

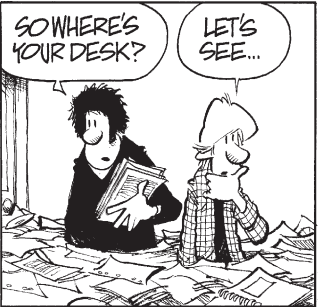
DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



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 until 4:30 p.m. EDT today (1:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **PISCES** into **ARIES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a passionate, powerful day. Romance is blessed. It's a great day to socialize with romantic interests. In fact, today is the best date day of the week! It's also an excellent day for financial discussions about shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt. Tonight: You win!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ The Sun is now opposite your sign for four weeks, which means you'll need more rest. Today in particular, relations with partners, spouses and close friends will be warm and mutually rewarding. Meanwhile, partners from the past are cropping up in person, online or in your dreams. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ A work-related romance might begin. For others it's just a fleeting flirtation that makes your heart skip a beat. ("Did I imagine that?") Certainly, co-workers are supportive now, especially because you're willing to dig in and work hands-on with projects. You're busy for the next four weeks. Tonight: Be friendly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ It's a romantic day! Make plans to socialize with your sweetheart. If you're single, then enjoy good times with someone. Sports events and fun times with kids will appeal. Old flames are back in person, online or in your thoughts and dreams. Tonight: You're admired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your focus now shifts to home and family for the next four weeks. You might be more involved with family discussions and home repairs. You're keen to spruce up the place. Today you want to do something different and exciting. Tonight: Learn something.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Fasten your seatbelts, because the pace of your days will accelerate in the next four weeks. You've got places to go, things to do and people to see! You might read, write and study more as well. Expect to delight in the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ "Show me the money!" Your focus on money, cash flow, earnings and your own possessions will be stronger in the next four weeks. Admittedly, checks in the mail might be late because there will be hiccups and delays. It was ever thus. Ka-ching! Tonight: Be cooperative.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, Oct. 23, 2026:

You're rational and objective. You're full of intellectual and physical energy and you need stimulation. This is a year of reflection. Take time to explore religious or spiritual beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of your life.

BORN TODAY

Actor Ryan Reynolds (1976), actress Emilia Clarke (1986), neurosurgeon, medical reporter Sanjay Gupta (1969)

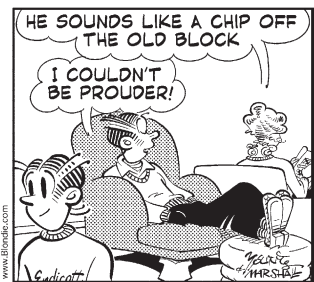
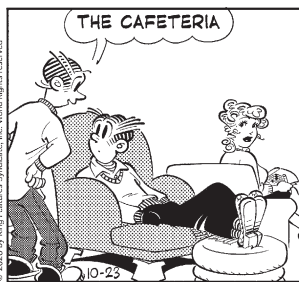
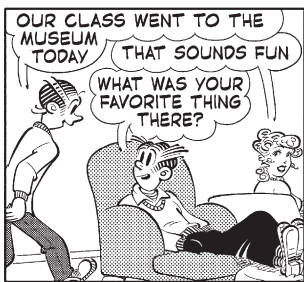
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Today the Moon moves into your sign to stay for four weeks. This happens once a year and gives you a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year! Get out there and fly your colors! Shop for wardrobe goodies. Look good, because people from your past are popping up. Tonight: Get better organized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your personal year is coming to an end. That's why your birthday is looming so close. Meanwhile, today is an affectionate, romantic day. Make a special date with someone. "Anyone? Bueller? Anyone?" Tonight: Socialize!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your popularity will increase in the next four weeks. You might hang out with younger people more than usual. A friendship might turn romantic. People from your past will be popping up as well. It's an interesting time for you, and a good time to think about future goals. Tonight: Relax at home.

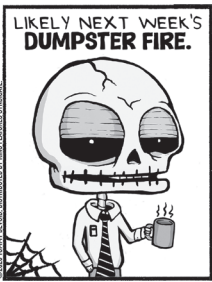
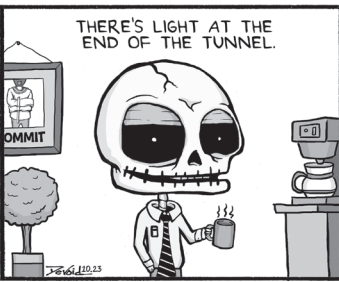
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ The Sun will be at the top of your chart for the next four weeks. This happens once a year, and it symbolizes that you are being thrust in a flattering spotlight! Oh yes, you look fabulous to everyone. Use this window of time to demand the advantage and make your pitch. Why not? Tonight: Interesting discussions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your desire to travel, learn, study and expand your world will be stronger than usual in the next four weeks. Get out and do something different. Visit new shops, new parks, new places and possibly get outta Dodge. Broaden your horizons. Tonight: Check your belongings.



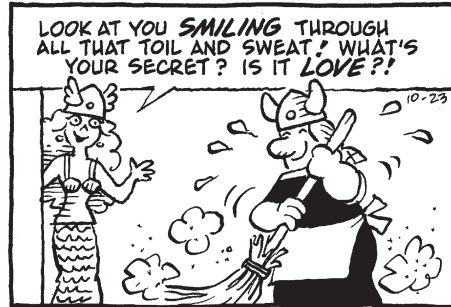
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BY TOMMY DEVOID



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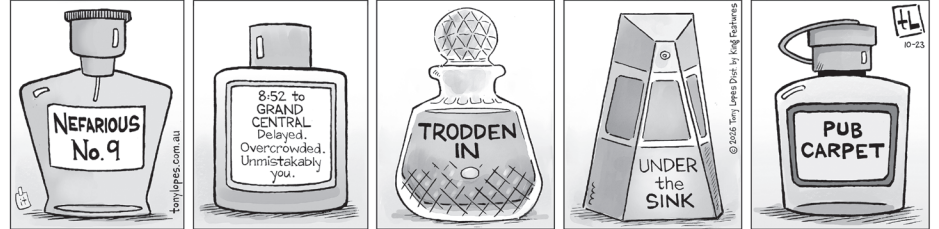
BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

Insanity Streak Looks at FAILED fragrances...



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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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ACROSS

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- Easy win
- Junk email
- Rm. coolers
- Canal of song
- Glazier's sheet
- Computer screen features
- Actor Epps
- Avenue
- Freud's "The — and the Id"
- Land in la mer
- Synagogue text
- Bog deposits
- Non-clerical
- "— Lazy River"
- Lofty
- "— the season ..."
- Teensy bit
- "All bets — off"
- Scoundrel

DOWN

- Back muscles, for short
- "Be gone!"
- Cold War initials
- Defies authority
- Emulate Oprah
- Bygone space station
- Old Spanish money
- Thread holder
- Nonstick spray
- Literary collection
- Sea, to Henri
- Urban of country music
- Part of LGBTQ
- Conductor Riccardo
- "Once — a time ..."
- River blockers
- Excellent, in slang
- Green land
- Ice and Bronze
- Cover
- Used a stun gun
- Anticipate
- Crow's cry
- Gas station name
- Bluesman Willie
- Summoned with a beeper
- Elevator name
- Actress Kate
- Bygone fliers
- "Help!"
- Prune
- Hydro-carbon suffix
- "Xanadu" band

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 10-23

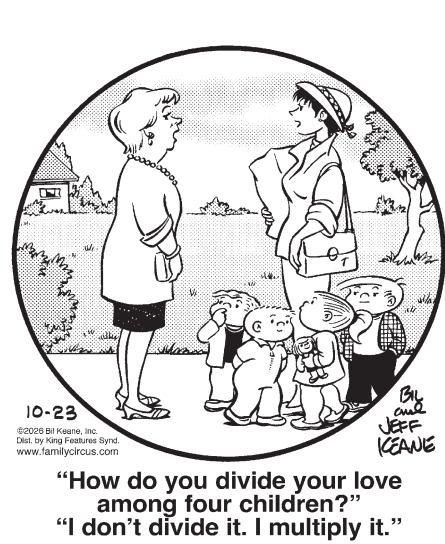
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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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