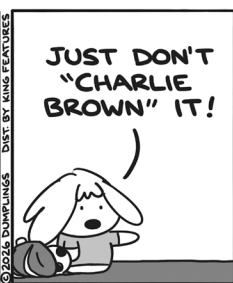




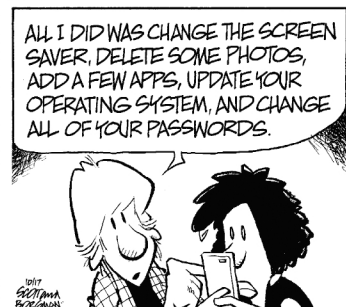
DUMPLINGS

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: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in **CAPRICORN**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Today your most intimate and personal life might be on public display more than usual. Some people might know personal details about your private life. Be aware of this. Also be aware of blurring the distinction between professional and personal relationships. (You know who you are.) Tonight: You're noticed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Today you might feel a strong urge to "get away from all this." Travel would be a great option, but even being a tourist in your own city will please you. You'll feel excited to learn something new and interact with people from different backgrounds. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Although this is a relatively laid-back day, your emotional experiences might be more intense than usual. This means that conflicts with others might be more emotional. Therefore, guard against knee-jerk reactions, especially with females. (Regardless of your gender.) Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Something will turn your attention to your most personal relationships today (interactions with spouses, partners and close friends). These people seem more important to you, which is why you might even feel jealous if they pay attention to someone else. Tonight: Make a warm connection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today you might have to put your own needs and wants second to the needs and wants of someone else. Perhaps someone requires your help, your assistance or your support in some way. Being a generous person, you will likely help if you can, and feel good about it. Tonight: Get better organized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Romance is more important to you today. If you're involved with someone, you might feel protective toward them. You also might feel this way toward children. You might feel a crush on someone — someone famous, someone you've never met in person. (We all have our heroes and heroines.) Tonight: Socialize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ This is the perfect day to enjoy the privacy of your home and relax among familiar surroundings. Take it easy. Take a moment to look at your attitudes and feelings. You also might be more aware of your habits and how much they control your world. Ain't it the truth? Tonight: Cocoon at home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026:

You're adventurous, philosophical and thoughtful. You have the conviction of your ideas and like to influence others. This is the beginning of a new nine-year cycle. Expect adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities and be ready to act. Define your goals.

BORN TODAY

Rapper, songwriter Eminem (1972), actress Margot Kidder (1948), actor Matthew Macfadyen (1974)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Today your communication with someone is important to you. You want to be heard. You want to have the freedom to speak to somebody at a gut level. This is why you won't be satisfied with superficial chitchat. Hopefully you will find someone who listens and understands. Tonight: Thoughtful discussions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ For whatever reason, it's easy to identify with your possessions today and feel a stronger attachment to them. This might be why you don't want to lend something to someone. You also might have to defend yourself in areas where you really have nothing at stake. Tonight: Check your money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which can make you more emotional than usual, but it can also bring you a bit of extra good luck, which gives you an advantage over all the other signs. That means this is the day to ask the universe for a favor! Try it. Tonight: You're in charge.

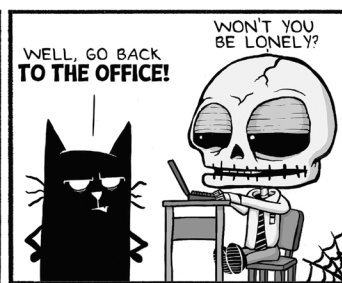
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Solitude in pleasant surroundings will appeal to you today. You feel the need to contemplate your navel and ponder profound questions. You might not feel like socializing, which is entirely fine. Do your own thing. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your emotional contact with friends is important to you today. This is why you might feel protective and more supportive of someone you know. This is also an excellent day to examine your overall goals to see if they will take you where you want to go. Tonight: Be friendly.



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



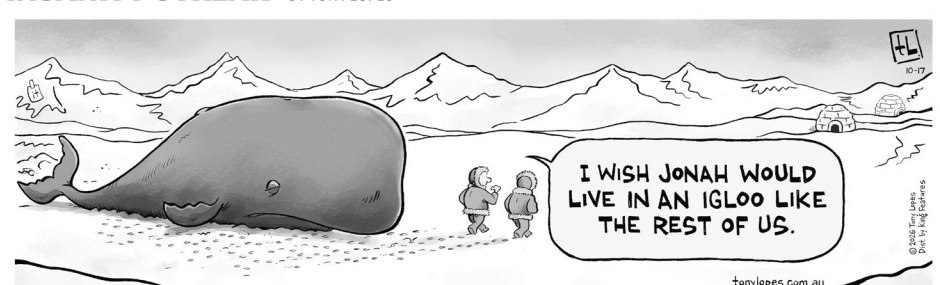
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★★★

10/17

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Davis of "Thelma & Louise"
- 6 Greek cheeses
- 11 Basketball position
- 12 Though
- 14 Hitching posts?
- 15 Romance writer Banks
- 16 Avril follower
- 17 Nitwits
- 19 Chemical suffix
- 20 Gillette razor
- 22 Petty peeve
- 23 Squeezed (out)
- 24 Relinquish
- 26 Collectors of gratuities
- 28 Follower (Suff.)
- 30 Key lime —
- 31 Dressy shoe
- 35 "Va-moose!"

DOWN

- 39 Z — zebra
- 40 Luau dish
- 42 Band-leader Puente
- 43 Naval letters
- 44 Wind-blown soil
- 46 Uno + uno
- 47 Composer Mahler
- 49 Extraterrestrials
- 51 Cortege car
- 52 "Funny Face" actress Hepburn
- 53 Villain's look

54 Boorish

- 1 Trattoria desserts
- 2 Complete
- 3 JFK info
- 4 Dweeb
- 5 Incendiary crime
- 6 Soft penpoint
- 7 Holiday lead-ins
- 8 Herbal brew
- 9 Golf great
- 10 Transgressor
- 11 Scented soap brand

13 Nourishes

- 18 Tippy straight
- 21 Set
- 23 Kick out
- 25 Summer hrs.
- 27 Math ratios
- 29 Cap-size
- 31 Novelist Evelyn
- 32 Matters
- 33 Xterra maker
- 34 "The Raven" writer
- 36 Passengers
- 37 Makes amends
- 38 Unlike a rolling stone?
- 41 Sir — Newton
- 44 Zap with a beam
- 45 Curved line, in music
- 48 Italian "three"
- 50 Actress Lupino

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 10-17

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE



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