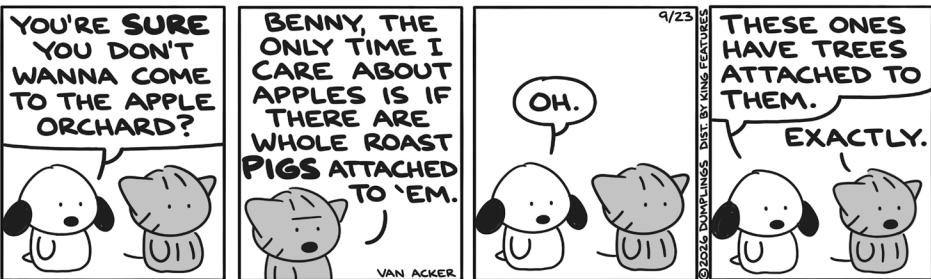


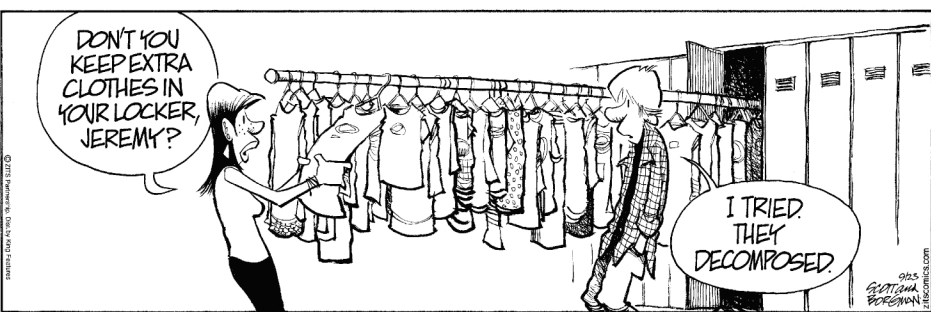
DUMPLINGS

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: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions from 4 a.m. until 11:55 p.m. EDT today (1 a.m. to 8:55 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **AQUARIUS** into **PISCES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ There's a **Moon Alert** all day, so restrict spending to food and gas, and postpone important decisions. However, you are the artisan of the zodiac, and a **Moon Alert** is an excellent time for socializing and making art! Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ The Moon is at the top of your chart today, which means people notice you, whether you're aware of this or not. In fact, some know personal details about your private life. Meanwhile, there's a **Moon Alert** all day! Avoid important decisions and shopping. Tonight: Be friendly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is a creative day for you! Grab every chance to express your ideas and artistic talents. It's also a great day to socialize! Get out and enjoy sports events, fun diversions with friends and playful activities with kids. Tonight: You're admired!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ There's a **Moon Alert** in effect all day, which means it's wise to restrict your spending to food and gas. In point of fact, this particular **Moon Alert** is taking place in one of your Money Houses, which means you'll be tempted to negotiate, borrow or discuss how to share something. Caution! Tonight: Explore and learn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ The **Moon Alert** all day is opposite your sign, which means communications with those who are closest to you — partners, spouses and dear friends — are subject to misinterpretation. Don't volunteer for anything. Don't agree to anything important. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Today's **Moon Alert** might create goofy mistakes at work along with delays and shortages, which might be a bit frustrating for you. Be aware of this and give yourself extra time for wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. Tonight: Be cooperative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to socialize and enjoy the company of others! The theater, the arts, sports events and fun occasions will delight. There is a sense that anything can happen. Restrict your spending to food and gas because there is a **Moon Alert** all day. Tonight: Get better organized.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026:

You are multitalented, charming, kind and intellectually inquisitive. You're also energetic and resourceful. This is a year of service for you, perhaps service to family. Take care of yourself so that you can be a resource to those who turn to you for guidance and courage.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Ray Charles (1930), singer-songwriter Bruce Springsteen (1949), singer-songwriter Julio Iglesias (1943)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Home and family are your focus today. However, you also might want to hide at home and relax among familiar surroundings. This might be a good idea, because this entire day is a **Moon Alert**. Restrict your spending and avoid important decisions. Tonight: Socialize!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ This is a popular time for you and you're out there flying your colors talking to everyone! (Some of you are also dabbling in a secret love affair.) Meanwhile, this entire day is a **Moon Alert**, so be careful in your communications. Postpone important decisions and commitments. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be careful today. This entire day is a **Moon Alert** and it is taking place in your primary Money House. Do not be tempted to shop. Restrict your spending to food and gas. Commit to nothing financially; however, it's OK to window shop and do your homework. Tonight: Learn and discuss things.

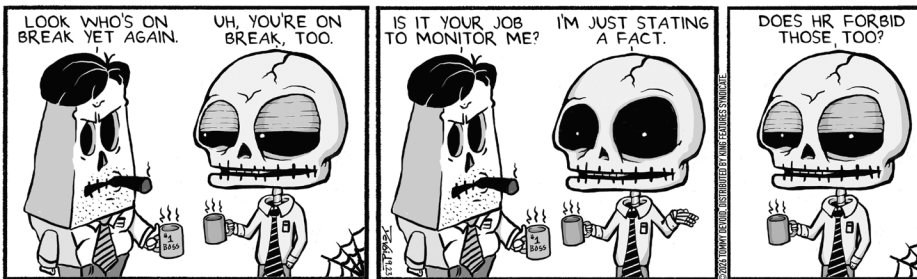
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ This is a tricky day because there's a **Moon Alert** in effect all day and it's in your sign. In one way, it's a marvelous day to schmooze with others. You'll enjoy socializing. You'll also enjoy the arts and opportunities to be creative. But don't volunteer for anything. Tonight: Check your belongings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Travel if possible, because you have a desire to expand your world and seek out new experiences. Competitive sports will also appeal. Meanwhile, this entire day is a **Moon Alert**. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: You win!



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



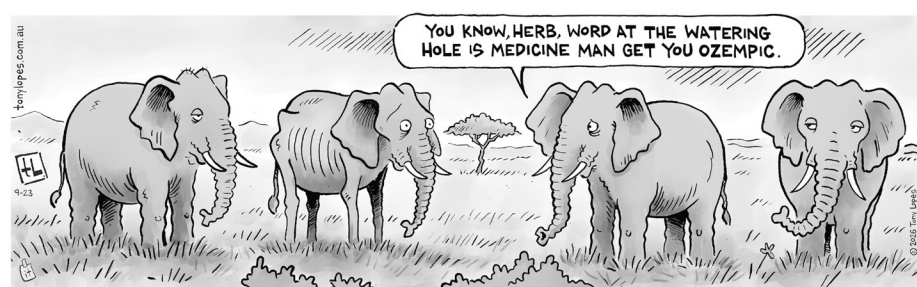
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★

9/23

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ACROSS

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- Madrid Mrs.
- "Understood"
- Curved roof
- Spider's home
- Tortilla dough
- Guaranteed
- Miles away
- Rill
- Mythic king of Athens
- Use a straw
- Svelte
- Guitar great Paul
- Allow
- Napper's racket
- Apple tablet
- River blocker
- Dutch export
- Bistros
- Tavern
- Sheeran and Harris

- Panache
- Burrowed
- rasa
- Atlanta team
- Second-hand
- "Take care of yourself"
- Low-calorie
- Gallery display
- Beauty products chain
- Colleen
- -di-dah
- Nuisance

DOWN

- Shareable PC files
- Perfectly

- Actor El-Masry
- Tennis great Monica
- Extremely busy
- Game official
- Skip — (flutter)
- Lennon song
- Diagnostic computer tool
- Jacob's sibling
- Corn servings
- Go yachting
- Hosp. areas

- DMV doc
- Clean air org.
- Low-risk wagers
- Phone bug
- "Awe-some, dude!"
- Ambulance letters
- Fools
- Spa treatment
- "On the Road" narrator
- Conceal, in a way
- Twangy
- Fill the tank
- Inventor Jethro
- Pakistan's continent
- Low-lying region
- New newts
- Membership
- La-la lead-in

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-23

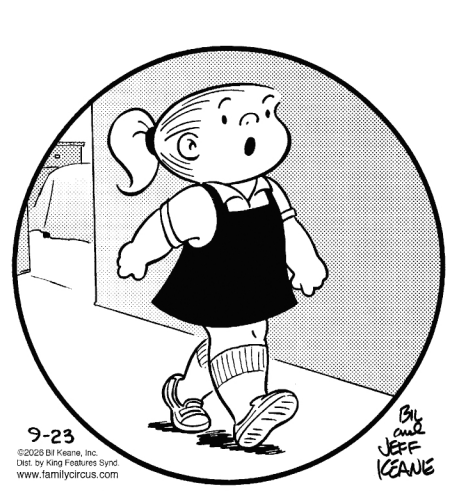
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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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