



## DUMPLINGS

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## ZITS

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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 **SCORPIO**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★ Travel, school issues or legal and medical matters might be difficult today, which is why you would rather do something else. Nevertheless, duty calls. Fortunately, discussions about banking and shared property will benefit you or your home and family. Tonight: Happy news.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ This is a poor day for financial discussions or to ask for a loan because someone or something will block your way. Accept that this is the tenor of the day and lower your expectations. Later in the day, relations with someone close to you are warm and helpful. Tonight: Warm discussions.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★ This is a poor day to ask authority figures for approval, favors or permission. Their response will be, "Talk to the hand." Timing is everything. Instead, be helpful and supportive with co-workers. Issues related to your health and pets are reassuring. Tonight: Happy feelings.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Tread carefully at work today, because bosses and supervisors might be critical or demanding. Don't waste time being resentful. Do what is expected of you, then carve out some time for fun, because romance and playful diversions await you this evening. (A reward!) Tonight: Socialize!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Parents must be patient when dealing with their kids today, because things are challenging. Obstacles will arise. Your kids might be unhappy. Similarly, social occasions and romantic events might disappoint you as well. However, tonight a complete turnabout is a pleasant reprieve. Tonight: Contentment.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Expect little when dealing with parents and partners today, because people are unyielding. If you want to ask for help or a favor (or something more), table this request for another day. Instead, count on your own optimism to boost your happiness late tonight. Because it will! Tonight: Optimistic discussions.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Can you hum the tune to the "Song of the Volga Boatman"? "Yo! Heave ho! Once more ..." Yes, it's that kinda day, which is why you might feel discouraged or overwhelmed. But this is temporary. The good news is a financial benefit or favor could come your way tonight. Ka-ching! Tonight: You're encouraged.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025:

You are articulate, convincing and highly imaginative. You're bold about pursuing your goals. This is a year of new beginnings, exciting adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Be ready to take action. Define your goals. Prepare for a leadership role.

### BORN TODAY

Actor Theo James (1984), anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901), actress Miranda Otto (1967)

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Children might be an increased responsibility today. Social outings or sports events might be met with difficulties and delays. A flat tire? Whatever it is, it's no fun. Fortunately, by tonight, the Moon in your sign is dancing with Jupiter. "Tra la, tra la, it is to laugh!" Tonight: You're happy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ You're an optimist. You need to believe in a better tomorrow. Well, that's exactly what you can believe in today, because tomorrow will be better. Today you might feel depressed or restricted by something or someone holding you back. It might be related to parents or responsibilities with home and family. Tonight: Quiet strength.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Steer clear of arguments with others today. Not only will they be pointless, they could ruin your day. (Who needs that?) Be choosy about whom you talk to because, ironically, a friend or a member of a group will lift your spirits tonight! Go figure. Tonight: You're popular.

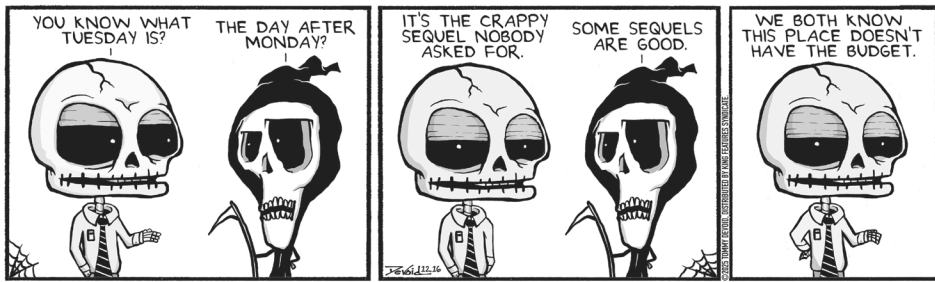
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Someone might refuse you money or help today. Or they could be difficult about something that you own. (You won't be happy.) However, tonight something will make you happy, and you'll project an image of success and affluence to everyone. (A complete turnaround.) Tonight: You look good!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Today you want to break out of a rut, but you can't because certain barriers are holding you back. Authority figures might restrict your freedom. Something is discouraging. Nevertheless, a chance to travel or explore social outings or fun activities with kids will delight you late in the day. Tonight: Travel, learn, expand your world!



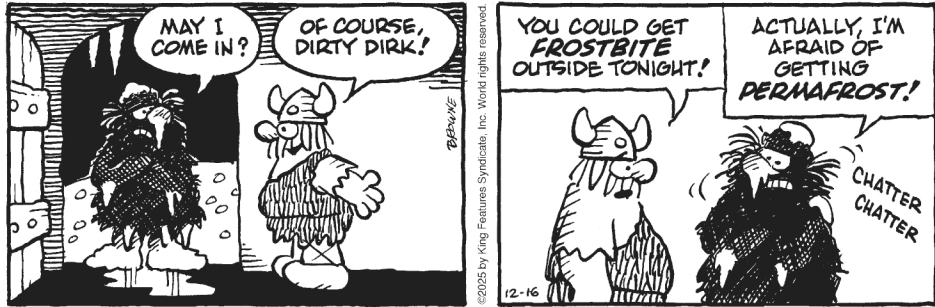
## NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



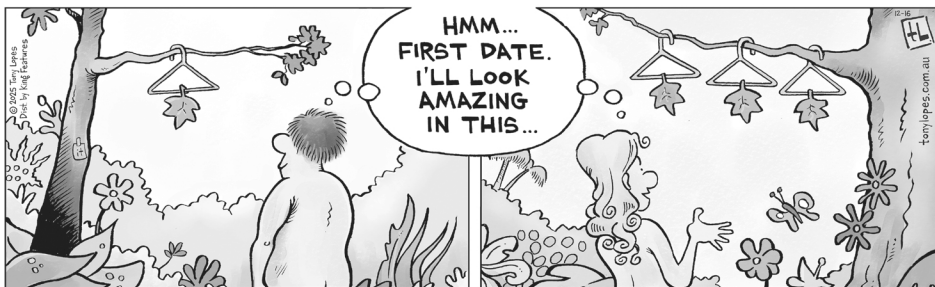
## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



## INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★

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### ACROSS

- Starring role
- Actress Dennings
- Green gem
- Church section
- Notable time
- War god
- Cabbage variety
- Puppy's cry
- Jargon suffix
- Switch settings
- "Encore!"
- Bearded beast
- Bikini half
- Puccini piece
- Wrestling duo
- Beach, Fla.
- Salary
- Houston base-baller, briefly
- NAACP, for one
- Ancient calculators

### DOWN

- Oft-tattooed word
- Glacial
- "Nick of Time" singer Bonnie
- Raggedy doll
- Indus-trious insect
- To boot
- Hive dweller
- Gaming tyro
- French article
- Caesar's "Behold!"
- Actor Hackman
- De-bussy's "La —"

### ACROSS

- Re-quests

### DOWN

- Superior, for one
- Heroic verse
- Queens stadium name
- Tierra — Fuego
- Reeves of "The Matrix"
- Wall St. traders
- chi
- Protago-nist in a Fitz-gerald novel
- Location
- Sandwich shop

### ACROSS

- "NFL Live" channel
- Barrett or Jaffe
- S.A. nation
- Fiancé
- Inlet
- Eggs
- Chest muscle
- Mess up
- Highland hat
- JFK info
- Lob's path
- French pronoun
- English novelist Barbara
- "Kidding!"
- Skin breakout
- circle
- Chimed
- Skin soother
- "The heat —!"
- Top-notch
- Lessons for kinder-gartners
- Violin part
- Golf pegs
- Drone
- Pro vote

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 12-16

## DENNIS THE MENACE



## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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