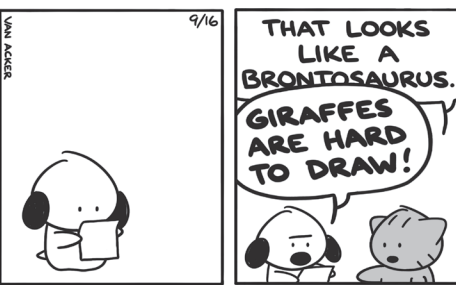




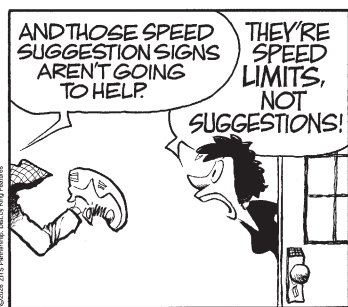
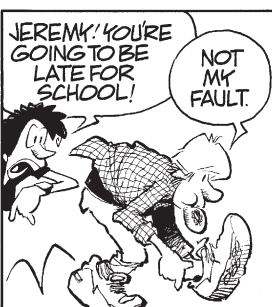
DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



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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: Avoid shopping (except food and gas) or important decisions after 11 p.m. EDT today (8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **CANCER** into **LEO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Family discussions might be ambitious today, which is why you could end up at odds with a partner. Nevertheless, if you do some research and dig up more data or pertinent facts, you might find practical reasons to support your position. It never hurts to try. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You begin this day with optimism and high hopes. However, conflict with a co-worker or possibly about a pet might dampen your spirits. Fortunately, by the end of the day, someone older or more experienced will dispense advice that gives you a warm feeling in your tummy. All's well that ends well. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Financial matters, including thoughts about earnings, look positive today! Possibly, this is why you might be at odds with one of your kids or a romantic partner about the cost of doing something fun. Fortunately, a parent or boss will come to the rescue. (One hopes.) Tonight: Conversations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with lucky Jupiter, making you feel optimistic and confident. However, this could be the very thing that attracts criticism from a family member late in the day. Try not to react, because practical plans to travel or learn will ultimately please you. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ This day begins pleasantly; however, you might find yourself at odds with a neighbor, sibling or relative. Avoid needless disputes if you can, because people are irritable today. Run for cover! By evening, some research or homework about financial support will be reassuring. Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Enjoy schmoozing with friends and groups today. People will be upbeat and enthusiastic! Late in the day, a dispute about money or the cost of something might arise. Fear not, because ultimately, someone you know will save the day with practical help. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You make a great impression on others today, no question. However, since you are high-viz, be careful about a public disagreement that might leave you with egg on your face. People might think you're insensitive or insecure. Practical activity related

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025:

You are adventurous, positive and optimistic! You love to blaze new trails. This is a year of learning and teaching. Take time for reflection to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that will give you a better self-awareness about the true meaning of your life.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter, actor Nick Jonas (1992), actress Alexis Bledel (1981), comedian, actress Amy Poehler (1971)

to your job will restore your confidence. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Grab any opportunity to travel or do something to expand your world, especially by learning something new. This will please and delight you today. Steer clear of conflict, especially with a so-called enemy. Sensible social plans (or wise advice) will please you tonight. Tonight: You're noticed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Today you might be encouraged by financial decisions that hopefully will benefit you in practical terms. By the end of the day, a parent or an older family member also might be pleased. Be patient with a friend or a member of a group who disagrees. Tonight: Explore and learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ The practical and emotional support of a good friend or partner today will please you. It's nice to know that somebody's in your corner and they have your back. Don't be disturbed by an authority figure that might suddenly pounce. By the end of the day, things look solid. Tonight: Check your finances.

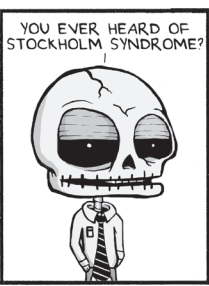
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Work-related travel will please you today. Co-workers are supportive, and you're happy tackling any task that you choose. Even your health feels vigorous. Steer clear of controversial subjects to avoid arguments. By nighttime, finances look better. Tonight: Be patient.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ This is a playful, feel-good day for the most part. However, lovers' quarrels or difficulty dealing with children (hissy fits or meltdowns) might occur. Fortunately, practical advice will stabilize everything by nightfall. Tonight: Get organized.



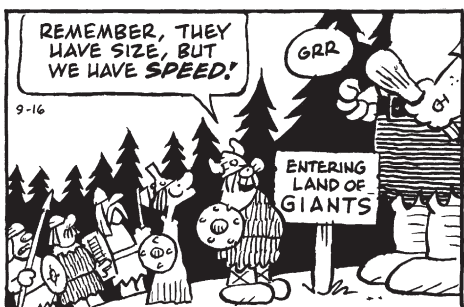
NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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- "He/— (pronoun pairing)
- Taxi alternative
- Low horn
- Solid-rock insert
- Sleuth Wolfe
- Knightly conduct
- Anthropologist Margaret
- Outer (Pref.)
- Well-springs
- Alan Ladd western
- Landed
- "— in Boots"
- Santiago natives
- Ballpark fig.
- Plum relatives
- Luau necklace
- Passageways for Santa
- Optimum
- Broadcasts

- Sanctify
- Shrimp recipe
- Dynamic —
- Egg
- Garbanzo bean
- Turkish money
- MSN alternative
- Lawman Wyatt
- Use a vintage phone
- Online guffaw
- Thick chunk

DOWN

- Like aspirin, briefly

- "Gee, ya think?"
- Japanese sash
- Black birds
- Overhead light?
- Leb. neighbor
- Short-lived insects
- Remove from silent mode
- Existed
- Part of Q.E.D.
- Scepters
- Chopper
- Fixes squeaks
- Detail, in short

- "Pipe down!"
- Sparkling Italian wine
- Greetings at sea
- Like some office work
- Out of the storm
- Lawman Eliot
- Poses
- Use scissors
- Bull or bear
- Chaps
- Tampa Bay NFLer
- Auctioneer's cry
- 107, to Cato
- Atmosphere
- Pickling herb
- "Yoo—!"
- Bud
- Notable time
- LAPD alert

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-16

TODAY'S ANSWER

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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