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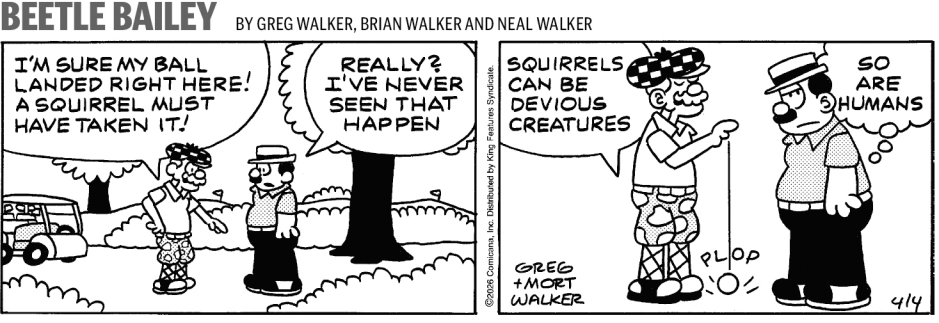

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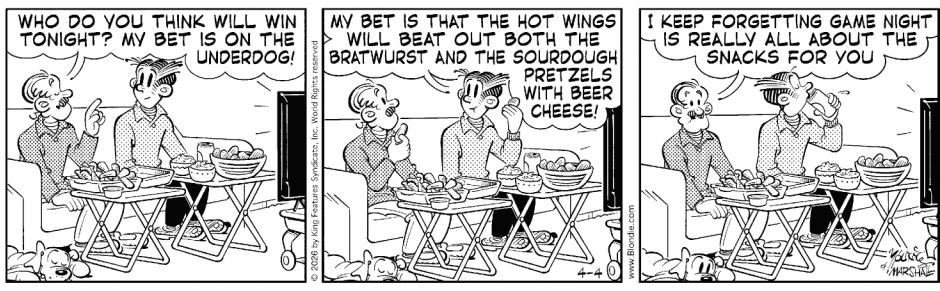

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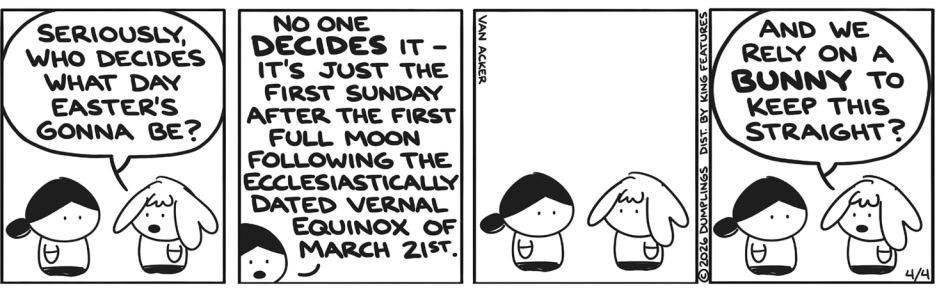

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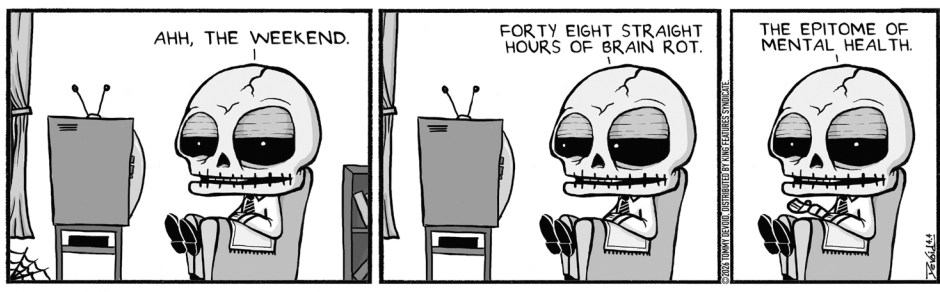

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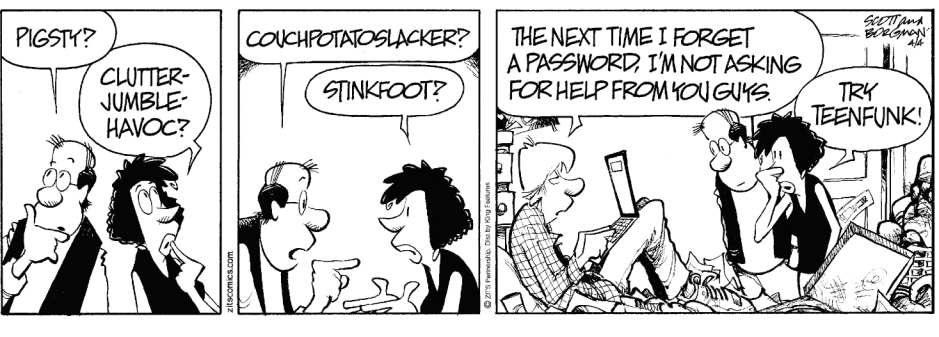
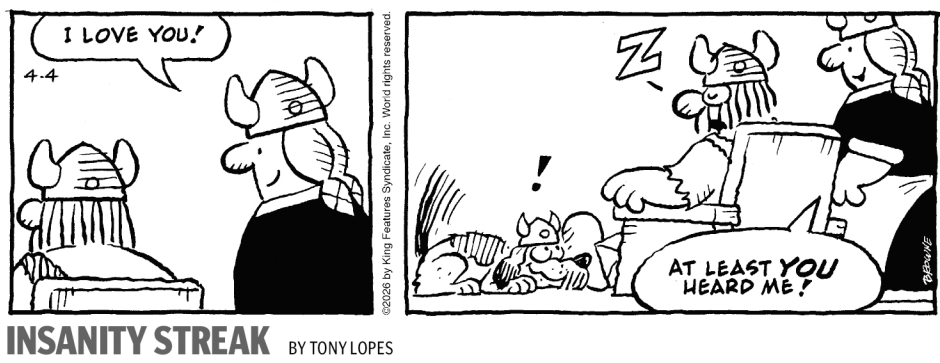


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



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 **SCORPIO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Surprise, surprise -- this is an excellent day to discuss financial matters like shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues, especially related to home and family. Research on behind-the-scenes news will support what you want to hear. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ It's important to know that today a little formula seems to be at play: You will get from others exactly what you give. If you are warm and affectionate, you will attract happy, positive people to you. And vice versa. Enjoy relations with friends, groups, partners, siblings and neighbors. It's a winning day! Tonight: Enjoy schmoozing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ This is a productive day for those who are working. They can boost their earnings and lay down future causes for increased wealth. Discussions with bosses and authority figures will go well because you have a nice balance between your feelings and your rational intellect. (I'm impressed.) Tonight: Work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ This is a great day to make travel plans or explore avenues in the law, medicine, higher education or anything to do with publishing and the media. You are in touch with your creative juices, plus, you're not afraid of big ideas. "The game, Mrs. Hudson, is on!" Tonight: Play!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Today your sense of adventure is strong and travel appeals. Nevertheless, you're happy to cocoon at home. Discussions about shared property, wills, inheritances and such will go well. People find you charming and diplomatic, which makes you want to purr. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Today your words are like gold, which is why your discussions with others will go extremely well. People are happy to see your face and they want to hear what you have to say. You might attract someone to you who is a tad aggressive. Fear not, because your charm will disarm anyone. Tonight: Lively discussions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ This is a feel-good day for you, and your positive frame of mind might actually see ways to boost your income. Or you might find a better paying job. Somehow, something will benefit you today in a financial or practical way. Even your health can improve today. Lucky you! Tonight: Check your money.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, April 4, 2026:

You're compassionate, kind and protective. You're also decisive, ambitious and independent. Take inventory of your life this year because it's a time of completion and endings. Let go of the people, places and things from the past that have held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning.

BORN TODAY

Actor Robert Downey Jr. (1965), TV host Graham Norton (1963), actor Heath Ledger (1979)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter and Mercury, which makes you happy, content and also eager to share good ideas with others. Romance is favored, along with social outings and playful activities with kids. Sports might beckon. Enjoy your day! Tonight: You're in charge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Family discussions will go well today. You might want to tackle home repairs. Certainly, there is increased activity (even chaos) at home due to guests and changes with renovations or residential moves. Whatever transpires will benefit you today. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

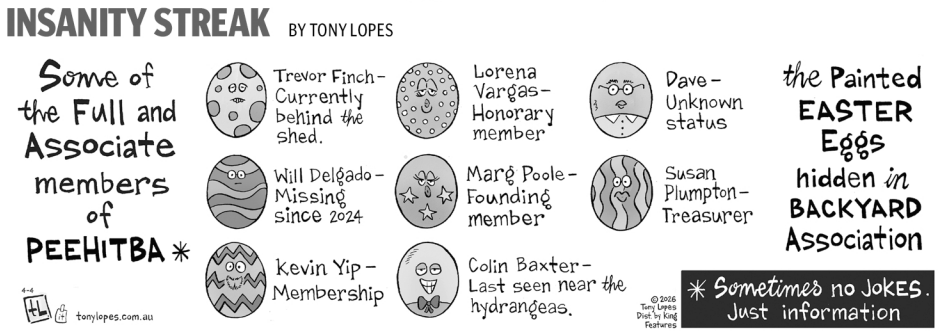
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ This is a fast-paced day. Short trips, visits, appointments and discussions with others will be upbeat and friendly. Relations with friends as well as groups will be a positive experience for you. You might be more involved with a parent today. Romance and social outings are blessed. Tonight: Be friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ This is a great day for money transactions and financial negotiations. You are high-viz in the eyes of someone, and this could reflect well in your job. It also might be due to work-related travel. Enjoy redecorating and entertaining at home. Tonight: You're admired.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your love of adventure will prompt you to speak up today and go after what you want. You'll enjoy talking to people from different backgrounds. You also might compete with someone in some way -- perhaps in sports or through another type of entertaining diversion. You will appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: Learn something.

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: ★★★★ 4/4

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Beethoven's "— Solemnis"
6 Persian bigwigs
11 Pancake toppers
12 Mother of Minos
14 Excuses
15 Sweet drink
16 — Alamos
17 Church areas
19 Prefix with athlete
20 Holiday lead-ins
22 PC alternative
23 Burlap fiber
24 Mini-plateaus
26 Winter melons
28 Spasm
30 Feeling down
31 Venezuela's capital
35 Glowing signs
39 Skin care brand
40 Plant seeds
42 "Frozen" reindeer
43 Cacophony
44 Brownstone feature
46 Freudian topic
47 Main dish
49 Change, as boundaries
51 Book club fan
52 Height increasers
53 Little Dipper points
54 "Fiddler on the Roof" role

DOWN

1 "Darling ..."
2 Showy flowers
3 Extended lunch?
4 Short drive
5 Indian tea region
6 Five Nations members
7 Colorations
8 Rainbow
9 Jacuzzi
10 Rival of Athens
11 Witch trial town
13 Ram
18 Rug cleaner, briefly
21 Skewered Thai recipe
23 Green gems
25 Bracketed word
27 — Salvador
29 Furniture wheels
31 Software writer
32 Flared skirts
33 Attack verbally
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Yesterday's answer 4-4

TODAY'S ANSWER

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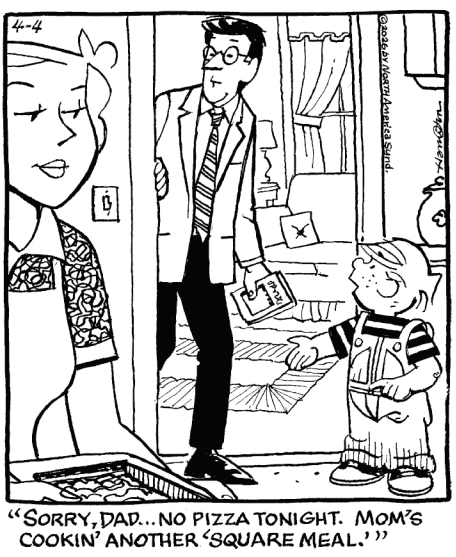
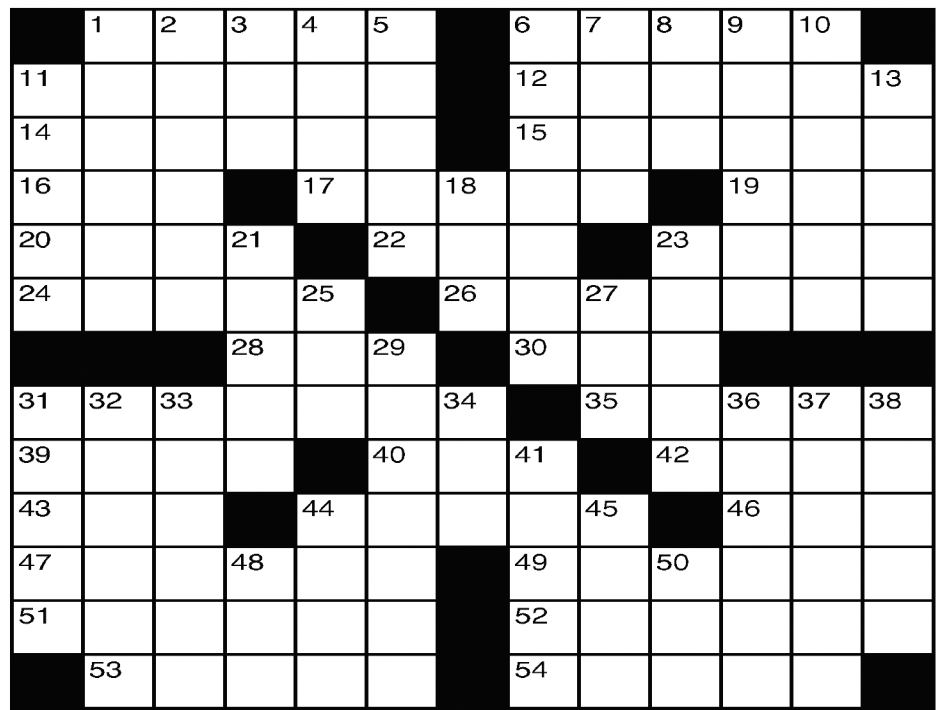


"SORRY, DAD... NO PIZZA TONIGHT. MOM'S COOKIN' ANOTHER 'SQUARE MEAL.'"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Remember! Hugs and kisses come before 'What did you bring us, Grandma?'"