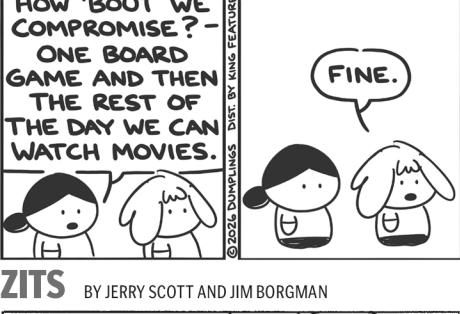




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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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 **TAURUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might be able to boost your income today or find a better paying job. It looks like something, in a financial way, will favor you. However, you might be slightly at odds with a friend or a member of a group about a particular issue. Tread carefully. Mucho confusion. Tonight: Check your money and possessions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Today is a mixed bag. Even though you might have difficulty dealing with an authority figure, on the whole, this is a wonderful day to deal with most people. You feel friendly and congenial. You're also concerned for the welfare of others. It's a great day for group activities. Tonight: You're in charge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Although you could be at odds with someone, especially about political or religious views, privately, you feel fine. In fact, you might be pleased with how things are turning out with your finances or something that you own. You're proud of your achievements. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ This is a great day to schmooze with friends and interact with groups and organizations. People will respond favorably to you. And you're happy to see them. Having said this, you might be at odds with someone about shared possessions or a financial arrangement. Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You're high-viz today! In fact, some people know personal details about your private life. (Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control.) Meanwhile, your dealings with groups and organizations are positive and you are admired. (We like.) Tonight: You're admired!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You will be interested in different people today, especially people from other backgrounds or foreign countries. You will also enjoy travel if you have a chance to do this. If you're working with someone today, you might feel protective about them and concerned for their welfare. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Because of a genuine concern for others today, you might be able to benefit someone either directly in a financial or practical way, or by using your influence. You might even use your influence with a third party. Mostly, this is a playful, fun-loving day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Jan. 26, 2026:

You can be larger than life. You're confident, quick-witted, strong-willed, instinctual and organized. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Be alert for new opportunities, and be ready to take action. What you do now will bring great future benefits.

BORN TODAY

Actor Paul Newman (1925), hockey champ Wayne Gretzky (1961), actor David Strathairn (1949)

Enjoy kids' activities and fun outings. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be prepared to go more than halfway when dealing with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign. Having said that, all your relations with others will probably be pleasant, warm and congenial. Enjoy entertaining at home and tweaking your digs. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

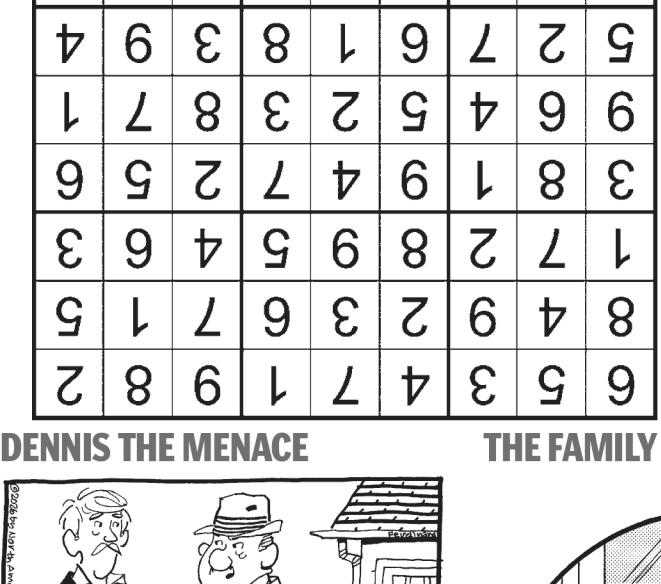
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You will get the most done by working with others or coordinating your efforts with a group, because people will help you today. It's a great day to ask for further support, an increased budget, more equipment — whatever you need. Tonight: Get organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might spend money on fun outings, sports events, playful times with kids and romantic rendezvous today. You're in the mood to have fun, and you're willing to part with a little money to do so. A close friend, spouse or partner will be along for the ride! Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ If you have a chance to relax at home today, this will please you. Nevertheless, you might get involved with a friend or a group, perhaps congregating at your home. Whatever the case, you're in a friendly mood and ready to schmooze. "Bring beer!" Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ This is a quiet, feel-good day. You're happy to retire and enjoy your privacy, or you will be just as happy to chat and socialize. The arts, sports and fun activities with kids will appeal to you. Choose your own adventure. Tonight: Discussions.

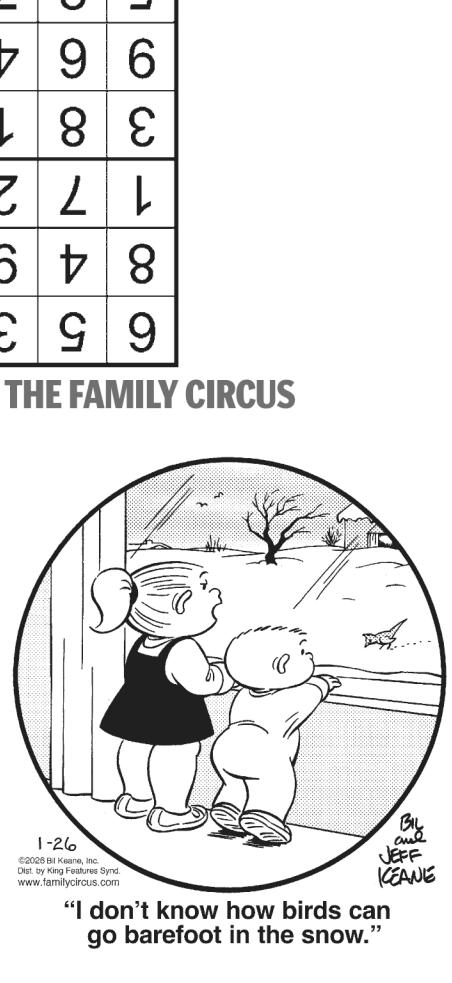
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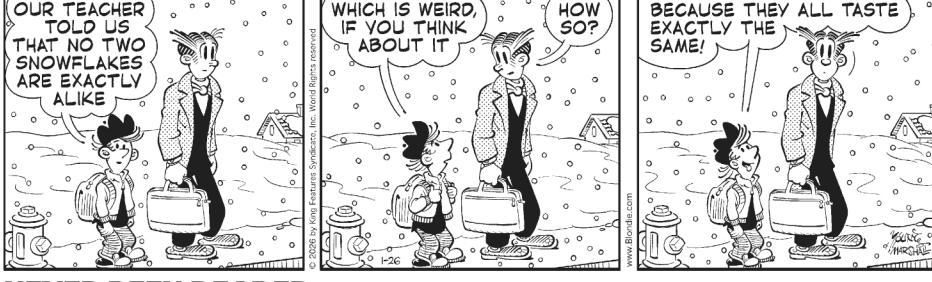


THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



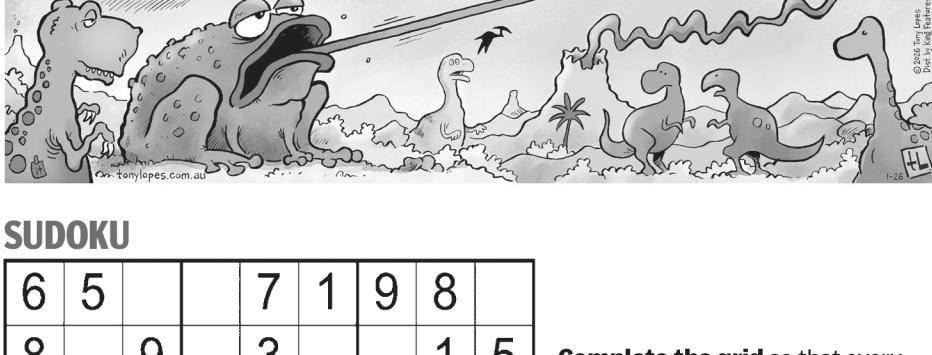
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPEZ



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Difficulty: ★

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

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ACROSS

1 Purple fruit
5 A billion years
8 Euro fraction
12 Piece for soloist and orchestra
14 Copycat
15 Knitter's stitch
16 Carpenter's clamp
17 Haw preceder
18 Builds
20 Fawned (on)
23 Mast
24 Lotion ingredient
25 Tidy type
28 Capita lead-in
29 "— Nast Traveler"

30 Clown's hairpiece
32 Mozart compositions
34 Aachen article

2 Texter's guffaw
3 Numerical prefix
4 "Smash" actress Katharine
5 Sea eagle
6 Oklahomah tribe
7 Memo tablets
8 Bat's home
9 Grand tale
10 Tree house
11 "— chic!"

13 Scratched (out)
19 Assess

DOWN

1 Mac alternatives
25 Ruler of Japan
26 Uno + uno
27 Love letter abbr.
28 Tunnels
29 Specs
30 Estate
31 Zone
32 Tunnel
33 Specs
34 Anat
35 Anat
36 Anat
37 Anat
38 Anat

20 Fist bump
21 Spanish cheers
22 Lawn mower brand
23 French legislature
25 Informed
26 Victor's cry
27 Monarch
29 Kid's plea
31 Some fridges
33 Eggnog sprinkling
34 Foodies
36 Vatican leader
37 Reasons
38 Amusing antic

39 —
40 Conks on the head
43 Med. plan option
44 Promptly
45 Mouths (Lat.)

46 "For shame!"

Solution time: 21 mins.



Saturday's answer 1-26

