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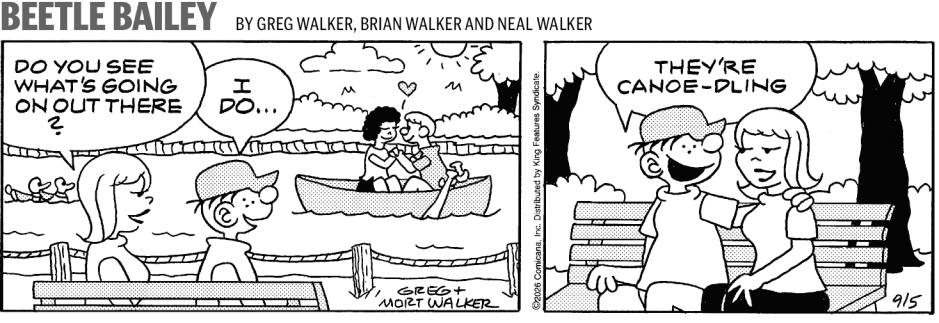

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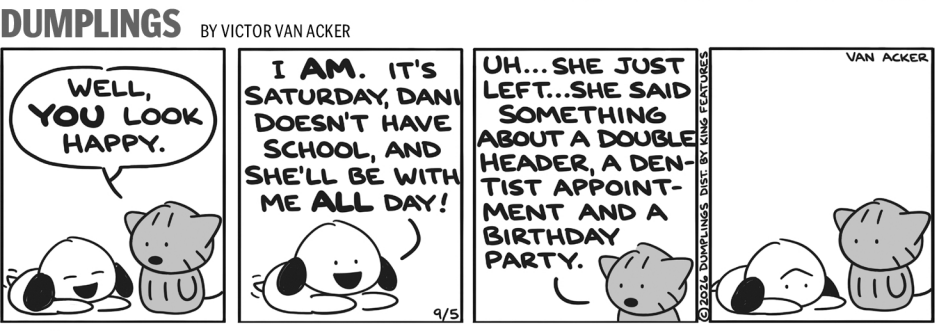

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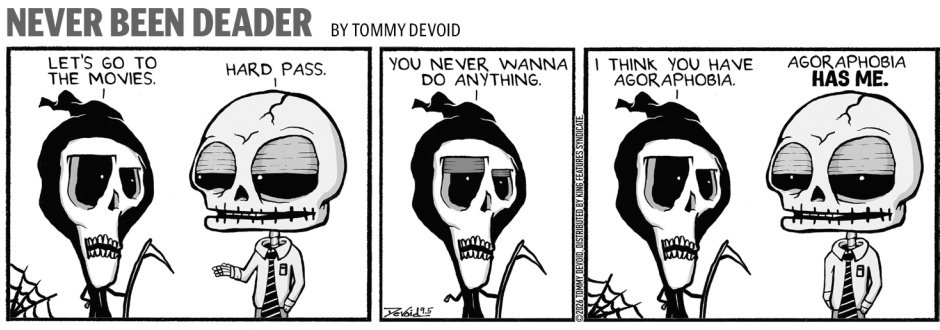

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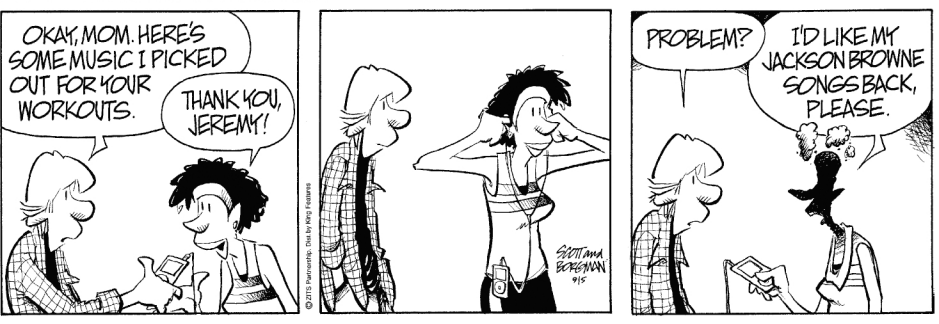

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE
BY CHRIS BROWNE

INSANITY STREAK
BY TONY LOPES

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 4:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. EDT today (1:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **GEMINI** into **CANCER**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Today you're more sensitive about home and family, and might feel hurt if someone makes a disparaging remark. Conversations might be confusing. Someone might make an assumption. Don't agree to anything important today. Just kick back and relax. Tonight: Relax at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your imagination is activated today, which is great for those of you who are involved with artistic projects. Many of you might spend time daydreaming today or being lost in a fantasy world. In the real world, make an effort to clarify communications, because it's a "fuzzy" day! Tonight: A conversation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Conversations with friends as well as groups and organizations might be a tad confusing today. You might be dealing with someone's idealism. Or perhaps you are the idealist that confounds someone else. Keep things light. This is a playful, fun-loving day. Tonight: Check your money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with fuzzy Neptune, which can induce a dreamy state of mind. It can also lend to bad decisions that require clear thinking. It might distort your view of things. Be mindful of excess today. Tonight: You win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Although your primary focus is on money, cash flow and your assets right now, today you might be caught up in mystical ideas or spiritual pursuits. If so, be aware that you're in a suggestible frame of mind. Things might not be as they appear. Tread carefully. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You are basically strong and grounded today because both the Sun and your ruler Mercury are in your sign. Nevertheless, the placement of the Moon might create confusion in your discussion with friends and groups. You might assume something or you might be misunderstood. Tonight: Be friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ There is a curious astrological combo taking place today. In one way, you want to hide and be low-key. This is because of the placement of the Sun. But in another way, you are high-viz, whether you like it or not. (In fact, some people know personal details about your private life.) This is because of the placement of the Moon. Tonight: You're admired!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ This is a feel-good day for you! If you can travel that would be perfect because you want some adventure, something different. Go someplace you've never been before, even if it's in your own neighborhood. Do something curious or stimulating. Younger people will interest you. Tonight: Explore and learn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ This is a poor day to make important financial decisions about shared property, taxes, debt, mortgages or anything jointly owned with someone else. Confusion, assumptions, misinterpretations and even deceit are possible. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Tread carefully today, because the Moon is opposite your sign, which is a bit challenging. Generally speaking, it means you have to go more than halfway when you're dealing with others. You have to be accommodating. Be aware. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You'll be smart to double-check your work in your job today, because confusion and misunderstandings can lead to problems. Assume nothing. Clarify all your instructions. Incidentally, this same advice will apply to your health. Tonight: Get organized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ This is a tricky day for romance. You or your partner might over idealize something. You might be disappointed because of unexpressed expectations. You might be disappointed because you had unrealistic expectations. Perhaps there's a plain old misunderstanding. Tonight: Socialize!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026:

You're concerned with the happiness of others. You're empathetic, generous and imaginative. This is a year of service, perhaps service to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so that you can be a support to others when they turn to you for guidance, comfort, solace and courage.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Freddy Mercury (1946), actor William Devane (1939), actor Michael Keaton (1951)

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33 Sea spouter
34 Patrick on the speedway
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Yesterday's answer 9-5

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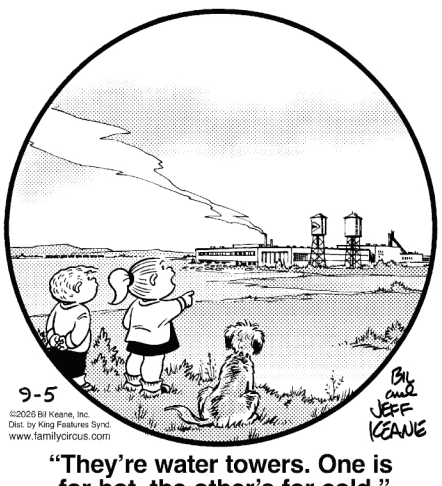
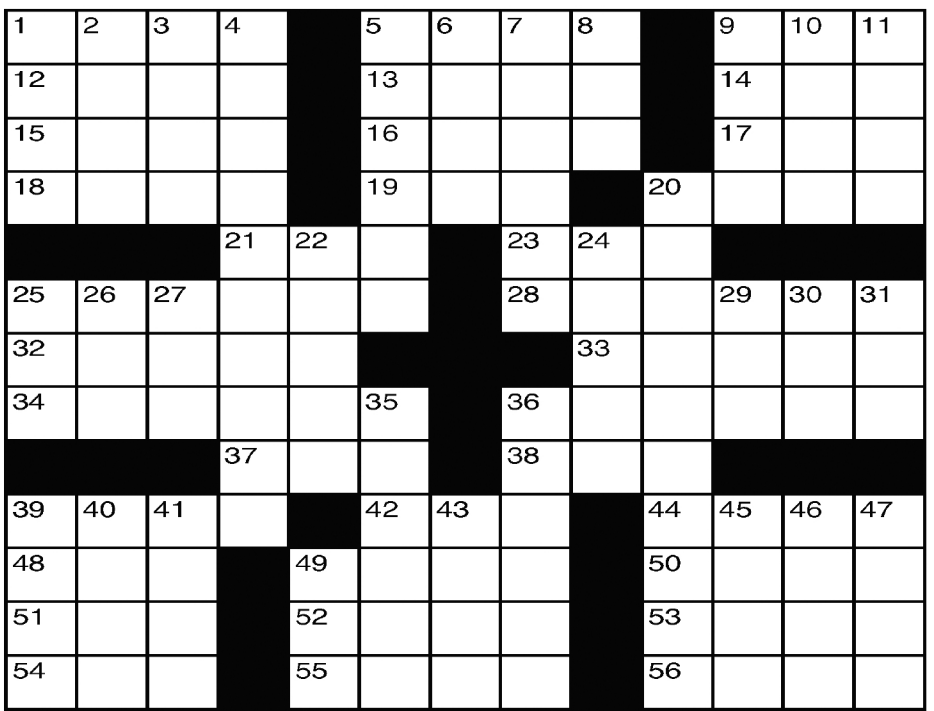
"They're water towers. One is for hot, the other's for cold."