

DUMPLINGS

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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 **PISCES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Tread carefully today because the Sun is opposite Neptune in your sign, which can make things confusing. You might think you know what's going on, but actually you either don't have the right facts or you're on the wrong page. And it's probably not your fault. Tonight: Pleasant solitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Today has a lot of misleading energy. In one way, you feel confident and ready to talk to bosses and people in authority and state your opinions. Yet in the next moment, you might find yourself second-guessing yourself. Worse yet, you might be misinformed! Tonight: Friendships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ You might feel disappointed with a friend or a member of a group today. Perhaps your expectations were too high or unrealistic. For that matter, you might not have even expressed your expectations. Be aware that people notice you today. Demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: Be modest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Communications with parents, bosses, VIPs and the police are confusing today. You might not be sure what is expected of you. Or vice versa; they might not know what role they should play. Meanwhile, you do have expectations regarding financial assistance and practical help. Tonight: Explore and learn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ This is the classic day for confusion and uncertainty. Encounters with others might be demoralizing. You're not sure if you should assert yourself or pull back. Be careful, because you also might be dealing with deception. If you suspect that something fishy is going on, it is! Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Be leery about financial negotiations today. You might not have all the facts, or information you have might be incorrect. This might be accidental or on purpose. Whatever the case, assume nothing. Don't trust anything if it looks too good to be true. Tonight: Be cooperative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Today the Sun is in your sign opposed by Neptune, which is confusing for your closest relationships. You feel uncertain and perhaps even demoralized. You might want to avoid confrontation rather than risk conflict or a contest. Don't play the victim. Tonight: Get better organized.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, Sept. 25, 2026:

You have noble aims. You're sympathetic, perceptive and independent. You like to be straightforward. This year you reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect power and leadership. It's a time for major decisions and the recognition of your accomplishments.

BORN TODAY

Actor Will Smith (1968), actor Mark Hamill (1951), actor, producer Michael Douglas (1944)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ This is a confusing day. In one way you're positive and confident about what is going on, and yet in the next you're confused. This might apply to dealing with a pet, your health or your job. Fortunately, with Venus in your sign, you'll be diplomatic and gracious with everyone. Tonight: Playful activities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might be disappointed in a friend today. If so, ask yourself if you expressed your expectations. Also be aware that there's an element of confusion, so they might misunderstand where you are coming from. Confusion works both ways. Cut others some slack. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ If you're dealing with something important related to instructions from a boss, the government or someone in authority, do your best to clarify the communication, because today confusion is rampant. If you have doubts, speak up. Tonight: An interesting conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Be careful about falling under the sway of someone else's rhetoric or propaganda. Today you might not be sure what to believe. Ironically, at first everything seems clear. But as time goes by you realize you're not sure what's going on. If you feel this way, don't act. Tonight: Check your money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ This is a poor day for financial discussions and important financial decisions. You might not have the correct facts or you might be misinformed. Assume nothing. Do your homework and wait until you feel confident to make a decision. Tonight: You're in charge.

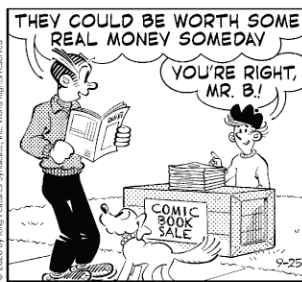
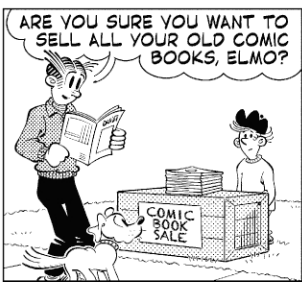
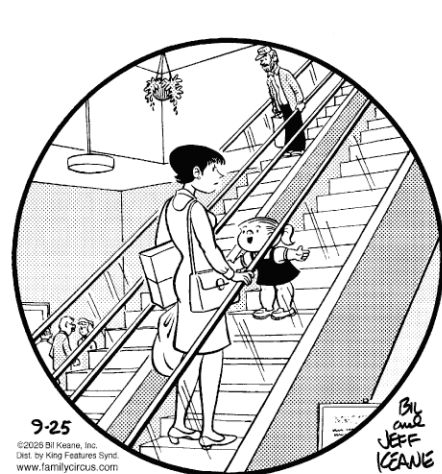
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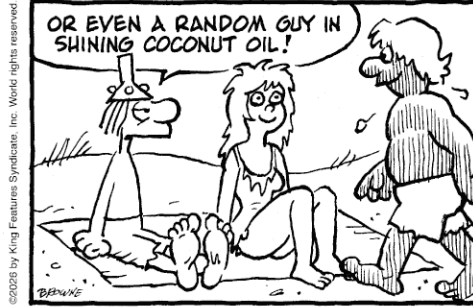
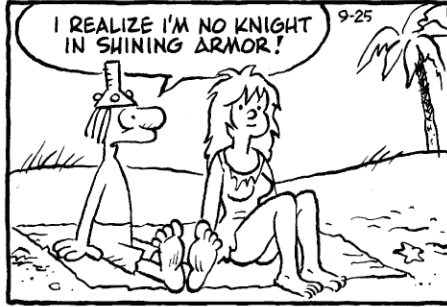
NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★

9/25

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Bottle top
- Caboose
- Angelic instrument
- Happy hour venue
- Shoppe descriptor
- Philosopher
- Zeno's home
- Scholarship winners
- Dark blue
- Lament
- Charged bit
- Mentalist Geller
- Starbucks size
- Glover of "Lethal Weapon"
- Undivided
- Ages and ages
- Hebrew prophet — de deux
- Sentry's cry

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- Neither here — there
- TV alien
- Bulb units
- Farmers' association
- Phone trio
- Norm (Abbr.)
- Trail users
- Crèche figure
- Like salt
- "Let's go!"
- Bonn article
- Tipsy
- Detail, briefly
- Large amount
- Oklahoma city

DOWN

- Bygone NYC punk club
- River to the Rhine
- Baby carriage
- Traffic circle
- Kate Nelligan film
- Sports drink suffix
- Quits
- Reddish dye
- In the manner of
- Gun the engine
- Remit
- Subjects, usually

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- Mined matter
- Tidy
- Knuckle-head
- Tolkien creatures
- "Phooey!"
- Love god
- Mrs. Nick Charles
- Klutz
- Promises
- Japanese verse
- CIA employee
- Kvetch
- "Bye Bye Bye" band
- Accra's country
- Jazz legend Fitzgerald
- Incursion
- Madrid miss (Abbr.)
- Roast VIPs
- Rock concert booster
- Sturgeon product
- Documentarian Burns

Solution time: 25 mins.

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