

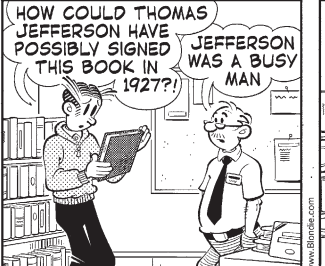
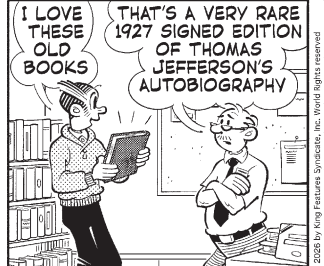
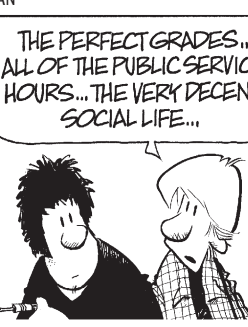
DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



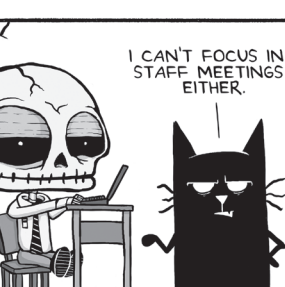
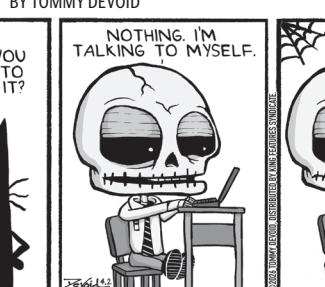
ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions after 4:30 a.m. EDT (1:30 a.m. PDT) for the rest of the day. The Moon is in LIBRA.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ The Moon is opposite your sign today increasing your focus on your most personal relationships. Be careful that you don't act subconsciously, without thinking. Guard against jealousy and possessiveness. Avoid knee-jerk reactions. (These are the people you care about.) Tonight: Be agreeable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a tricky day because you might have to put the interests or welfare of someone else before your own. This doesn't mean you're being a martyr; it's just what's happening. Consider this an opportunity to practice generosity and patience. Major brownie points! Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Today it's easy to feel in harmony with yourself and to be able to do whatever you have to do. It's a good time for any kind of group activity. Physically, you have strong feelings of vitality, which will encourage playfulness and a desire to socialize. Tonight: Enjoy social outings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ If possible, you'll prefer to retire by yourself to your own private place today because you need to contemplate your navel. Take time to relax. You also might have a chance to observe how much your habits and past conditioning control your days. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today you have a strong urge to speak to someone -- you need to be heard. Your challenge, of course, is to find someone who will take a moment to genuinely listen to you. Bide your time and look around you. You will find someone, maybe even a stranger. Tonight: An earnest conversation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Today it's easy to identify with what you own, which is why you might be reluctant to lend something to someone. (We all have days like this.) You might have to defend yourself about something that is really not that important. (Kind of weird.) Tonight: Take care of your possessions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual. However, it will slightly increase your good luck over all the other signs, which is good news for you. This means things will tend to go your way. Why not test this out and ask

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Thursday, April 2, 2026:

You are strong-willed and direct. You are a generous idealist. This is a year of teaching and learning for you. Take time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of your life.

BORN TODAY

Actor Pedro Pascal (1975), singer-songwriter, musician Emmylou Harris (1947), actor Christopher Meloni (1961)

the universe for a favor? Try it. Tonight: You're strong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Solitude and the enjoyment of your own privacy will give you pleasure today. You need to take a moment to catch your breath. You're working hard now, plus, you're also socializing. Take this day to refuel and regenerate so that you are replenished. Tonight: Solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day to take a moment to talk to a friend or perhaps a member of a group and share your hopes and dreams with someone. Feedback from someone else about what you want could help you solidify future goals. Tonight: Friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. In fact, today some people will know personal details about your private life. It's important that you know this in case you have to do some damage control. Tonight: Be modest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today you want a bit of adventure! You need some stimulation. Therefore, do what you can to break free from your usual routine. Travel or explore your own city. Go someplace different. Visit new restaurants, new stores, new neighborhoods. Learn something! Meet new people. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Today your emotional experiences are more intense than usual, especially in your encounters with others. You also might feel possessive about property, which is why you'll be happy to be among familiar things while you ponder memories from your past. Tonight: Check your finances.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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Difficulty: ★★★

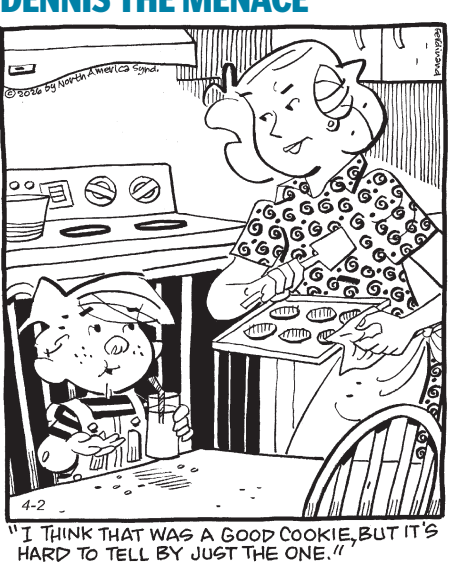
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TODAY'S ANSWER

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