



## DUMPLINGS



## ZITS



# 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 making important decisions all day until 9:30 p.m. EDT. After that, the Moon moves from **SCORPIO** into **SAGITTARIUS**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Today Mercury stops being retrograde, which will help you get more organized at home. Opportunities for vacations, sports events and fun socializing with others continue to come your way. At work, co-workers are supportive. Tonight: Learn and explore.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Be aware of the limitations of the **Moon Alert** today and agree to nothing important. Meanwhile, good news! Today Mercury stops being retrograde, which will reduce transportation delays, car problems and mixed-up communications that you've been dealing with for a while. Tonight: Check your finances.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ With fiery Mars in your sign now, you have lots of energy and drive. However, be aware of the limitations of today's **Moon Alert**. You'll be happy to know that Mercury stops being retrograde today, which will improve your finances, especially in terms of delays and mistakes. Tonight: Cooperate.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Excellent news! Mercury has been retrograding in your sign since June 29. Today this is over, which means your life will resume a greater degree of normalcy, and silly mistakes will be reduced along with delays and transportation problems. Thank goodness! Tonight: Get organized.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Be aware of today's **Moon Alert**. Fortunately, you are in a strong position because both the Sun and lucky Jupiter are in your sign. Fiery Mars is also well-placed, promoting teamwork, competitive sports and athletics. Starting today, life takes on a forward momentum. Tonight: Socialize!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ With Venus in your sign, you're enjoying socializing with others. However, you also have a strong tendency now to work alone or behind the scenes. You're also ambitious to achieve. With this in mind, be aware that there is a **Moon Alert** today. Volunteer for nothing. Tonight: Relax at home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ For the last month, Mercury has been retrograding at the top of your chart, affecting your relations with bosses, parents and authority figures from the past. As of today, this is over. Although you might be focused on financial matters, restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Conversations.

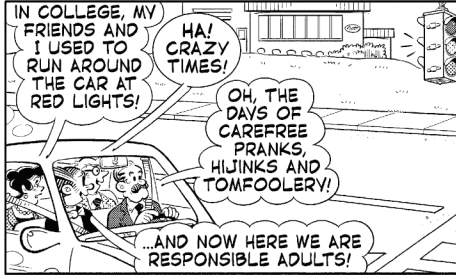
## TODAY'S ANSWER

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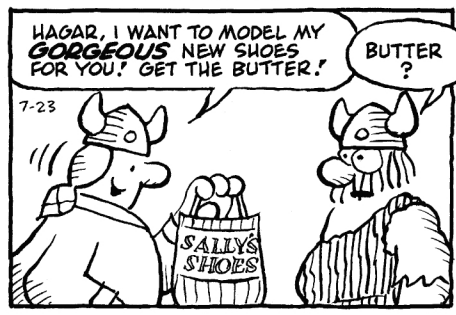
## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



## NEVER BEEN DEADER



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## INSANITY STREAK



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Difficulty: ★★

## SHEFFER CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 "There!"
- 5 Furry foot
- 8 Ella's style
- 12 Tel —
- 13 HDTV brand
- 14 Hailed thing
- 15 Dog biscuit shape
- 16 Poetic contraction
- 17 Competent
- 18 Duel tools
- 20 "Don't bother"
- 22 Foot part
- 23 TiVo precursor
- 24 Ms. Streisand, to fans
- 27 Hurtled
- 32 Winter bug
- 33 Hit CBS series
- 34 Corn spike
- 35 Hydrant attachment
- 38 A/C measures

- 39 Bearded beast
- 40 Bashful
- 42 Says impulsively
- 45 Attorney
- 49 Hindu royal
- 50 Sushi fish
- 52 Saab model
- 53 Outlet letters
- 54 Sine qua —
- 55 Orange veggies
- 56 "So Sick" singer
- 57 Pooch
- 58 Persian leader

### DOWN

- 1 Folder features
- 2 Declare openly
- 3 Flint-stones' pet
- 4 Side-steps
- 5 Italian sparkling wine
- 6 Super serve
- 7 Tip off
- 8 Posture
- 9 Dry red wine
- 10 Car bar
- 11 Even
- 19 Accomplish

- 21 "A Man Called —" (Fredrik Backman novel)
- 24 Favorite bud, in texts
- 25 "The Greatest"
- 26 French red wine
- 28 Donkey
- 29 German wine
- 30 Perfume label word
- 31 Hosp. workers
- 36 Physicist Fermi
- 37 Grass shack
- 38 Side roads
- 41 "That's a laugh!"
- 42 Muffin choice
- 43 Valentine border
- 44 Grit
- 46 "Amen!"
- 47 Gospel singer Franklin
- 48 — Hashanah
- 51 "Yoo- —!"

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-23

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