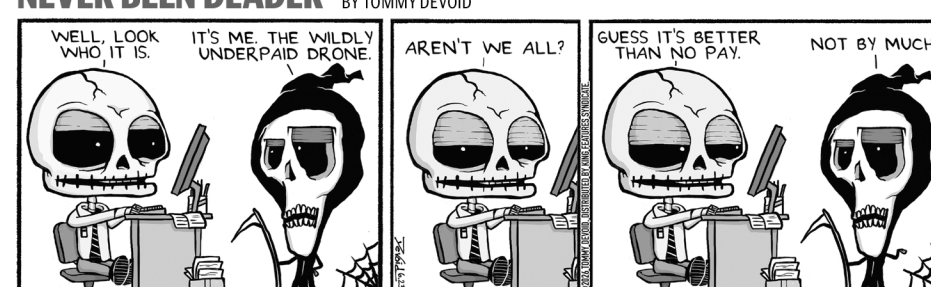




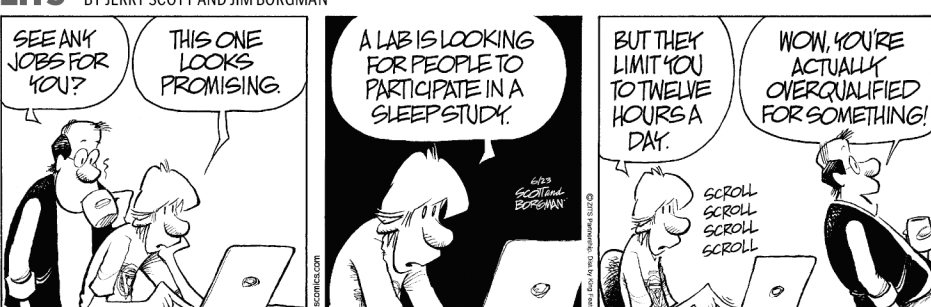
**DUMPLINGS** BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



**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:** Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions from 9 p.m. to 11:55 p.m. PDT today. After that, the Moon moves from **LIBRA** into **SCORPIO**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★ This is a poor day for an important family discussion, because your feelings will affect what you say today, especially your logic. This is not to say that your feelings don't count, but if you're discussing how to do something or how to address an issue, your feelings might cloud what's important. Tonight: Warm feelings.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ Tread carefully when talking to siblings, relatives or neighbors today. You might be over excited about an idea and say something that you later regret. There's no doubt that you're eager to communicate, and forcefully with fiery Mars in your sign! Think before you speak. Tonight: Accept help.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Be careful how you spend your money today because you might be tempted to go overboard spending on fun outings, entertaining diversions, your kids, sports events or gifts. This is because it's easy for you to get carried away in the moment. Check yourself. Tonight: Good times.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★ You are a sensitive person, and you know this. This is why you can be moody. Today both the Sun and Mercury are in your sign; however, Mercury is at odds with the Moon, which fuzzies your logic because your analytical abilities are flooded with feelings. It's a poor day for important decisions. Tonight: Happy home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ With Mars high in your chart, your ambition is aroused. However, today it's in your best interests to think twice before you rally your forces or demand something. Fortunately, Venus will soften your approach and make you charming and diplomatic. Go gently. Tonight: Warm optimism.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Be circumspect in discussions with friends, groups and organizations today, because others might see you as being too emotionally invested in what you're saying. Ironically, with the Sun in your House of Friendships right now, you have sway with groups. Be careful and be precise. Tonight: Generous impulses.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Today you might talk to a boss, parent, the police or someone in authority. It's important to know that -- in their eyes -- what you say might be weakened because you're speaking from your feelings rather than

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**For Tuesday, June 23, 2026:**

You are intuitive, helpful and sensitive. You want to make the world a better place. This year your creativity and zest for life are at a pinnacle! Nurture the happiness and beauty that you have within. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit! Old friends might reappear.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Frances McDormand (1957), singer-songwriter June Carter Cash (1929), actress Selma Blair (1972)

logic. You might have to censor yourself. Tonight: Inspiration!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Avoid controversial topics today, because you might become so involved in something that your feelings overwhelm your rational intellect. Nevertheless, you have a strong need to communicate to others. Bottom line: Steer clear of controversy because you might be in a state of flux. Tonight: Inner peace.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Be cautious when talking to friends or groups today, especially in discussions about fundraising, shared costs or shared property. Your feelings might cloud your clear thinking. Postpone important discussions for another day if possible. Tonight: Warm friendships.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ People notice you today, and some will know personal details about your private life. Think twice before saying anything, because you might be more emotional than usual, which will cause you to share something you might later regret. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Be a role model.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You want to travel or get a change of scenery. You also might be dealing with foreign countries, work-related travel or people from other cultures. Think before you speak, because your emotions might get you in trouble today. Slow down and be clear. Tonight: Lofty thoughts.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ You might get involved in a discussion about shared costs relating to your kids, the cost of a vacation or an entertaining event or something to do with the arts. Whatever the case, this is a poor day to discuss money because your feelings are wrapped up with your ideas. Tonight: Generosity.

**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.

Difficulty: ★★ 6/23

**SHEFFER CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

1 Bankrolls  
5 Kung — chicken  
8 Abel's brother  
12 Bonn article  
13 Raggedy doll  
14 Balm ingredient  
15 "Moneyball" actor  
17 Body pics  
18 Quirky  
19 Reddish dyes  
21 Families  
24 Ward of "Once and Again"  
25 Costa —  
26 Music for a low voice  
30 "I — Rock"  
31 "CBS Mornings" co-host King  
32 Street, in Dijon  
33 Coin that keeps popping up  
35 Repair

**DOWN**

1 Charlotte's creation  
2 Melody  
3 Crime lab evidence  
4 Arizona resort  
5 Picked up the tab  
6 Industrious insect  
7 In a sneaky way  
8 40 winks  
9 Astronaut Shepard  
10 Speck  
11 Capone's nemesis  
16 APB  
20 Different

**21 Grouch**  
**22 Peru's capital**  
**23 Military sch.**  
**24 Refuse an offer**  
**26 Sure to make a profit**  
**27 "Wonder Woman" villain**  
**28 Litter's littlest**  
**29 Turner and**  
**31 Earth sci.**  
**34 End zone markers**  
**35 Rum cocktail**  
**37 Vintage**  
**38 Goad**  
**39 Sleek, in car talk**  
**40 Revise**  
**41 Pay to play**  
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**45 "Great Expectations" lad**  
**46 Okla-homa city**  
**47 Homer's neighbor**

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

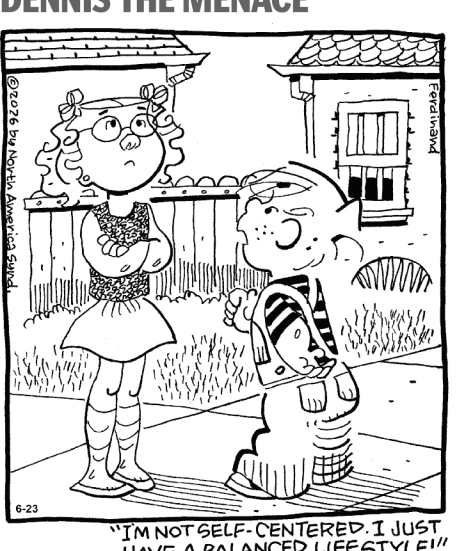
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Yesterday's answer 6-23

**TODAY'S ANSWER**

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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



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