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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 **AQUARIUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This can be a lovely, friendly and romantic day if you can avoid intense discussions about shared property, inheritances and anything that is jointly held. Focus on what works. Avoid people who are intent on getting their way, not yours. Tonight: Be supportive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. In fact, you make a great impression on everyone. They see you as friendly, warm, generous and affluent! Steer clear of power struggles with partners, spouses and close friends that might arise. "Not tonight, Josephine." Tonight: Be cool.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Today is a mixed bag when it comes to lively discussions with others. For the most part, you'll be friendly, upbeat and eager to learn new things, as well as share information. In fact, short trips and teaching moments will appeal. Avoid power struggles related to work. Tonight: Be open-minded.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Today you feel warmhearted and generous to others. In fact, the truth of the matter is you might feel generous. You'll be tempted to give away the farm! Be aware of this if you're involved in dividing something or sharing the resources of others. Be prudent and realistic. Tonight: Show restraint.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Warm feelings with partners, close friends and spouses make this an upbeat day! However, arguments with someone at home, perhaps a family member, could mar the lighthearted warmth of this day. Steer clear of these power struggles, especially because they're intense and passionate! Tonight: Avoid reactions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ For the most part, this is a feel-good day at work. In fact, issues related to your health and anything related to your pet will be a source of joy and happiness today. Nevertheless, discussions with neighbors, relatives and siblings might be petty or overwhelming. (If so, run away!) Tonight: Be patient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a lovely, romantic day. It's a great day for a date or any social occasion, especially with your main squeeze. Playful activities with children as well as sports events will appeal. However, be cautious about financial discussions, which could become

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
For Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026:

You're sensitive, creative and expressive. You have strong visual and analytic powers. This is a year of work and construction. Build foundations both inner and external. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

BORN TODAY
Rapper, record producer Snoop Dogg (1971), actor, musician, filmmaker Viggo Mortensen (1958), actor John Krasinski (1979)

controlling or possessive. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Relations with family members (especially females) will be warm and rewarding today. Nevertheless, someone or something might try to spoil things or be a problem by demanding too much attention. Perhaps a relationship is undergoing changes that are upsetting. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Feelings of optimism pervade this day, which is just how you like things to be. Travel plans look appealing, as well as issues related to publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Perfect! However, anyone involved in a secret love affair might feel trapped. Tonight: Share ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Financial discussions and business dealings are blessed today. In fact, your negotiations might lead to increased wealth for yourself as well as someone else. However, a friend or a member of a group might try to make demands on you. Tread carefully. Tonight: Money ideas?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you feel happy, warmhearted and generous to everyone. Ironically, someone in a position of authority might have other plans for you. They might demand your attention. Use skillful means. Tonight: Be objective.

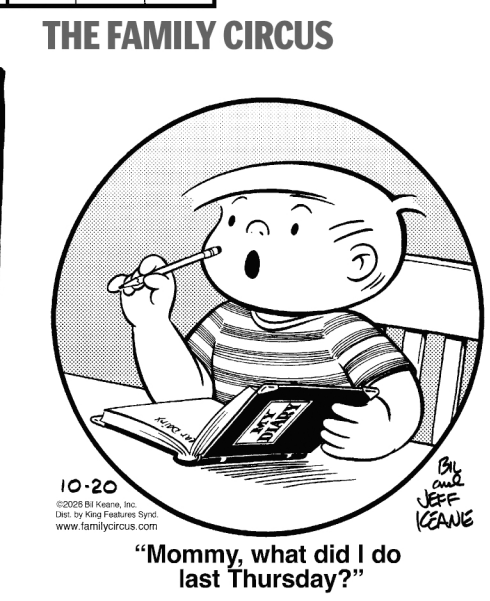
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ When it comes to your job, your health or dealing with a pet today, things are upbeat and looking promising! However, if you've had a romantic affair with someone from afar or from another culture, you might be in trouble trying to meet their demands. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS





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BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



NEVER BEEN DEADER
BY TOMMY DEVOID



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BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK
BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★ 10/20

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ACROSS

1 Barrel part
5 Cacophony
8 Wheel-chair access
12 Driver of "Logan Lucky"
13 Punk rock offshoot
14 Pop singer Sands
15 Equine-powered vehicle
17 Asta's caretaker
18 MGM motto start
19 Parched
20 Fighting
21 Non-clerical group
22 Educ. group meeting
26 Book collectors?
30 "Roots" author Haley
31 Small tablet
32 New York's — Field
33 Gift via a will

DOWN

35 Less loony
36 Irish actor Stephen
37 Happy hour locale
38 Emerald, for one
41 XXXI quintupled
42 U.K. recording label
45 Actor Guinness
46 Noise-free Amtrak offering
48 "Mamma Mia" group
49 Samovar
50 Intro studio class
51 Char

52 Japanese sash
53 Union payment

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1 "Funny!"
2 Skunk's defense
3 Galley supply
4 Evening hrs.
5 Belittle
6 Commitment-phobe's response
7 Fish-fowl insert
8 Budget line item?
9 Acknowledge
10 Actress Sorvino
11 Bartlett, for one

16 Dutch cheese
20 Devoured
21 BMW, for one
22 Third degree?
23 "Terrific!"
24 Yucatan "Bravo!"
25 Necessary, for short
26 Plopped down
27 Coq au —
28 Tours season
29 Navy address
31 Unpaid TV spot
34 Long, skinny fish
35 Rescue
37 Russian pancakes
38 Cote calls
39 North Sea feeder
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46 Status follower
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Yesterday's answer 10-20

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