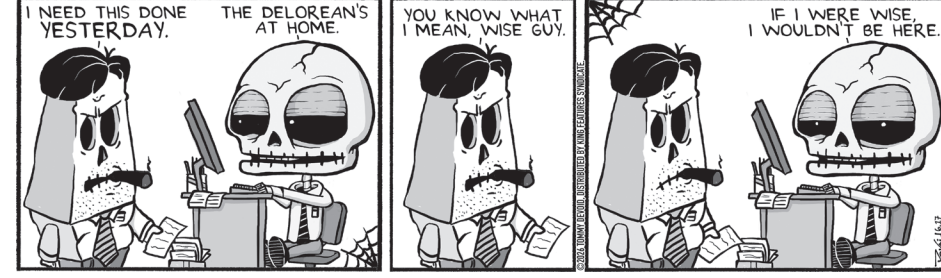


**DUMPLINGS** BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



**NEVER BEEN DEADER** BY TOMMY DEVOID



**ZITS** BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



**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:** Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions from 3:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. EDT today (12:15 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **CANCER** into **LEO**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your verbal skills are great today. However, parents need to cut their kids some slack because power struggles might arise. Romance can also suffer from ego conflicts and issues related to power and control. Tread carefully. Tonight: Socialize.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your well-meaning intentions might backfire on you when dealing with parents and authority figures today. Perhaps you're coming on a little too strong. You have definite ideas about decorating. You also might want to entertain at home. Lighten up. Tonight: Relax at home.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Steer clear of conflict with others, especially about controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues. They could turn into nasty arguments. The Sun is in your sign and you're powerful right now! Finances favor you. Be careful talking to others today. Tonight: Interesting discussions.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Try to avoid power struggles about money and financial control today. These issues might arise. If it's not about money or how to spend money, it could be about a specific possession, something you own. Fortunately, with Venus in your sign, you'll be tactful. Tonight: Check your money.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Today the Moon is lined up with fair Venus, making you eager to get out and socialize. In fact, you want to party! The problem is that at the same time, the Moon is opposite Pluto, which means you might butt heads with partners, spouses and close friends about social plans. Tread carefully. Tonight: You win!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ People admire you today. Furthermore, your relations with friends and groups are warm and smooth. Nevertheless, some kind of undercurrent might put you at odds with someone related to your work, your pet or even your health. Patience is your best friend today. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You like to get along with others because you like harmony in your surroundings. Initially today, you will feel warmhearted to a friend; however, a difference of opinion could lead to a clash (perhaps with your kids) that could be nasty. Use your diplomatic skills to steer through this day. Tonight: Be friendly.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For Wednesday, June 17, 2026:

You want to improve human society. You have progressive ideas, and you're imaginative, tenacious and persuasive! This is a year of service to others. Take care of yourself so you can be a support for those who turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage. Personalize your home.

**BORN TODAY**

Tennis champion Venus Williams (1980), artist M.C. Escher (1898) actor Greg Kinnear (1963)

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Power struggles with authority figures — parents, bosses, teachers and the police — might arise today. You also might find yourself at odds with spouses, partners or close friends. (That covers quite a population.) Travel and do something different. Run away! Run away! Tonight: You're admired.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Power struggles with family members, parents and bosses might create challenges for you today. Fortunately, you have energy to work and get things done. If relations are challenging, then pivot and channel your energy into working for results that will please you. Tonight: Learn and explore.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ It might be tough to avoid money squabbles today. Initially, you have specific ideas about spending money. In fact, money might come to you today. Unfortunately, some challenges will arise. Venus opposite your sign will save the day because you are charming with everyone right now. Tonight: Check your finances.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You have no choice other than to cooperate with others today to keep the peace and to achieve what you want to do. If you can avoid power struggles and instead choose a playful outlet — socializing with friends, sports or fun activities with kids — you'll be happier. Tonight: Listen and cooperate with others.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Struggles related to your health, parents and your work might be a challenge today. Instead, play hooky and escape with some fun socializing. Sports events, fun activities with kids and romantic adventures will appeal. You also might choose to relax at home. Tonight: Get better organized.

**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: ★★★

**SHEFFER CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

1 "My word!"  
4 Golden State sch.  
8 Ginormous  
12 Diamond arborer  
13 Experts  
14 Arsenal supply  
15 Tours pal  
16 Fortunate one  
18 Chocolate source  
20 Poseidon's realm  
21 Quite enthusiastic  
24 Brainy  
28 Survive an embarrassment  
32 Antioxidant berry  
33 Prez on pennies  
34 Aegean island  
36 Timetable abbr.  
37 Turkish money  
39 Symbolic end of summer  
41 Orange variety  
43 Void partner

**DOWN**

1 Avocado dip, for short  
2 Austen novel  
3 Grand tale  
4 Digital transfers  
5 French vineyard  
6 Place, for short  
7 Requests  
8 Puccini's "—"  
9 Big bird  
10 SUV maker  
11 Fine, at NASA  
17 Thumbs-up  
19 Get older  
22 Soccer score  
23 "Gimme a break!"  
25 Served perfectly  
26 Pro —

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 6-17

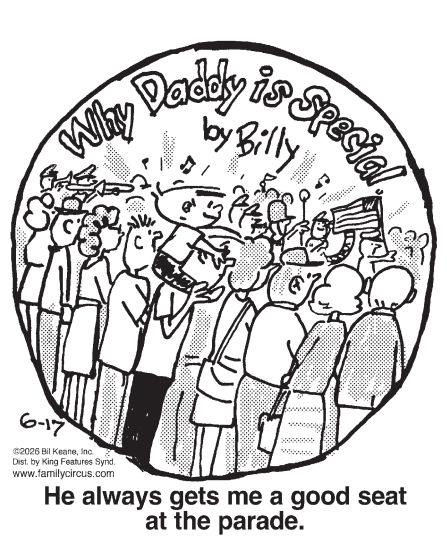
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



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