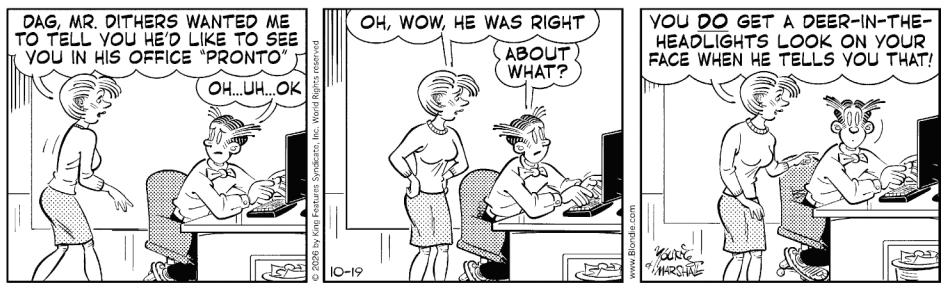
BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER



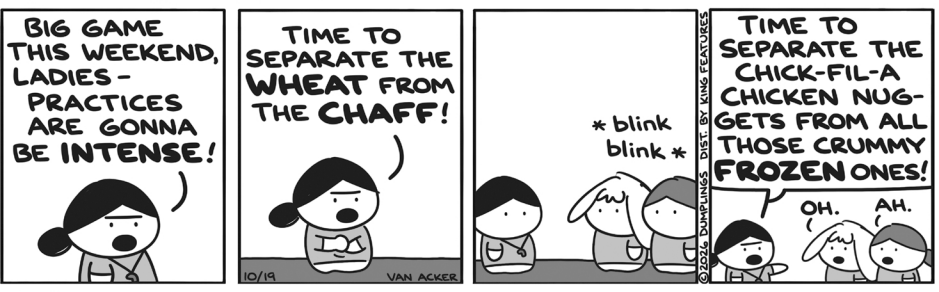
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BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



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 **AQUARIUS**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Very likely, you'll find that friends and members of groups have strong opinions today. Nevertheless, listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced. Unpredictable events might occur today, and their advice could be practical. Stay light on your feet! Tonight: Be friendly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Don't contradict authority figures today — parents, bosses, VIPs or the police — because people will be pushy. Keep an eye on your bank account and anything to do with earnings and your possessions, because something unexpected could impact them. You snooze, you lose. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ This is a powerful day! You have strong opinions about politics, religion, racial issues and travel, as well as medical and legal matters. With the help of a friend, you will speak with authority because you've done your research. Travel plans might suddenly change today. Tonight: Explore ideas!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Double-check banking details and anything to do with loans, mortgages, shared property, inheritances and taxes, because something unexpected might arise. People will have heated feelings about whatever occurs. Fortunately, someone with authority will prevail. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ A heated discussion with a partner or close friend might take place today, because people have strong opinions. Meanwhile, a friend or a member of a group might throw you a curveball. With Mars in your sign, you're not going to sit back and take anything that comes your way. You will react! Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Strong discussions about your health, a pet or something related to your job might take place today. Financial and practical support is there for you; however, someone in authority might surprise you. They might be forthcoming, or they might put the brakes on your plans. Tonight: Get better organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Parents should be extra vigilant today to avoid accidents with their kids. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change today. You also might entertain someone older or more experienced out of social obligation. (With the Sun in your sign, you're strong and composed.) Tonight: Socialize!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Oct. 19, 2026:

You're independent, free-spirited and complex. You appreciate beauty in simple things. You're a fearless peacelover. This year your creativity, zest and desire for life are at a pinnacle! Nurture the happiness and beauty you have within. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit.

BORN TODAY

Actress Rebecca Ferguson (1983), TV host Ty Pennington (1964), actor Sir Michael Gambon (1940)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Your home routine might be interrupted today. Be smart and stock the fridge. People are happier with food in front of them. You might be more involved with an older family member. Support or lack of it from another source might be a surprise. Stay chill. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is an accident-prone day for you. Think before you speak. You might have increased responsibilities with children. On the upside, you also might have some clever and brilliant ideas. (One can only hope.) Tonight: Discussions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today because something unexpected could impact them. This might even apply to your job. On the upside, someone older or more experienced might give you helpful advice. Old friends and prior contacts with groups are back. Tonight: Check your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign giving you lots of energy because it is supported by stern Saturn. You will work diligently to achieve what you want to do. However, social plans might suddenly change. Parents should know this could be an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant! Tonight: You win!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ This is a restless day for you. You have that feeling that you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. Meanwhile, past opportunities related to publishing, higher education and travel might resurface in your life for some reason. It could even be a romantic interest with someone afar or from another culture. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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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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Difficulty: ★ 10/19

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Microwave
4 Piercing tool
7 Welles role
11 "By Jove!"
13 — Zedong
14 Therefore
15 Infamous emperor
16 Omega preceder
17 Harrow rival
18 Entire range
20 Get ready, briefly
22 Spy org.
24 Will subject
28 Porch
32 Aviary sound
33 Ireland
34 "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
36 Actress Falco
37 Diacritical mark
39 Opera singer's study
41 Accompany to the airport
43 Arthur of "Maude"
44 Pre-weekend cry
46 Duck down
50 Persian leader
53 Lair
55 Convention freebie
56 Cab
57 Montreal summer
58 Table d'—
59 Pro votes
60 Back muscle, briefly
61 Wet dirt

DOWN

1 Pizzazz
2 Sailing
3 Italian cheese, for short
4 Music booster
5 Stinging insect
6 France's longest river
7 "Don't give up!"
8 Skill
9 Private aid gp.
10 A gazillion years
12 "Don't give up!"
19 Can material
21 PC key
23 TV spots
25 Staffer
26 Advanced math
27 Slender weapon
28 Nov. 11 honorees
29 Huron neighbor
30 Anger
31 Small batteries
35 Arcing tennis shot
38 D followers
40 "Crooklyn" director Spike
42 Cuba's Castro
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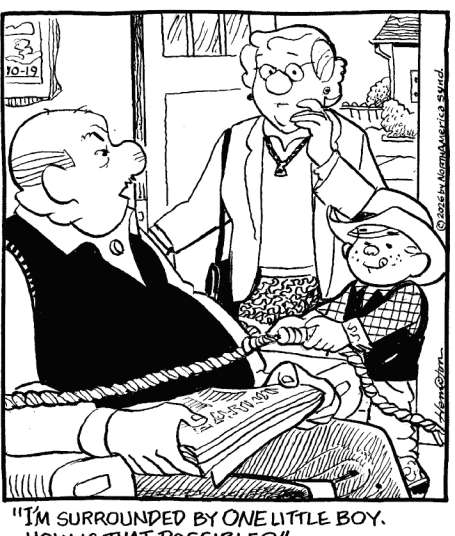
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Saturday's answer 10-19

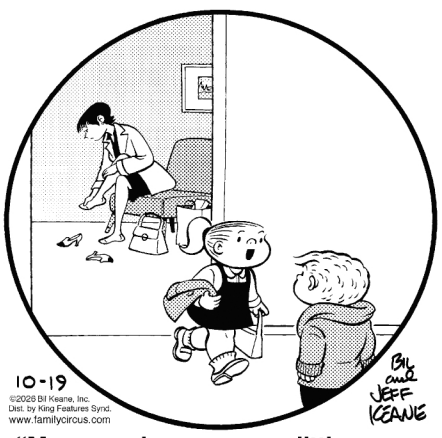
TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy always says a little prayer when she takes off her shoes. She says 'Thank God.'"

