



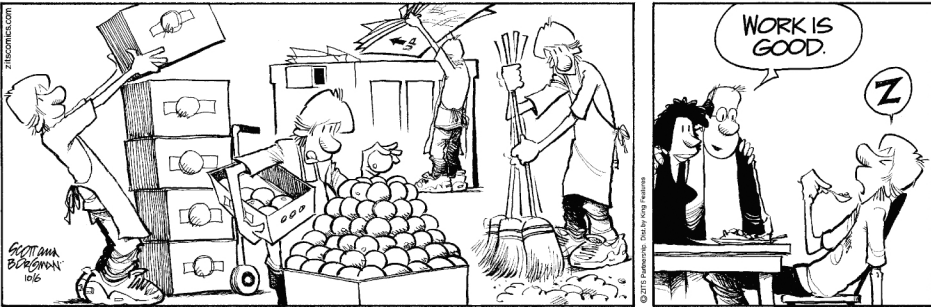
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ROYAL STARS

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 6 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. EDT today (3 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **LEO** into **VIRGO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a fantastic day to schmooze, and romance is favored. In fact, this is the most romantic day of the week. Intimate relationships will be affectionate and exciting. Enjoy socializing, sports events and fun activities with kids. The arts are blessed. Tonight: Get organized.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Many of you are an excellent cook, and today is a wonderful day to entertain at home. It will please you to make a partner, spouse or someone close to you happy. Discussions about real estate or expanding your family or contemplating a future vacation will appeal. Tonight: Socialize!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is a feel-good day! You're in a positive frame of mind and ready to entertain big ideas because your confidence is strong. Colleagues at work might endorse your plans. (See the **Moon Alert**.) Meanwhile, a work-related romance might be percolating on the back burner. Tonight: Relax at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is a good money day for you. Jot down your moneymaking ideas, but wait until tomorrow to act on them, because today is a **Moon Alert**. Nevertheless, a **Moon Alert** is a creative time — just a poor day to spend money. This is a friendly, sociable day and great for romance! Tonight: Lively discussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You're out there flying your colors today because the Moon is lined up with lucky Jupiter in **LEO**. Plus, fiery Mars in your sign will put a spring in your step and boost your confidence. Family discussions will go well. In fact, you might want to entertain at home. Tonight: Take care of your possessions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to charm others with your words is wonderful today, which is why this is a great day for those in marketing, teaching or acting. However, because of the **Moon Alert** all day, restrict your spending to food and gas. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Enjoy your popularity today because everyone wants to see your face! Interactions with friends, groups and organizations will be successful. However, because there's a **Moon Alert** all day, don't volunteer for anything. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Enjoy peace and quiet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026:

You have a strong zest for living. You're optimistic, enthusiastic and progressive. This year you will attain power and leadership. You will also reap the benefits and rewards for all your hard work. It's a busy year. Expect kudos, awards, promotions and acknowledgement.

BORN TODAY

Actress Elisabeth Shue (1963), actress Olivia Thirlby (1986), actor Ioan Gruffudd (1973)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You're still high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual, and you look capable and affluent to everyone. You're also charming and diplomatic. You might be approached to take on increased responsibilities today. If so, wait until tomorrow to accept. (Check the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: Be friendly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a fabulous day to travel. You want to get outta Dodge. Meanwhile, some of you might be dabbling in a secret love affair. It's certainly a great day to schmooze and flirt. However, it's a poor day to spend money except for food and gas. (Check the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: You're admired.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be careful with financial issues and decisions today, especially about shared property, insurance issues, inheritances, taxes and debt, because there's a **Moon Alert** all day. Be smart and postpone these decisions until tomorrow. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Explore and learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ It's a great day to schmooze! Enjoy the company of friends, partners and spouses. You make such a great impression on everyone. It's possible you'll be asked for your advice about something. If so, wait until tomorrow to respond. (See the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Work-related travel might be on the menu today. Likewise, travel plans will intrigue you. Although you can be productive today, be aware of the restrictions of the **Moon Alert** and postpone important decisions until tomorrow. You'll be glad you did. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.



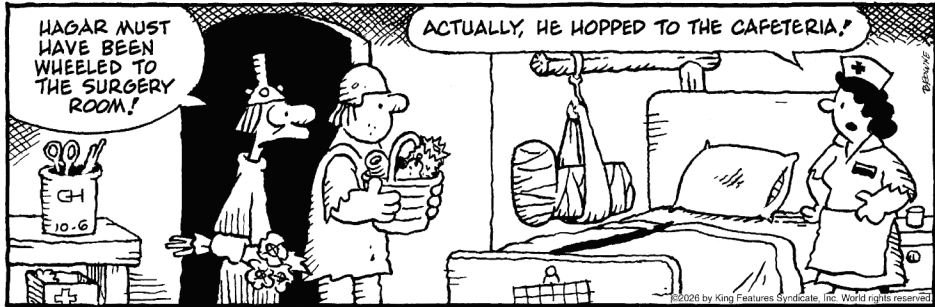
NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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ACROSS

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- Havana's land
- "Ben—"
- gobi (Indian vegetarian dish)
- The "A" of UAE
- Botanist Gray
- Some Halloween treats
- Luggage tags, e.g.
- Charged bits
- Ort
- Allen or Frome
- College VIP
- Volume
- Florida city
- "Aladdin" monkey
- John Paul II, at birth
- Texter's chuckle
- Jewish schools
- Bridge charge
- Aachen article

DOWN

- Birthday mail
- Almanac data
- iPhone voice
- Hollywood's Gardner
- Statesman dubbed "The Great Compromiser"
- Animal doc
- "No harm done"
- Aspiration
- Condo coolers
- Taverns
- Victor's cry

DOWN

- Taunting laugh
- carte
- Fish-fowl link
- Alaskan bear
- James of "The Godfather"
- Coffee vessels
- Crummy
- Horrible
- Black, brown or blond, e.g.
- Fed. food inspector
- Grate
- Record holder?
- Lettuce variety

DOWN

- Online auction site
- "It Had — You"
- Purring pets
- Warner —
- Sock away
- Football's Par-seghian
- Snitched
- Shakespeare title
- Affinity
- Successful at-bat
- Chinese martial art
- Sob
- Bean variety
- Opposite of "sans"
- Elitist
- Annoys
- Ostrich's kin
- Despondent
- GI's address
- Hankering

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 10-6

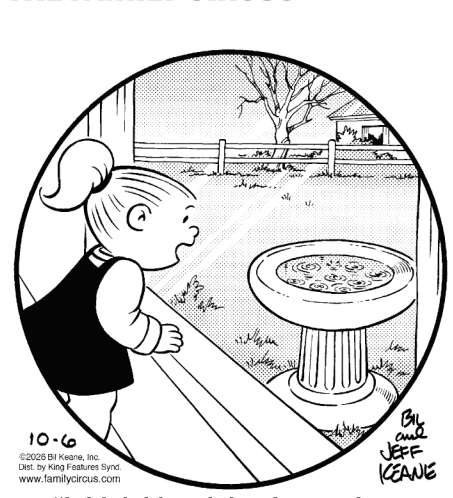
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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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