

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 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. EST today (2 p.m. to 7 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon in **TAURUS** moves into **GEMINI**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today because something unexpected could impact them. You might lose money; you might find money. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Pay attention to your moneymaking ideas. Tonight: Lively conversations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is an erratic day because the Moon is in your sign lined up with wild, wacky Uranus, making today impulsive and wonderfully spontaneous. Be careful; you might do something to offend or threaten an authority figure. Tonight: Check your money and possessions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Steer clear of controversial subjects. They might lead to arguments today. Nevertheless, you're keen to explore new ideas on new subjects and see new places in order to learn new things. Ever curious, you love the fascination of new knowledge. Tonight: You win!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ It's a busy day! A friend or a member of a group might surprise you by saying or doing something you least expect. Or perhaps you'll meet someone new who is unusual and interesting. Steer clear of disputes about inheritances, shared property and shared expenses. (You don't need the angst.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Tread carefully when dealing with authority figures today — bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police — because something unexpected might catch you off guard. Someone might do or say something you didn't anticipate. Tonight: Be friendly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Travel plans might change today. They might be delayed or cancelled, or perhaps you suddenly have to travel when you didn't expect to do so. Likewise, school schedules also might change. Stay on top of details regarding medicine, the law and publishing. Tonight: You're noticed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ An unexpected dispute with your kids might occur today, especially about money or financial support. Or a surprise might occur in the arts or anything to do with sports. Don't let a partner, spouse or close friend put you down or make you feel diminished. You're doing the best you can. Tonight: Explore and learn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Feb. 23, 2026:
 You are practical, determined and tenacious. You have analytical abilities and can project confidence. Lucky you! This year you will reap the benefits of your hard work. It's a year for major decisions and accomplishments. You will receive awards or kudos and acknowledgements from others.

BORN TODAY
 Actress Dakota Fanning (1994), actress Emily Blunt (1983), actress Kelly Macdonald (1976)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ This is a busy, playful day even though friction at home might occur, especially with partners and spouses. Give yourself extra time so you have wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. You want to enjoy this day, not be frustrated. Stay chill. Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is a mildly accident-prone day. Obviously, an accident doesn't have to happen; however, if you're distracted by something, that nanosecond could make you vulnerable. Be alert. (The world needs more lerts.) Tonight: Be attentive and listen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Disputes about money or shared expenses for a social occasion, a vacation or something to do with the education and support of your kids might arise today. Don't overreact. Take time to do your homework so that your response is sensible and practical. Short trips and conversations will appeal to you today. Tonight: Work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your home routine might be interrupted today. Small appliances could break down, or a little breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might knock at your door. Get dressed so that you're ready for anything. Avoid arguments, because they will drain you unnecessarily. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You're definitely strong, gracious and charming with the Sun, Mercury and fair Venus in your sign. Admittedly, Mercury is about to go retrograde this week, making you forget things, misplace items and run a bit late. Transportation delays are also likely. Avoid arguments today. Keep smiling. Tonight: Cocoon at home.



INSANITY STREAK



Steps Today
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 You're taking about the same number of steps as you usually do by now.

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Difficulty: ★ 2/23

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 - 5 "Hail!"
 - 8 Dorm alternative
 - 12 Regular at The Met
 - 14 Move, in Realtor lingo
 - 15 Industrious
 - 16 "E Pluribus —"
 - 17 "Ben-Hur" author
 - 18 Figures of speech
 - 20 Church chimers
 - 23 Sports figure?
 - 24 "Bearded" bloom
 - 25 Signs up
 - 28 Conk out
 - 29 Leg joints
 - 30 Owned
 - 32 Calmed
 - 34 Infatuated
 - 35 Endure
 - 36 Hawkeye
- DOWN**
- 37 Sesame paste
 - 40 Invoice fig.
 - 41 Marriage vows
 - 42 Bone-connecting tissue
 - 47 Egyptian river
 - 48 Schooled
 - 49 Crumb carriers
 - 50 Narc's org.
 - 51 Morning droplets
 - 1 Lawn material
 - 2 Prefix with gram or center
 - 3 Cartoon frame
 - 4 Flutist's warbles
 - 5 Not many
 - 6 Moving day
 - 7 Deserving
 - 8 Apples and oranges
 - 9 Nevada city
 - 10 Grad
 - 11 Male turkeys
 - 13 Ice and Bronze
 - 19 Talking point?
 - 20 Auction action
 - 21 "ER" actor
 - 22 Stead La Salle
 - 23 Villain's look
 - 25 Required
 - 26 Spring melt-down
 - 27 Long tale
 - 29 Acute
 - 31 Dapper fellow
 - 33 Florida birds
 - 34 Became irate
 - 36 Computer debut of 1998
 - 37 Actress Fey
 - 38 Tennis score
 - 39 Lester of NBC News
 - 40 Water, in Mexico
 - 43 Chemical suffix
 - 44 Montreal summer
 - 45 Fresh
 - 46 QBs' quests

Solution time: 21 mins.

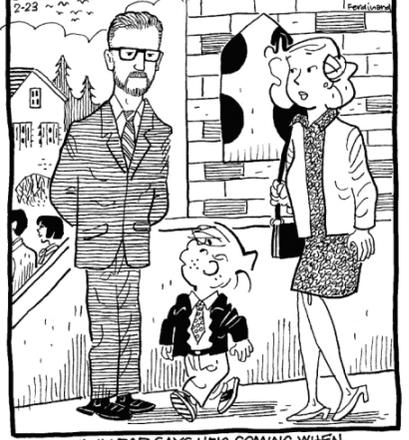
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Saturday's answer 2-23

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE



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