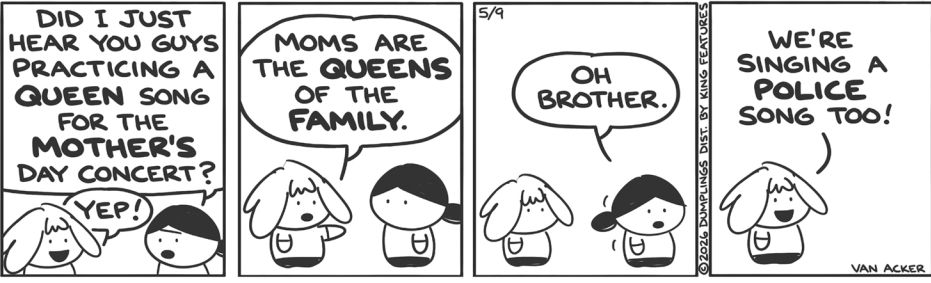
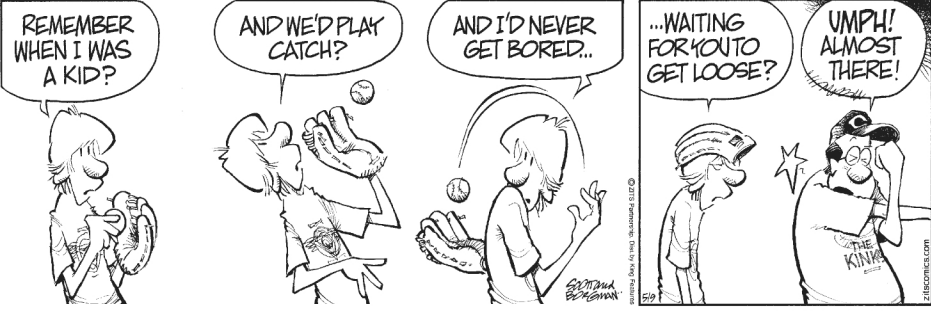


**DUMPLINGS** BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



**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 until 9:45 p.m. PDT. The Moon is in **AQUARIUS**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is the perfect day to enjoy the company of friends as well as siblings, relatives and neighbors. A warm discussion with someone might prompt you to make some future goals. It's a pleasant day. You appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. Tonight: Define some goals.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a winning day. You make a great impression on everyone! Because you have this advantage, this is obviously the day to make your pitch or ask for approval or permission for something. Tonight: You're noticed. Make this work for you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Today you might be attracted to someone who is "different." Similarly, you might visit someplace different by traveling or exploring your own city. What you really need is a different experience. After the **Moon Alert** is over, shop for wardrobe goodies. Tonight: Learn something new and exciting.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Keep your pockets open today, because gifts, goodies and favors from others will come to you. This is also a good day to push a relationship into something more intimate or more committed, because affection and passion are intertwined. Tonight: Check finances and red tape matters.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Enjoy warm relations with those who are closest to you today — partners, spouses and dear friends, because the Moon is opposite your sign dancing beautifully with fair Venus. This promotes pleasant feelings between you and everyone around you. Major bonus! Tonight: Be prepared to go more than halfway.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ A work-related romance might begin today for some of you. Others might strike up a flirtation that is loosely related to owning a pet. (Maybe a chance meeting in a dog park.) Someone might seek your advice today about how to make something look better. You'll know. Tonight: Make some effort to get better organized.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day for romance and intimate relationships. Many of you will feel more protective about a loved one. Romance with someone from another culture might begin for some of you. Tonight: Socialize, enjoy sports and playful activities with kids.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For Saturday, May 9, 2026:

You can be fiery! You're also brave, committed and compassionate. This is a year of service, perhaps service to family. It's important to take care of yourself so you can be a resource for those who turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage. Is it time for an exciting make-over?

**BORN TODAY**

Singer-songwriter, pianist Billy Joel (1949), actress Rosario Dawson (1979), actress Candice Bergen (1946)

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Enjoy relaxing at home today. Or you might want to entertain at home on a small scale — something simple but warm and friendly. Romance is favored. A guest or a relative might bring you a gift. All good things that come your way today will be welcome! Tonight: Relax at home.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day for writers, teachers, actors and anyone who wants to make their point in an eloquent way. Enjoy short trips. The wonder of the world around you will seem more appealing than usual. If you can't travel far, then travel close. Tonight: Learn something new through interesting discussions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Your financial scene is favored today. If you're working, perhaps you can boost your earnings. Respect your moneymaking ideas. It's also possible that after the **Moon Alert** is over, shopping for something might be rewarding. (See the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: Clean or repair something you own.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with fair Venus, attracting pleasant interactions between you and others. Have a good time. Enjoy good food and drink. You also might want to do something to beautify your home. Romance is definitely favored! Tonight: You have a slight advantage!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Although you're busy, today is a good day to catch your breath and enjoy some solitude. You might want to share time with family or friends at home. You also might want to redecorate or make where you live more attractive. Tonight: Take a moment to enjoy some peace and quiet.

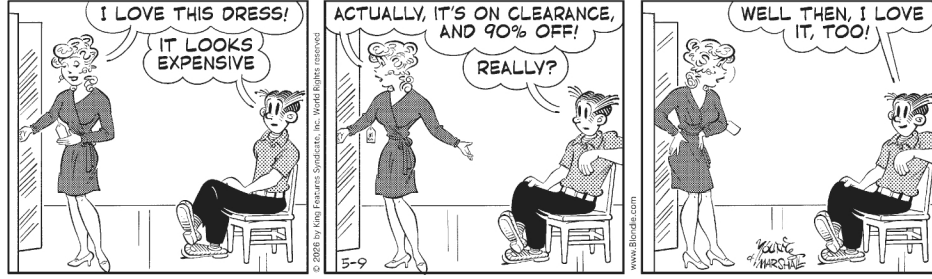
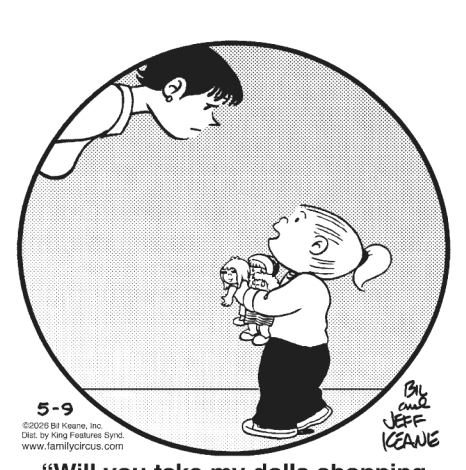
**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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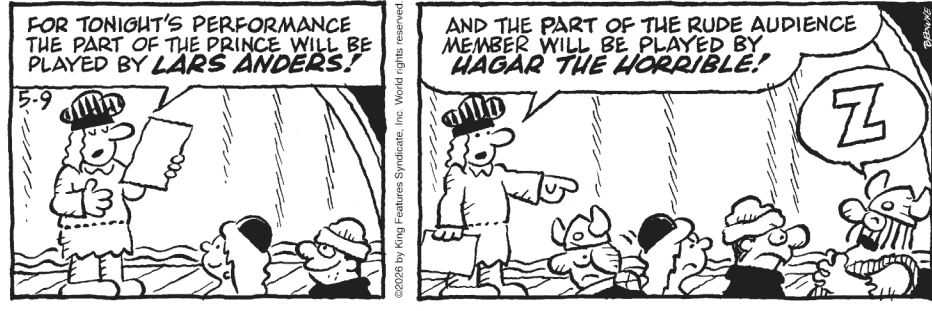
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**NEVER BEEN DEADER** BY TOMMY DEVOID



**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** BY CHRIS BROWNE



**INSANITY STREAK** BY TONY LOPES



**SUDOKU**

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Difficulty: ★★★★★

**SHEFFER CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Test versions
  - 6 Nile birds
  - 12 Melancholy
  - 13 Moolah
  - 14 "How chic!"
  - 15 Roma's land
  - 16 Detail, briefly
  - 17 Undraped
  - 19 Not "agin"
  - 20 Lean to one side
  - 22 Bando of baseball
  - 24 Yearbook gp.
  - 27 "Phooey!"
  - 29 Pleads
  - 32 Eateries with stacks of flapjacks
  - 35 "Amen!"
  - 36 Blunders
  - 37 Plant seeds
  - 38 Picnic dessert
  - 40 Onion relative
  - 42 Fist bump
  - 44 "Cheers" barman Woody
- DOWN**
- 46 Literary reps
  - 50 "Sense and Sensibility" heroine
  - 52 Yen
  - 54 Aircraft manufacturer
  - 55 Author Nora
  - 56 Wanders off course
  - 57 Every 24 hours
  - 1 Animated Betty
  - 2 — Stanley Gardner
  - 3 Pamphlet
  - 4 Gmail alternative
  - 5 Tchaikovsky ballet
  - 6 "Look what —!"
  - 7 Nibbles
  - 8 Garden of the Food Network
  - 9 Altruistic
  - 10 Pennsylvania port
  - 11 Fly like a hawk
  - 12 "Mayday!"
  - 18 Down-right
  - 21 401(k) alternative
  - 23 "Aladdin" monkey
  - 24 CIA operative
  - 25 Singer Carly — Jepsen
  - 26 More stylish
  - 28 Destroyed records
  - 30 Logical start?
  - 31 Away from NNE
  - 33 Greek letter
  - 34 Sugary suffix
  - 39 Magazine since 1945
  - 41 Whole-grain cereal brand
  - 42 Society newbies
  - 43 Oodles
  - 45 PTA and NEA, e.g.
  - 47 Lass
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  - 49 D.C. bigwig
  - 51 Actress Vardalos
  - 53 Ecol. watchdog

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 5-9

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