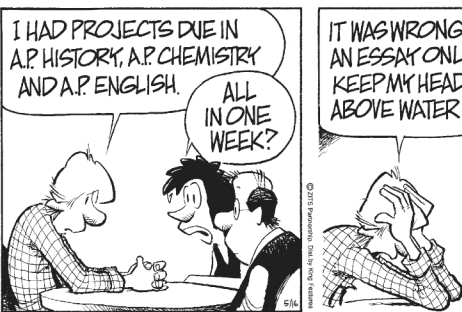


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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 8:45 p.m. EDT today (5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **TAURUS** into **GEMINI**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Discussions about earnings, cash flow and your possessions will interest you today. In fact, you might have moneymaking ideas. You also might have ideas about how to maintain what you already own or use something in a cleverer way. Tonight: Check your money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ The New Moon today is in your sign, which is a great opportunity for you to take a realistic look in the mirror and see how you project yourself on your world. What changes might improve your image? After all, you never get a second chance to make a first impression. Tonight: You're in charge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You have a busy mind today, and you might put it to use by doing research of some kind. It's the perfect day to dig for answers and find solutions to old problems. You will enjoy competitive activity with groups or sports teams as well. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Today's New Moon is an ideal day to think about the friends and the groups to which you might belong, including church, school and community. Are these your people? The people you hang out with affect your future, because they affect your mind and your mind makes your decisions. Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today the gods are with you, giving you the confidence and the skill to talk to bosses, parents, teachers and people in authority (including the police). You will make your case in a convincing way. Opportunities to travel and explore avenues in medicine, the law, higher education and publishing are excellent. Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day to write or study. You also might make travel plans or explore opportunities in higher education, medicine or the law. You make a favorable impression on others. It's a good day to think about what further experiences could enrich your life. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Be patient with partners and close friends. Travel appeals to you, and perhaps a flirtation with someone "different." This is an excellent day to sit down and take stock of your financial situation in terms of debt,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, May 16, 2026:

You're self-confident, dynamic and passionate. You're also individualistic and flamboyant. This is a year of work, construction and building — both internally and externally. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Stay grounded and levelheaded and explore yoga or martial arts.

BORN TODAY

Actor Danny Trejo (1944), actor Yannick Bisson (1969), actor Pierce Brosnan (1953)

taxes and assets. What's the picture? Information is power. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ The New Moon today is opposite your sign, giving you one of the best opportunities this year to think about how you can improve your relationships that are closest to you. Remember, in a successful relationship, you must be as good for your partner as he or she is for you. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ This is a work hard/party hard day. You have the energy to be productive. Today's New Moon urges you to think about how you can work smart and work better. However, both Mars and Venus encourage you to socialize and have fun! Happiness is having alternatives. Tonight: Get organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ It's important to have a healthy balance between work and play. Too much of either creates an ultimate dissatisfaction. This is a good day to think of how you can reward yourself with the right balance between work, creativity and relaxation. Tonight: Socialize!

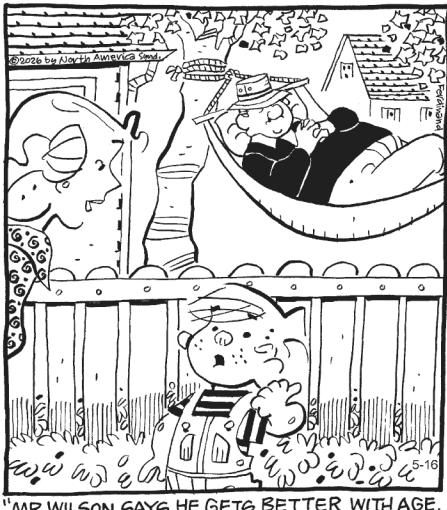
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Each month the New Moon is an opportunity to set intentions. Today's New Moon is your chance to think of what you can do to improve your home, as well as how you can improve your family relations. Ideas? Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Be clear in your communications today. You're eager to share ideas, but it's important to make sure that you are heard and understood. Entertaining at home will delight you. Tonight: Get involved in interesting conversations.

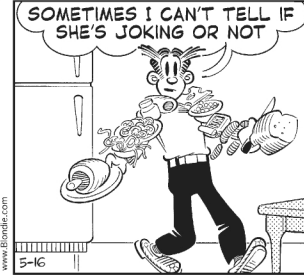
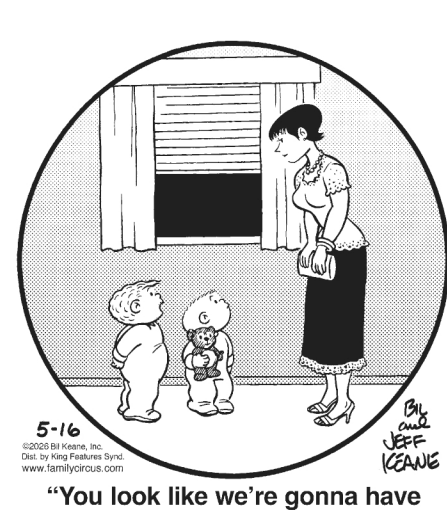
TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



NEVER BEEN DEADER BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES



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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Muffin variety
- 5 Trumpet
- 9 Poke
- 12 "Funny!"
- 13 Genesis garden
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Detail
- 16 Actor's quest
- 17 Goose egg
- 18 Melville captain
- 19 Buddy
- 20 Make well
- 21 Pro vote
- 23 — premium
- 25 Foreign correspondent?
- 28 Alaskan peak
- 32 Concepts
- 33 Threw in
- 34 Nog sprinkling
- 36 Secret meetings
- 37 Journalist Nellie
- 38 Pink Floyd's Barrett

DOWN

- 1 — Pet
- 2 Swear word
- 3 Actress Perlman
- 4 Insidious type
- 6 Skunk's defense
- 7 Insert another cannonball
- 8 SSW opposite
- 9 Flag Day month
- 10 Opera house solo
- 11 Check
- 20 Quite useful
- 22 Painter's stand
- 24 Demonstrably upset
- 25 Brooch
- 26 Sch. URL ender
- 27 Mosquito barrier
- 29 Billboards
- 30 Allow
- 31 Proof-of-age docs
- 35 Exerciser's carryall
- 36 Dangerous fly
- 39 Support group?
- 40 "Three Sisters" sister
- 41 Play-Station alternative
- 43 Israel's Golda
- 45 Donned
- 46 Daring Knieval
- 47 Go yachting
- 49 Texter's "As I see it"

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-16

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