

**DUMPLINGS** BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



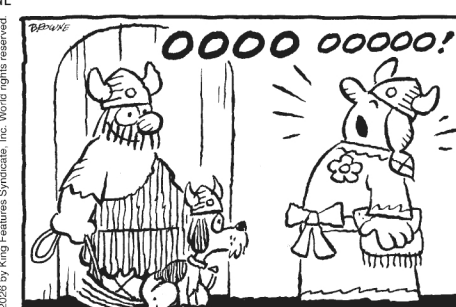
**NEVER BEEN DEADER** BY TOMMY DEVOID



**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 **TAURUS**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Tread carefully today, because squabbles about money or possessions are likely, especially when dealing with a friend or even a group or an organization. You might feel accused about something. Or, in turn, you might feel accusatory. Touchy feelings! Tonight: Check your money.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ Avoid confrontations with parents, bosses and VIPs today (including the police). They will be nasty. People have a tendency to be pushy, aggressive and even compulsive today. Nothing flows easily. Therefore, give authority figures a wide berth. Tonight: You win!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ This is not the day to broadcast your opinions about politics, religion or racial issues. This will only invite someone to disagree with you. You might end up butting heads with them and later regretting it. Yes, you have your opinions. Today is not the day to share them. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Power struggles about shared responsibilities, shared money and shared property are just some examples of what might challenge your relationship with a friend or a group today. People will be quick to take sides. Furthermore, emotions will be running high! Tonight: Be friendly.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Patience is your best friend today, because confrontations with parents, bosses and the police, as well as spouses, partners and close friends, will be difficult today. Everyone will be entrenched in their own point of view and their own ideas. There will be little give-and-take. (Run away!) Tonight: You're noticed.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Like **GEMINI** (the other sign ruled by Mercury), you will be wise to avoid discussions and debates about religion, politics and racial matters, because they will quickly escalate into nasty power struggles. You don't need this. It's not a question of who is right or wrong — it's a question of timing. Not today. Tonight: Explore and learn.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Disputes about the cost of something or shared expenses might arise today, especially if they relate to social outings, sports or your kids. This also includes arguments about inheritances or anything else that needs to be divided. This is a testy day for romance. Tonight: Check your finances.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For Friday, May 15, 2026:

You are open-minded and full of mental agility and independence. You are sensitive, introspective and caring. This year your creativity, zest and desire for life are at a pinnacle. It's time to nurture the happiness and beauty that you have within. Loosen up a bit!

**BORN TODAY**

Football player Emmitt Smith (1969), first female U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright (1937), actress Nicola Walker (1970)

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ People are prone to compulsive behavior today, which is why sudden urges or impulses might create problems. Encounters with others will also force some kind of self-confrontation. They could be pure and raw power struggles. Don't fall for guilt, jealousy or manipulation. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

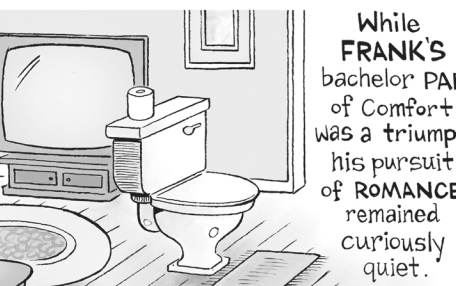
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ In your desire to make improvements or achieve your objectives at work today, you might be coming on too strong. Or perhaps you have to deal with someone else who is coming on too strong. Many people are pushy today. Just step aside. Tonight: Get better organized.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Parents must be patient with their kids today, because squabbles and power struggles are par for the course. Likewise, romantic partners have to show respect and kindness to each other as well, or things will go to hell in a hand basket. Take it easy! Tonight: Socialize!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Be patient with family members (especially parents), because today's energy promotes confrontations, power struggles and forceful situations. Avoid these. Don't get involved. Don't do anything you will later regret. Take the high road. The thing to remember is that you want to keep your self-respect. Tonight: Relax at home.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Squabbles with siblings, relatives or neighbors could be nasty today. Your communication skills are actually excellent right now; however, today, because the Moon is at odds with Pluto, power struggles are rampant. People are ready to attack each other or guilt trip them. Tonight: Conversations.

**INSANITY STREAK** BY TONY LOPES



While **FRANK'S** bachelor PAD of Comfort was a triumph, his pursuit of **ROMANCE** remained curiously quiet.

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Difficulty: ★★★★★ 5/15

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  - 4 "Phooey!"
  - 8 Bands on radios
  - 12 "Feels so good!"
  - 13 Author Turgenev
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  - 15 Classic Marlo Thomas sitcom
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- DOWN**
- 34 Tarzan's clique
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  - 46 Ellipse
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- 3 "They went —!"
- 4 Bobby who lost to Billie Jean King
- 5 Athletic shoe brand
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- 7 NBC weekend show
- 8 Tennis great Andre
- 9 Pulverize potatoes
- 10 Run off
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- 19 Piercing tools
- 20 Conspiracy
- 21 Architect Saarinen
- 22 The "V" of IVF
- 23 Reed instrument
- 25 Web journal
- 26 "Roger"
- 27 God of war
- 28 Minus
- 30 Fermi's bit
- 33 Stable enclosures
- 34 Slightly
- 36 Skilled
- 37 Ice cream flavor, for short
- 38 Carry on
- 39 Airline to Tel Aviv
- 40 Stretches (out)
- 42 Recipe abbr.
- 43 Consumed
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- 45 "Little piggie"

Solution time: 25 mins.

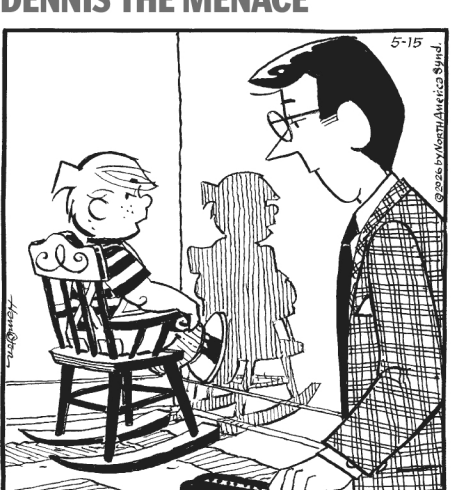
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Yesterday's answer 5-15

**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



"I THINK IT WAS SOMETHING I DID, OR DIDN'T... OR SOMETHING I SAID, OR SHOULDN'T HAVE."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



"If you find any hairs in the food, Grandma, don't worry about it. They're just Barfy's or Sam's."

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