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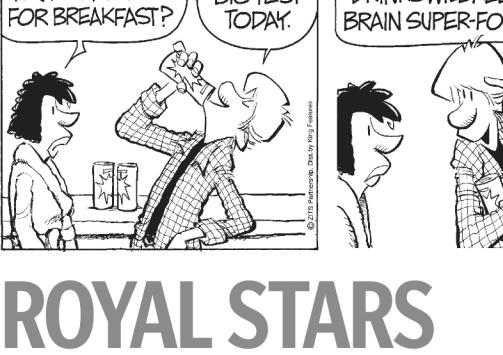
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**ROYAL STARS**

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in **LEO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Today you have a strong sense of everything being right with the world. You need to be yourself and to feel who you really are. When talking to others, you'll project yourself with more emotion and passion. Meanwhile, romance is simmering on the back burner. Tonight: Be playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Today you're happy to relax at home if you can pull this off, because you need to take refuge from the busyness of the world around you. You want to enjoy a pleasant, relaxing time at home, preferably with your favorite snacks and comfort food. (You're good at this.) Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ When talking to others today, or perhaps casting a glance about your daily world, you will be subjective. Everything will be from your POV today. Even your participation in different conversations will take place at a gut level. In particular, you have a strong urge to have a meaningful conversation with someone. Tonight: Discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Today the Moon is in your Money House, which makes you identify with your possessions. This is why you will feel happiest if you can be surrounded by familiar objects, especially objects that have meaning for you from your past. You'll be ready to defend your values in a discussion with someone. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month. When this occurs, it heightens your emotions and makes you feel a greater need to relate to loved ones. However, it can also slightly improve your good luck. Oh yes, today the universe owes you a favor! Tonight: You're in charge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ This is a playful, fun-loving time for you! Social outings, sports events and fun activities with kids plus romantic tête-à-têtes are tops on your menu. However, today you might want to withdraw from the busyness of the world around you and keep your feelings secret. (It's OK to hide.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Friendships are important to you today, which is why you might feel more protective or supportive than usual to someone. This is also why contact with others, as well as interactions with groups, will be meaningful today. Share your hopes for the future

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Jan. 5, 2026:

You are innovative and fascinated by the unknown. You're empathetic and self-disciplined. This year your creativity, zest and desire for life are at a pinnacle! It's time to nurture the happiness and beauty you have within you. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Old friends might reappear.

BORN TODAY

Actor Bradley Cooper (1975), actress Diane Keaton (1946) actor Robert Duvall (1931)

with someone. Tonight: A warm connection with someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Today members of the public might know personal details about your private life for some reason. Think about this in case you have to do some damage control. Or perhaps you'll have a public argument or do a little hissing in an elevator. Tonight: You're noticed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ This day begins with exciting energy. You're eager to explore your world. You want to learn new things, meet new people and be inspired by new ideas. Travel or anything that breaks your routine will be stimulating for you. Do something different! Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Today your emotional experiences will be more intense. You might feel possessive about property, especially something shared or very old and familiar. ("My precious!") You want greater control of your life through the things you own. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. It's not a big deal, but it might reduce conflicts. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Your one-to-one relationships will be important. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ This is a positive day full of upbeat energy. You might have to put the interests of someone else before your own today and perform a service for them. By no means does this mean you're being a martyr; you're just being helpful. Tonight: Get organized.

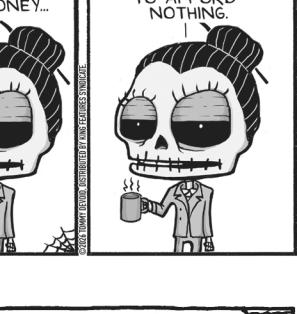
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS****BLONDIE**

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

**NEVER BEEN DEADER**

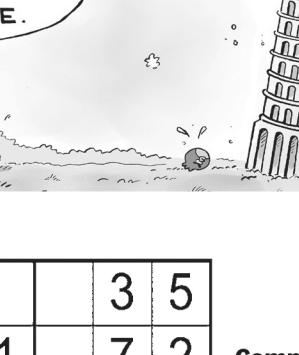
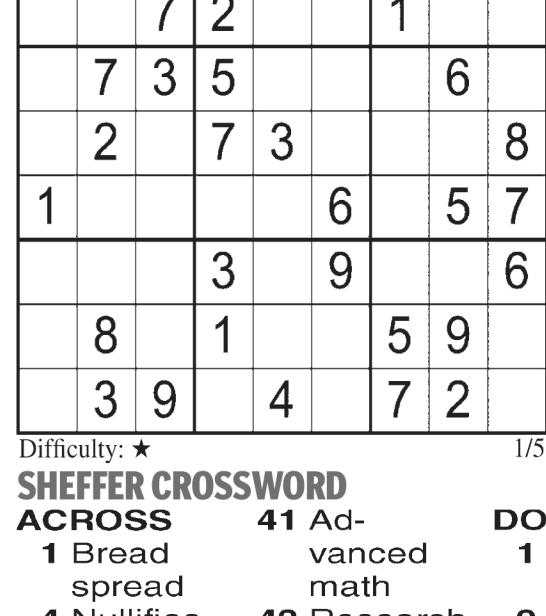
BY TOMMY DEVOID

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE**

BY CHRIS BROWNE

**INSANITY STREAK**

BY TONY LOPEZ

**SUDOKU**

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

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Difficulty: ★

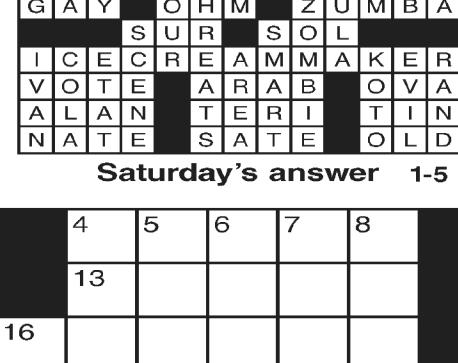
SHEFFER CROSSWORD**ACROSS**

- 1 Bread spread
- 4 Nullifies
- 9 Chow down
- 12 Assoc.
- 13 Fund
- 14 Previously
- 15 "La La Land" actress
- 17 Old Olds
- 18 Airport screening org.
- 19 Move fast
- 21 Shrewd
- 24 "Alternatively," in texts
- 25 ISP giant
- 26 Like Abner
- 28 Malia's sibling
- 31 "Arrivederci —"
- 33 Gut-punch reaction
- 35 Ocho —, Jamaica
- 36 Indian tea region
- 38 Chart format
- 40 Republi-cans

DOWN

- 1 Average guy
- 2 Pitcher's pride
- 3 "Ben-Hur" studio
- 4 Yacht or schooner
- 5 Toronto's province
- 6 Wedding words
- 7 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
- 8 Workout wear
- 9 Capri-corn, for one
- 10 Base-ball's Tommie
- 11 Animated figure

Solution time: 21 mins.



Saturday's answer 1-5

- 16 Off-roader (Abbr.)
- 20 Fly like an eagle
- 21 Irene of "Fame"
- 22 Bath-rooms, to Brits
- 23 Night-marsh address
- 27 Prune
- 29 Owl call
- 30 Nile vipers
- 32 Swiss river
- 34 Greek orchard planting
- 37 Gold diggers?
- 39 Deletes
- 42 Judge's prop
- 44 Arles buddy
- 45 Bagel variety
- 46 Tied
- 50 Rock's Brian
- 51 Pen tip
- 52 Coquettish
- 53 Away from WSW

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