

DUMPLINGS

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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions after 11:30 a.m. EDT today (8:30 a.m. PDT). The Moon is in **PISCES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ This is a challenging day at work. Equipment breakdowns and unexpected problems, including staff shortages, might occur. People are also touchy. Everyone (including you) is ready to rebel against anything they don't like. Be mindful of everything you say and do. Tonight: Privacy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Today you need to keep track of your money because something unexpected could impact your wealth through damage, loss or theft. Parents should be extra vigilant because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Social plans will change. Tonight: Friendships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ This is a challenging day! The Moon is at the top of your chart and the Sun is at the bottom of your chart, and they are both at odds with unpredictable Uranus in your sign. It's the classic day for rebellion against authority. Your home routine might change. Equipment might break. Tread carefully! Tonight: Be modest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is an accident-prone day. Think before you speak, because you might feel controlled by your impulses. This could get you in trouble. Be aware of everything you do. Keep things simple. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ This is a challenging day in terms of dealing with your money, your possessions as well as friends and groups. It feels like everything is up for grabs, and in a way, it is. Fortunately, you will be diplomatic and skillful when speaking with others. By nature, you are quick to see the big picture, and this will help. Tonight: Cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Today the Sun is in your sign at odds with Uranus and the Moon. This is not easy. You might suddenly have an argument. Sudden upsets are classic. Equipment or cars might have sudden breakdowns. Your daily routine will not be the same. Keep your eyes open to avoid accidents. Tonight: Work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ This is a tough day, but there are some blessings. For the most part, your work routine might be interrupted. Travel plans might suddenly change. It's the kind of day where you take two steps forward and one step back. Fortunately, your ruler Venus is in

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, Aug. 28, 2026:

You're a determined, inventive non-conformist. You seek knowledge and ways to express your creativity. This is the beginning of a new cycle. Expect adventures and major changes. Be open to new opportunities. Prepare for leadership. What you do now will bring great benefit in the future.

BORN TODAY

Actor Jack Black (1969), singer-songwriter Shania Twain (1965), character actress Jennifer Coolidge (1961)

your sign helping you cope. Tonight: Get better organized.

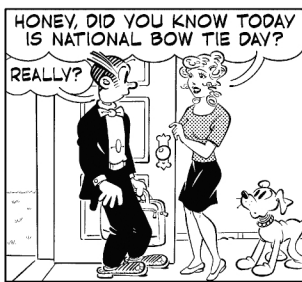
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Unexpected upsets with friends, groups and financial institutions might take place today. People might quarrel about assets or money. Parents must be vigilant because this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Nevertheless, travel appeals. Keep your eyes open. Tonight: Socialize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ This is the classic day for a public argument or a rebellion. Fortunately, the position of the Sun makes you look good. Nevertheless, you could end up with egg on your face. (Ketchup helps.) Don't throw your weight around. Be patient and tolerant with others. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Tread carefully, because this is an accident-prone day. Whatever happens will be swift and come right out of the blue. Pay attention to everything you say and do, especially related to your work. Travel will be interrupted or canceled. Be alert. Tonight: Intense conversations.

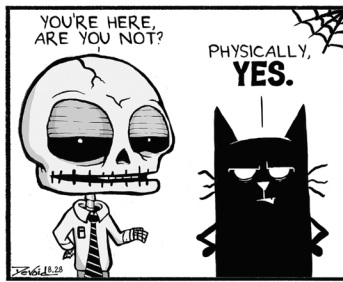
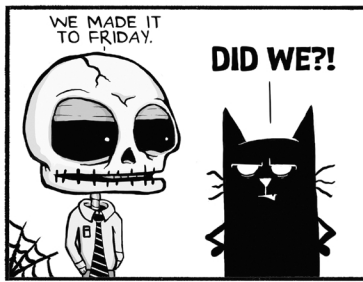
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Today is full of all kinds of unexpected events and little rebellions; however, this wild energy will likely impact your possessions, money and shared property. Social plans will suddenly change. Parents must be extra vigilant about their kids to avoid accidents. Tonight: Check your belongings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with the Sun, Mercury and Uranus, which is an explosive energy. This is the classic day for little rebellions and accidents. Equipment and cars might break down. Family arguments might take place. Stay chill. Tonight: You're in charge.



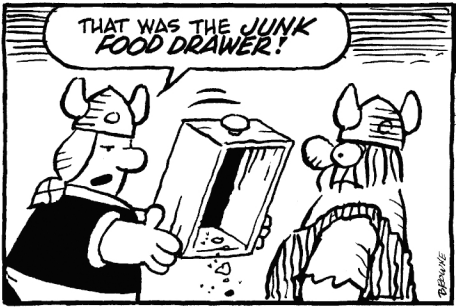
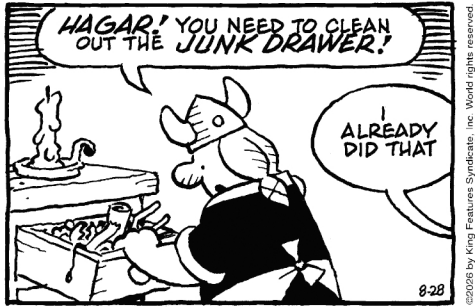
NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



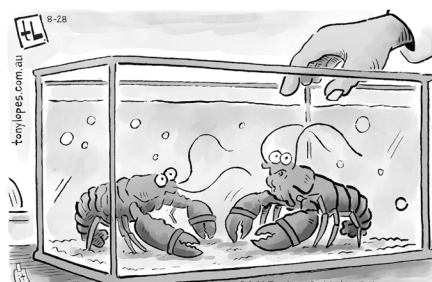
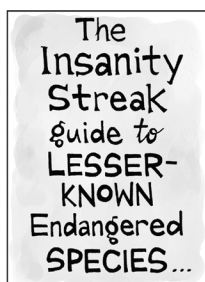
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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8/28

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ACROSS

- 1 French pronoun
4 Greet
8 Beanies
12 Where Taylor Swift married Travis Kelce
13 Gymnast Korbout
14 Killer whale
15 Juliette Binoche film
17 Grate
18 Wine vessel
19 Tatter
21 Hobbyist's abbr.
22 Figures of speech
26 "Speed-the-Plow" playwright
29 Hosp. workers
30 Iota
31 "Be that — may ..."
32 Caustic cleaner
33 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
34 Knee protector

- 35 Whitman of "Good Girls"
36 Bread grain
37 Tap
39 "How — love thee"
40 Marseilles monarch
41 Builds
45 Show-room sample
48 Bombed, as a gag
50 Gumbo need
51 During
52 Swiss canton
53 Chow —
54 Greet the villain
55 Hearing thing

DOWN

- 1 2200, to Caesar
2 Fed. work-place monitor
3 Borodin's "Prince —"
4 Travel on foot
5 Back street
6 Tennis star Swiatek
7 Military loo
8 Welsh pooch
9 Football's Par-seghian
10 Mac rivals
11 Tree fluid

16 West

- Pointer
20 Billboards
23 Slender woodwind
24 Actress Sorvino
25 RBI, for one
26 Atlas pages
27 Now, in memos
28 Calf-length
29 Deli loaf
32 Queen of "Chicago"
33 Main
35 Cattle call?
36 Planets
38 Reaction to a pun
39 Sandwich shops
42 Cross-word hint
43 Actress Reid
44 Swizzle
45 — Pérignon
46 Squeeze (out)
47 Hosp. scan
49 U.K. recording label

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-28

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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