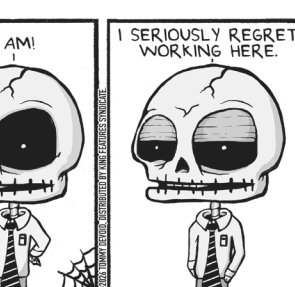
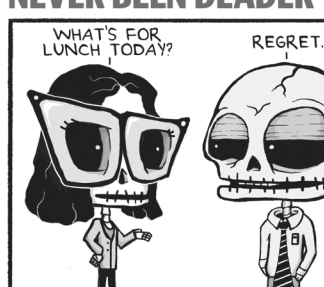


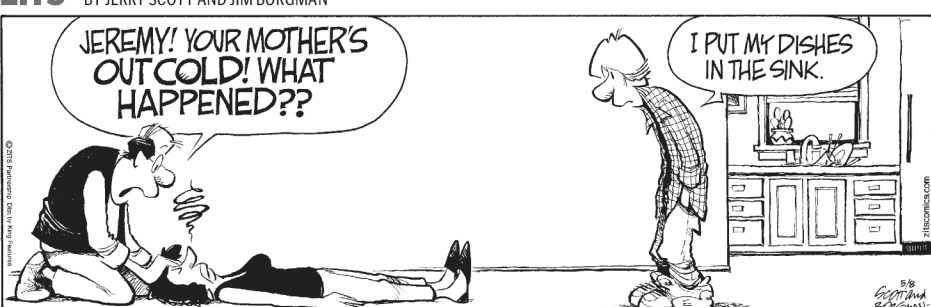
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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: After 4 a.m. EDT today (1 a.m. PDT) there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in **AQUARIUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a particularly good day to make long-range plans for the future. Relations with friends and interactions with groups and organizations will be successful, especially because you might have an exciting, outside-the-box idea. You might meet an interesting character today. Tonight: Friendships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ People respect your ideas today because they are original, innovative and yet, at the same time, practical and doable. This is definitely the day to do something. People will admire you. Having said that, someone out there might not have your best interests at heart. Be careful. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Be open to new and unusual ideas related to medicine, the law, politics and the possibility of future travel, because anything is possible today. You can think outside the box, but you can also entertain steady, long-range, practical ideas. Bravo! Tonight: Explore and learn!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Discussions about shared property, banking, taxes and debt will go well today. However, something out of the blue or hidden might surprise you. Remember: What the large print giveth, the small print taketh away. (Oh yeah.) Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You're ready to compromise with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign. Nevertheless, you look wonderful to everyone, which means you have an advantage. Unexpected assistance from a group or a friend might make your day. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ This is an industrious day for you. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to accomplish a lot. You have the energy and know-how, as well as the imagination to go after what you want. Be aware that a parent, boss or someone in authority might throw you a curveball. Tonight: Work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is an exciting, playful, creative day! Nevertheless, parents should be vigilant because this is also a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. Therefore, please keep your eyes open. Social plans will suddenly change. If an invitation comes your way, grab it! Tonight: Play!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, May 8, 2026:

You're determined and tenacious. You have strong convictions and a sense of fair play. This year exciting changes will bring you increased personal freedom. Stay flexible. Let go of whatever impedes your progress. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast.

BORN TODAY

Broadcaster, natural historian, writer David Attenborough (1926), actor David Keith (1955), actor Stephen Amell (1981)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Home and family are your focus today. You might be involved with a female relative more than usual. Someone older might have advice for you. Nevertheless, you want your independence when it comes to finances and outsourcing something you need. Listen to what others have to say. Tonight: Relax.

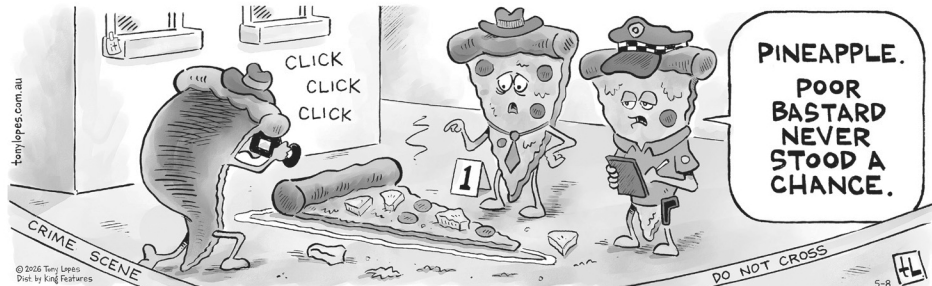
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Short trips and conversations with others will please you today because you're full of ideas and energy! Not only are you creative, you feel practical and sensible. (Great combo.) Note: This is a mildly accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do to avoid regrets. Tonight: An interesting discussion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Today you might find money or you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Some of you might stumble across a new job. Others might lose a job. A discussion with an older family relative will be helpful. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ This is an exciting day full of high energy for you. You have innovative ideas, but at the same time, you're grounded when it comes to translating these ideas from the abstract to the concrete. If an unexpected invitation comes your way, act fast. This window is brief. Tonight: You win!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You're high energy, which is why short trips and opportunities to talk to others will please you. Today something going on behind the scenes might make you feel restless. Explore ideas that lead to financial stability or buying something practical and long-lasting. Steer clear of luxurious purchases. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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13 Blanchett of "The Aviator"

14 Scarce

15 Fes-tooned

17 Wheel bar

18 "Aha!"

19 Gut-punch reaction

21 Pro Bowl stats

22 Loosens

26 Shopping binge

29 Life story

30 Sailor's chart

31 Writer Wiesel

32 Scamper

33 Beer buy

34 Fun and games

35 Chic, to Austin Powers

36 "Rogue One" actor Riz

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3 Mani counterpart

4 Give in

5 Lawn care tools

6 Consumed

7 Sahara nomad

8 Make by hand

9 Remiss

10 Magic, on scoreboards

11 "— -haw!" (cowgirl's cry)

16 Cosmetics mogul

20 Music's Yoko

23 Mosque VIP

24 Lighten

25 Hurried

26 Belgrade resident

27 Entreaty

28 Costa —

29 Future flower

32 Track foundation

33 Amulet

35 Avril follower

36 Yearly

38 Trademark

39 "Death, be not proud" poet

42 Border on

43 Butte's kin

44 Smartphone fore-runners, briefly

45 PBS funder

46 Branch

47 Cato's 502

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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-8

TODAY'S ANSWER

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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