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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 **ARIES**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★ Today the Moon is in your sign bringing you a bit of extra good luck. However, both Saturn and Neptune are also lined up in your sign, which can make you self-critical or disappointed in yourself for some reason. Secretly, you might have heroic expectations, which are tough to live up to. Tonight: You're blessed.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ For some reason, you might feel self-critical today. Cut yourself some slack. Saturn is lined up with Neptune, and those two planets are so different they don't even like to be in the same sentence. Saturn's reality combined with Neptunian idealism leads to disappointment. Tonight: Solitude.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Fortunately, you look great in the eyes of others because the Sun and Venus are high in your chart, which is flattering to you. Meanwhile, today you might feel disappointed in a friend or a group. Or they might be disappointed in you. Or everyone's disappointed! This, too, shall pass. Tonight: Friendships.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★ Be careful about judging parents, bosses or VIPs today (unless you're looking in the face of blatant abuse of authority) because many people feel disappointed in authority figures today. It's just what's happening. Make sure that your expectations are realistic. Tonight: Show respect.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ This is the classic day to be disappointed in your ideals as they relate to religion, the government, universities or any institution where you expect high standards. Today you might feel disillusioned. Perhaps this is a wake-up call to investigate and get more information. Tonight: Explore!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ It would be wise to postpone important financial decisions, especially concerning inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt for another day. Your thinking might be confused today. Give yourself 48 hours to have room for a sober, second thought. Tonight: Check financial paperwork.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Relationships are important to you because you are a people person. You like to have others in your life. Today someone close might disappoint you. But perhaps you might ask yourself: Did I express my expectations? Unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment. Tonight: Listen with sympathy.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For Friday, Feb. 20, 2026:

You are thoughtful, people-pleasing and sympathetic. You have a genuine concern for the welfare of others. This year holds exciting changes that will bring increased personal freedom. Stay flexible. Let go of what holds you back. Seek new opportunities and be ready to act fast. Expect to travel.

**BORN TODAY**

Singer, actress Rihanna (1988), comedian, entertainer Trevor Noah (1984), actress Brenda Blethyn (1946)

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be gentle with co-workers and customers today because it's easy to jump on someone if you think they made a mistake. Possibly, the reverse is true and someone might be jumping on you today. Be tolerant and kind, and hope that others will be this way with you. Tonight: Get organized.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Romance might disappoint you today. Likewise, your relations with your kids might discourage you. In part, this might be because we tend to set the bar too high when it comes to our expectations from others. Yet, when it comes to our own actions, we expect understanding and sympathy. Tonight: Relax.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ You can be a perfectionist — a quality that might lead to disappointment in a family member today. Or, conversely, it might lead to someone being disappointed in you. Don't get hung up on this. Look for common understanding, common courtesy. Everyone benefits. Tonight: Enjoy home and family.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Be careful, because with fiery Mars in your sign, you're pumped! However, Saturn and Neptune are muddying the waters in the part of your chart that influences your thinking and your everyday world. This means even though you're confused, you're still raring to go! Not good. Take a beat. Tonight: Conversations.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Financial matters or something to do with your possessions or something that you own are subject to confusion today — at least, in your mind. Therefore, this is a poor day for you to make important financial decisions, especially about buying or selling. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Check your money and possessions.

**INSANITY STREAK** BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★

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**ACROSS**

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- 4 Salt formula
- 8 Gershwin's "The — Love"
- 12 Pledge
- 13 Comic Sandler
- 14 Apple tablet
- 15 At heart
- 17 Not all
- 18 Yale students
- 19 Garments for superheroes
- 20 Provide food for
- 22 — the Impaler
- 24 Resort near Snowbird
- 25 Abates
- 29 — Dawn Chong
- 30 "Awesome!"
- 31 Chit
- 32 Lessen
- 34 Over-supply
- 35 Beanies

**DOWN**

- 1 Movie format
- 2 Anonymous Jane
- 3 Sugary brew
- 4 Bottom
- 5 Big fusses
- 6 Crow's cry
- 7 Run after K
- 8 Total up incorrectly
- 9 Each
- 10 Christen
- 11 "The — of March"
- 16 Entreaty
- 19 Play group
- 20 One in a deck
- 21 Jai —
- 22 Opinions
- 23 Low-fat
- 25 Let fall
- 26 Durable table covering
- 27 "The Caine Mutiny"
- 28 Crazy
- 30 Aussie greeting
- 33 Tevye's toast
- 34 First-place medal
- 36 Peddles
- 37 Engine parts
- 38 Shrinking sea
- 39 Polynesian carving
- 40 Mexican entree
- 42 Rap's Dr. —
- 43 Director Howard
- 44 "That — close!"
- 45 Petty peeve

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 2-20

**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

