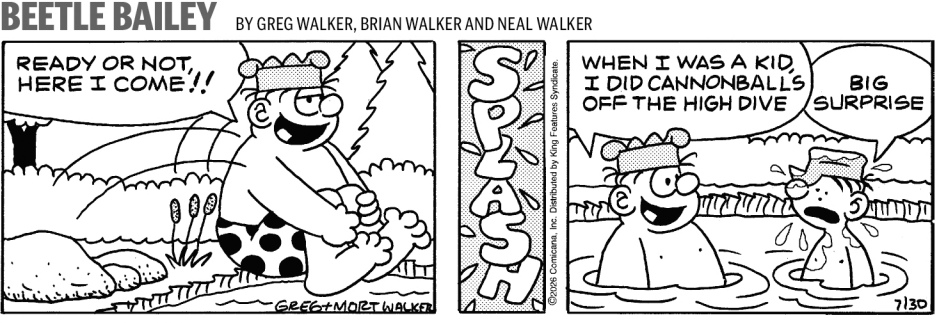

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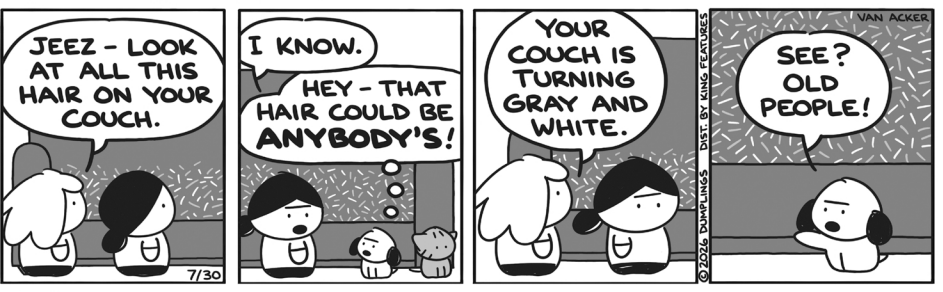

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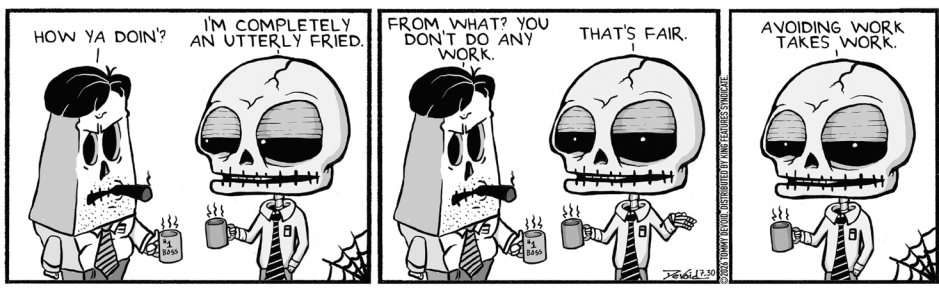

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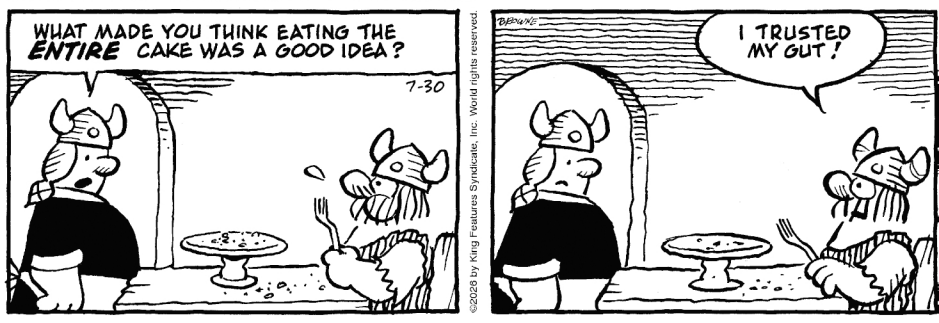

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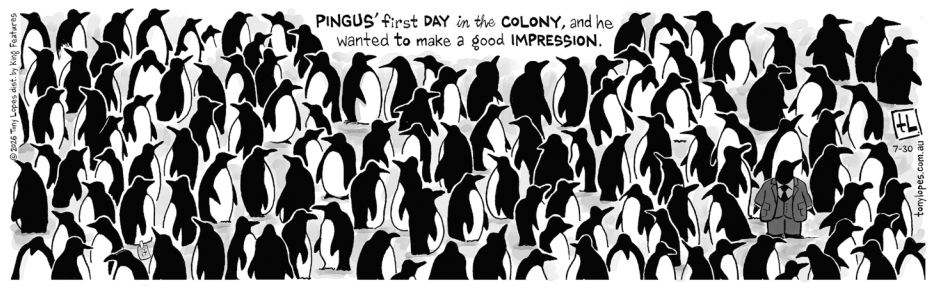

ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions after 5 p.m. EDT today (2 p.m. PDT). The Moon is in **AQUARIUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll enjoy hanging out with friends and interacting with clubs and organizations today. You might initiate something or spur others into a game of sports or some kind of competitive or physical activity. This is a playful time for you. Enjoy the company of others. Tonight: Fun schmoozing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You're high-viz today, and it's a good thing, because people see you as proactive and ready to initiate something. This could relate to home and family, or it might be about social outings. Both of these areas are blessed for you today. Tonight: Be modest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Travel and a chance to do something to expand your world will appeal to you today. Be a tourist in your own city. Talk to people from other backgrounds. Learn something new. You've got lots of energy and drive today, which is why you are seeking adventure! Tonight: Learn something!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ On the whole, this is a favorable financial day for you. Nevertheless, something might occur behind the scenes that relates to shared property or someone else's wealth. Be aware of this. It's also a lovely day for you to schmooze with others. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your enthusiasm might inspire others to take action today. They also might join you or join a club at your recommendation. You have influence over others today. Competitive sports and physical activities, especially with teams, will be a fun choice. Tonight: Be gracious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You can get a lot done today because you're motivated to do so. Others can see that you're ready for action. Fortunately, you'll also be charming and diplomatic in how you want to go about achieving your goals. Spending time with younger people is likely today. Tonight: Work and get organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ This is a lovely day to socialize! Accept invitations to party. The arts, movies, the theater and sports will appeal. This is also a great day for fun activities with children. If you're attracted to someone romantically, you might make the first move. Tonight: Play!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Family discussions will be lively and dynamic today, which is fine for you, because you make such a great impression on others at this time. You might be successful in persuading someone to give their help, resources or money to your home and family. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ This is a wonderful day for those of you in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You will be persuasive and convincing. You're enthusiastic about life today and ready to share your ideas. You also want to learn something new and exciting. Tonight: Discussions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Finances have your attention today. You might be interested in shopping or spending money. If so, be aware of the restrictions of the **Moon Alert**. You also might have some excellent moneymaking ideas. Enjoy the company of someone "different" today. Learn something new. Tonight: Check your money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with fiery Mars, which makes you confident! You might assume the role of leader, especially if you want to start something new or initiate some kind of action. It's good to know that funding and helpful resources from others will be available. Tonight: Friendships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ If you set your mind to it, you can accomplish much today because you're motivated. You have a lot of inner drive to make some changes, perhaps improvements at home. Meanwhile, playful, romantic discussions might take place because Venus opposite your sign promotes all relationships in a cozy way. Hugs! Tonight: You're admired.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Thursday, July 30, 2026:

You are grounded, practical and motivated. You're also logical and value tangible progress. This is a slower paced year. It's OK to rest. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on friends who are kind, helpful and have your back. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness.

BORN TODAY

Actor, bodybuilder, politician Arnold Schwarzenegger (1947), actress Lisa Kudrow (1963), actor, TV host, former football player Terry Crews (1968)

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Difficulty: ★★★ 7/30

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Prolonged sleep
5 Group of two
9 Family docs
12 Opposite of "sans"
13 Pot starter
14 Mine material
15 1989 Al Pacino film
17 Shepard of "Parenthood"
18 Main dish
19 Spacious
21 Empire St.
22 Book keeper
24 Animation frames
27 Roman 151
28 Ornamental jug
31 Film director DuVernay
32 Equip
33 Khan title
34 Mercedes- —
36 Köln cry
37 Ship's front
38 Sad song
40 Scale member
41 Steak choice
43 Tennis ace Williams
47 Santa's helper
48 Eloquent person's talent
51 Dynamic —
52 Plot unit
53 Wrinkly fruit
54 "— who?"
55 Act of faith?
56 Castle defense

DOWN
1 Glasses holder
2 Pizza cooker
3 Vegetarian's no-no
4 Squirrel's stash
5 Broad valley
6 Popular card game
7 Off-roader (Abbr.)
8 Big name in tractors
9 Mars, e.g.
10 Baby carriage
11 Hot
16 Tina of "30 Rock"
20 World Cup cheer
22 Pizza serving
23 Lofty
24 Uber alternative
25 Wife of Adam
26 Emerald City locale
27 Rocky outcrop
29 Freudian topic
30 Unprocessed
35 California wine, for short
37 French fragrance
39 Majestic
40 Zodiac cat
41 Lasso and Danson
42 A primary color
43 Dance move
44 Waffle brand
45 "The Lion King" lion
46 Slightly
49 "Rocks"
50 Monk's title

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-30

TODAY'S ANSWER

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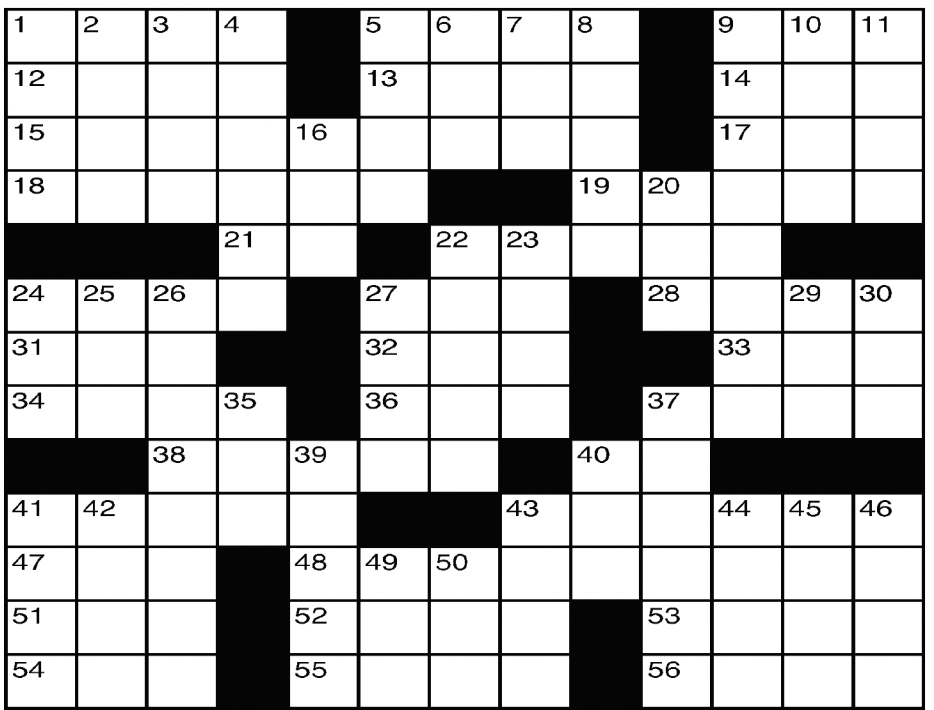
DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Whenever I'm in those weeds it starts raining in my eyes."