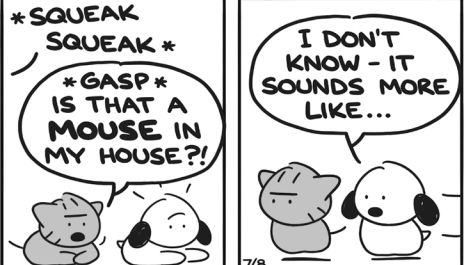


DUMPLINGS

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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 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT today (11 a.m. to 2 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from ARIES into TAURUS.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Keep your digs tidy and your fridge stocked, because relatives and people from your past might be camped on your doorstep. This could be due to family reunions, visitors or guests. This is a good time to tackle home repairs that have needed your attention. Tonight: Check your belongings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Allow extra time when you're traveling this week because Mercury retrograde will create breakdowns with cars and trucks, plus missed buses and all kinds of delays to your transportation plans. Likewise, communications with others will be like two ships passing in the night. Tonight: You win!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Checks might be late in the mail and other delays to financial matters are likely, along with mistakes with your credit cards, your bank accounts or anything to do with your cash flow and finances. Double-check all your financial dealings. (You snooze, you lose.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Mercury is retrograde in your sign until July 23, giving you the advantage of being able to finish old business that's already on your plate; however, you have the disadvantage of suffering from goofy mistakes, delays, mixed-up communications and misplaced items. Oh well. Tonight: Friendships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Mercury retrograde might bring opportunities to explore spiritual issues from the past. It might reveal secrets about yourself and others. Admittedly, it might make you feel that you're not in control of your world. (Is anyone?) Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Old friends and acquaintances from the past are back in your world now. Some contacts that you will hear from might be through clubs, groups or organizations. The reconnection might be online, in person or in your dreams. Tonight: Explore and learn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Very likely, you're thinking about or running into parents, ex-bosses and authority figures from your past — in person, online or in your dreams. You might even have an imaginary conversation with someone. Those are fun, because now you can think of the right thing to say. Tonight: Check your finances.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, July 8, 2026:

You are strong-willed, dynamic and purposeful. You have artistic and practical skills. This is a year of learning and teaching. Take time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of your life.

BORN TODAY Actor Kevin Bacon (1958), actress, director Anjelica Huston (1951), actor Milo Ventimiglia (1977)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Travel delays will be likely for some of you. Double-check itineraries and small details if you are going somewhere. It's best if you travel to a place you've been to before because then you are "returning." This is a great time to study history and issues from the past. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Double-check all transactions and financial negotiations with others, because Mercury retrograde will encourage errors and hiccups. Do not assume everything's correct. On the upside, Mercury retrograde will help you finish matters related to inheritances and shared property. Tonight: Get better organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Mercury retrograde will attract news about ex-partners and old friends. In fact, in some cases, you will encounter these people in person or online. You might hear about what they're up to, or they might come to you in your dreams and thoughts. Tonight: Play!

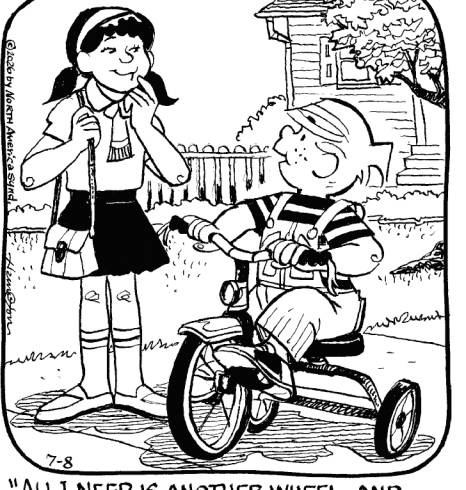
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ This particular Mercury retrograde will be challenging for you because it will affect your job, your work and even your health. Expect silly errors, misplaced paperwork, delays and equipment breakdowns. However, the good news is Mercury retrograde can help you finish old projects. Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Old flames are back in your world, either in your thoughts, your dreams, online or in person. Be smart and look your best when you go out. You'll feel better if you run into someone important from your past. (We all like to look good.) Tonight: Interesting conversations.

TODAY'S ANSWER

10x10 grid with numbers 1-9 for a crossword puzzle answer.

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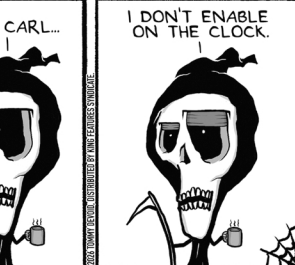


THE FAMILY CIRCUS



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Difficulty: ★★★

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Ballpark figure, 4 Dad on "Black-ish", 7 Largest continent, 8 Raise a glass to, 10 Batter's dry spell, 11 One way to serve café, 13 Portrayer of Felicia Montalegre in "Maestro", 16 AOL, for one, 17 Settle a debt, 18 Pi follower, 19 Mandolin's kin, 20 Laugh-a-minute, 21 Hide, 23 Humiliate, 25 Impudent, 26 Author Hunter

- DOWN 27 Dubai's country, for short, 28 Rage, 30 Aromatherapy spot, 33 Portrayer of Leonard Bernstein in "Maestro", 36 Clog, 37 Resigns, 38 Hägar's dog, 39 Salt Lake City, 40 Ambient music pioneer, 41 Twisty turn

- DOWN 1 Seize by force, 2 Charades player, 3 Scroll material, 4 Birthing coach, 5 Make a comeback, 6 Actor Morales, 7 Regrettably, 8 Hosiery shade, 9 River of Iraq, 10 "Nova" subj., 12 Western resort lake

- 14 "Breaking Bad" drug, 15 Part of NIMBY, 19 Long. crosser, 20 Cam-campaigned, 21 Caulterizes, 22 Goodies, 23 Opposite of "sans", 24 Like Vivaldi's music, e.g., 25 Tavern, 26 Luxor's land, 28 Relating to Swiss peaks, 29 Prefix with surgeon, 30 Covert agents, 31 Favorites, 32 MGM motto start, 34 Finito, 35 Inning ends

10x10 grid for Sheffer Crossword solution.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-41.