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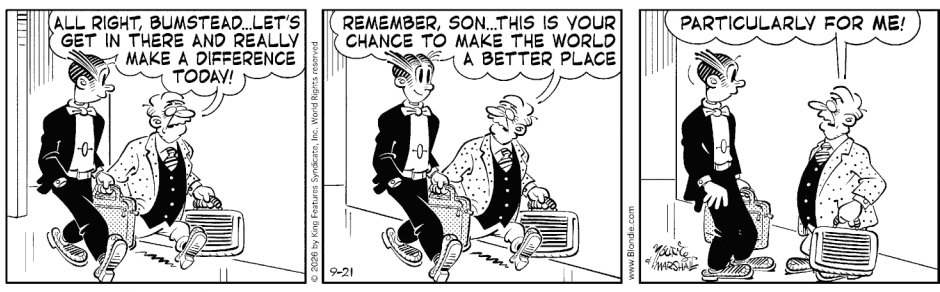
BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

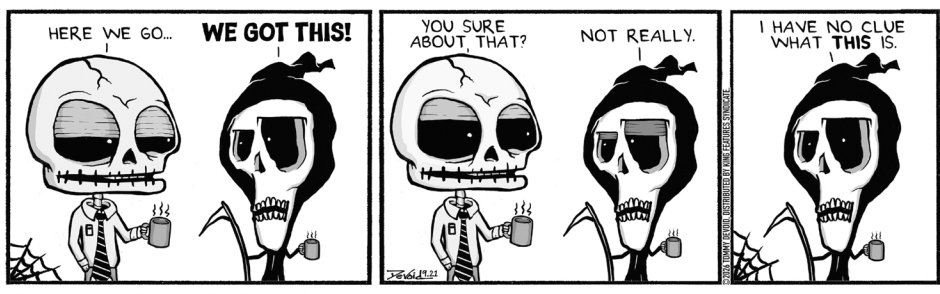


DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

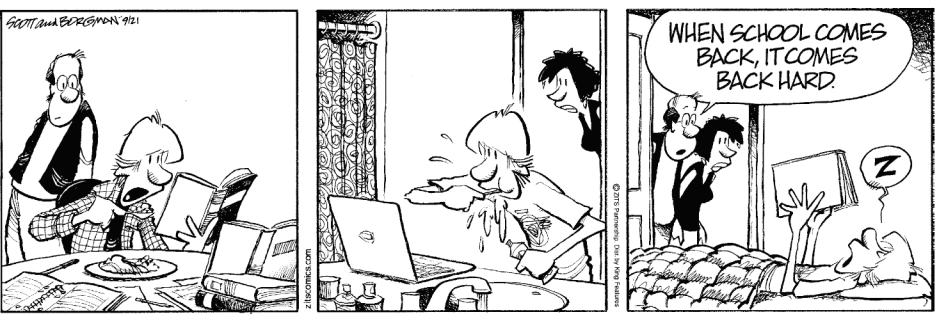
NEVER BEEN DEADER

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 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. EDT today (7 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **CAPRICORN** into **AQUARIUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You're high-viz as this day begins. People notice you. It's a high-energy day and excellent for communication with partners, spouses and your kids. Discussions about the arts, vacations and fun outings will be interesting and imaginative. Tonight: Be friendly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Although this is a positive day with lots of upbeat energy to get things done, be aware of the fact that bosses, parents, VIPs and the police might throw you a curveball. They might say or do something you least expect. ("Busted!") Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Unexpected opportunities to travel as well as explore avenues in publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education could be a blessing today. You're full of creative ideas! The arts, sports and activities with children hold promising adventures. Tonight: Explore and learn!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be ready to compromise today, because this might be a factor you have to deal with. Double-check banking details and anything to do with shared property and inheritances, because something might surprise you. Fortunately, family discussions are encouraging! Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your communication skills are excellent today. You're a walking example of the power of positive thinking. Don't hesitate to entertain big plans that might include shopping for beautiful things for your home and entertaining. Meanwhile, a spouse, partner or close friend might surprise you. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Kaching! This is an excellent day for financial negotiations. Trust your moneymaking ideas. However, if shopping, you might be tempted to spend big. Meanwhile, something to do with your job, your health or your pet might surprise you. Stay tuned. Tonight: Get better organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Today Mercury is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you feel happy and friendly. Group activities will appeal. You might be concerned for the welfare of others. Parents should be vigilant because this is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. Expect social plans to change. Tonight: Relax at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might be caught off guard by a family discussion or a family member who has strong feelings about something. Meanwhile, hidden news that pleases you might be revealed. You might see ways to improve your reputation in the eyes of others. Tonight: Interesting conversations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is a mildly accident-prone day. Nevertheless, your dealings with friends, groups and organizations will be positive and successful. Young people will respond to your ideas. Tonight: Check your belongings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today because something unexpected could impact them. Guard against loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, you will impress bosses, parents and VIPs with your visionary ideas today. Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today your feelings are intense. Your routine might be interrupted by something unexpected. But you might be encouraged by something related to politics, the news, medicine, the law or higher education. Tonight: Enjoy solitude and pleasant surroundings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ This is an excellent day for financial discussions, especially regarding shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt and insurance issues. Whatever happens, you'll come out smelling like a rose. Work-related travel is likely for some of you. Whatever happens will probably improve your job. Tonight: Be friendly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Sept. 21, 2026:

You are artistic, innovative and original. You're fascinated with new and unusual experiences. This is a year about creating solid foundations in your life, both physically and internally. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Physical exercise will play an important role. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

BORN TODAY

Author Stephen King (1947), singer, actress Faith Hill (1967), actor Bill Murray (1950)

INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

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7 Greet silently
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14 "Yeah, right!"
15 Petty of "Tank Girl"
16 Fib
17 Allows
18 Skating jumps
20 Old France
22 Prune
24 Groups of three
28 Outshine
32 "Go!"
33 Apportion
34 Priest's garment
36 Russian refusal
37 Cable company device
39 Seoul residents
41 Home of St. Francis
43 Popeye's Olive
44 Pride parade letters
46 Maya Angelou piece
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53 "Caught ya!"
55 Gymnast Korbut
56 Alamo rival
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59 Eve's third son
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5 Vaping device
6 Swindler
7 Grammy-winning "Always on My Mind" singer
8 Honest politician
9 Kitty's doc
10 UFO engineers
12 Grammy-winning "Bad Guy" singer
19 Soak (up)
21 Web address
23 Unpaid TV ad
25 Fiji competitor
26 Tied
27 Collections
28 Tennis star Raducanu
29 Corp. leaders
30 Classic Fords
31 Caribou kin
35 Scary cry
38 Food additive
40 Deli bread
42 Building beams
45 One of TV's Huxtables
47 Sty chow
48 Taj Mahal city
49 Orange veggies
50 More, to Manuel
51 "Hail, Caesar!"
52 Little louse
54 NYPD alert

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Saturday's answer 9-21

TODAY'S ANSWER

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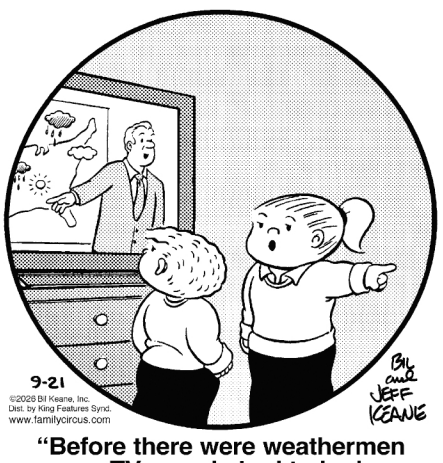
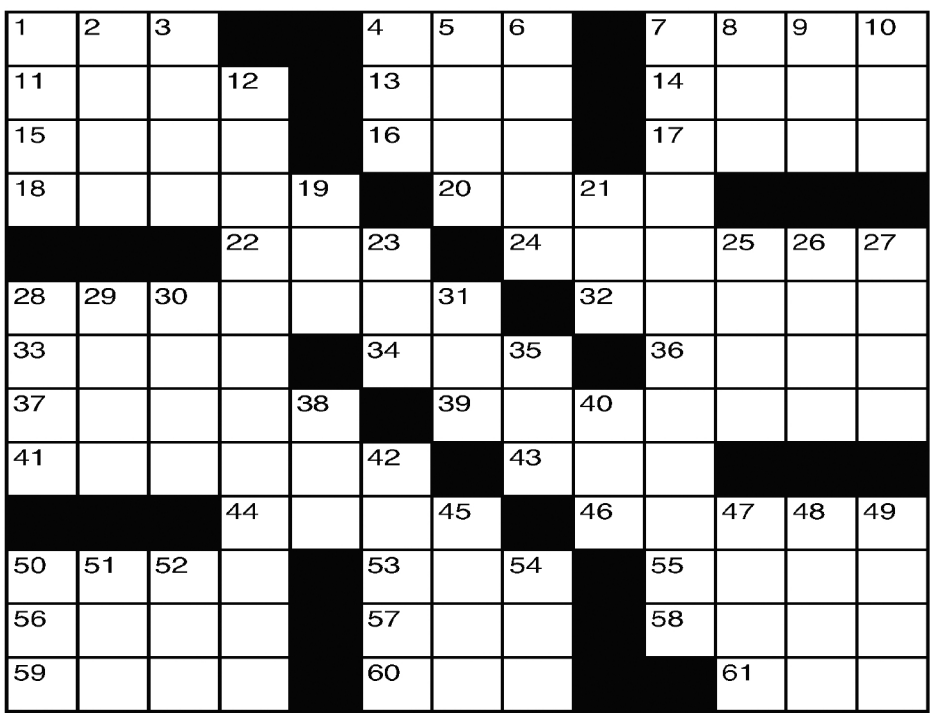
DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Before there were weathermen on TV, people had to look out the window."