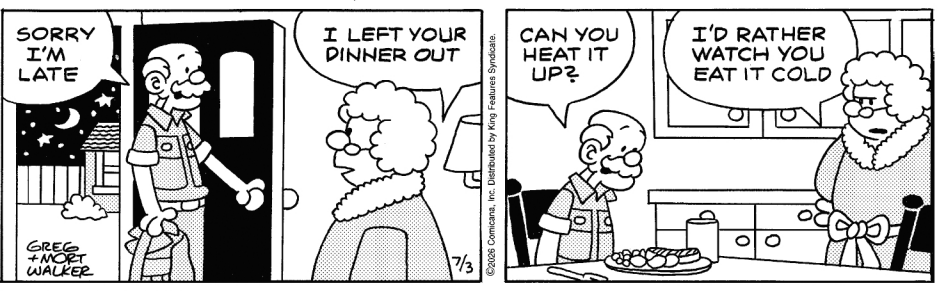
BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER



BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

DUMPLINGS

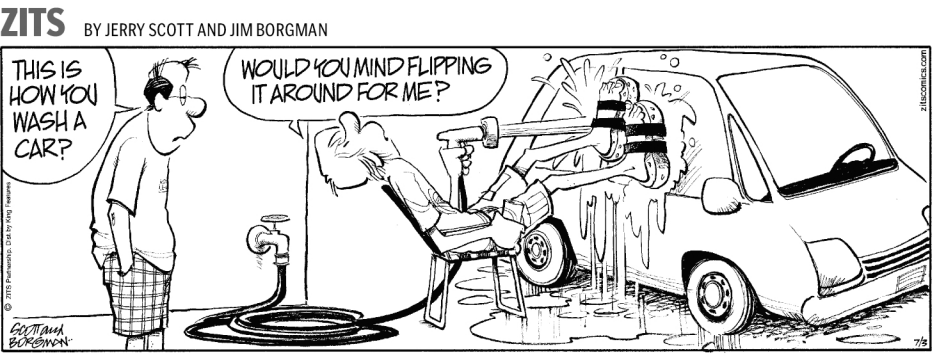
BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

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) or important decisions after 1 p.m. EDT today (from 10 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. PDT).

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ This is a slightly accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Plans might suddenly change today. Stay loose so you can go with the flow. Bright ideas might suddenly occur. Expect to see new places and meet new faces. Check the **Moon Alert**! Tonight: Be friendly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ This is a tricky day with spending money. For starters, check the **Moon Alert**. Try to restrict your spending to food and gas. Nevertheless, a totally different influence will encourage you to make spontaneous financial decisions and impulsive purchases. Tonight: Someone will notice you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Be careful, because today fiery Mars is lined up with unpredictable Uranus in your sign. This is an accident-prone influence. It makes you impulsive and quick to change your mind. Pay attention to everything you say and do to avoid regrets. Tonight: Learn something new. Explore ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ There's an electric energy that can make people say and do things they might regret today. Fortunately, the Sun in your sign gives you steady strength. Nevertheless, Mercury is also retrograde in your sign, which might create confusion. Check the **Moon Alert**. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ It's a good thing that with Venus in your sign you will be diplomatic and charming with others, because today friends and groups might surprise you or catch you off guard in some way. Plans will change. You might meet someone new who is unusual. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Double-check all your dealings and communications with bosses, parents and VIPs today because sudden changes might take things in a direction you did not expect. (See the **Moon Alert**.) It's a poor day for important decisions as well as spending money (except for food and gas). Caution! Tonight: Get better organized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Be aware that unexpected changes to travel plans are likely today. Double-check your agenda and travel details. Legal or medical matters also might create some surprises, along with school schedules. Take nothing for granted. Tonight: Socialize with someone.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, July 3, 2026:

You are intellectual and emotionally sensitive toward other people. You're also charming and keenly observant. This year is slower paced. It's OK to rest. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on relationships with people who are kind and helpful and have your back. Value yourself.

BORN TODAY

Actor Tom Cruise (1962), actress Olivia Munn (1980), actor Patrick Wilson (1973)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Make friends with your bank account today because issues related to banking, finances, shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances are subject to sudden changes or goofy errors. Make sure you know what is happening. You snooze, you lose. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ By nature, you are a friendly, outgoing sign who likes other people, especially interesting characters. Today friends, spouses, partners and even members of the general public might do something you didn't expect. Take a beat before you react. Keep your eyes open. Check the **Moon Alert**! Tonight: An interesting conversation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Your work routine might be interrupted today because of staff shortages, power outages, technical problems or late deliveries. Give yourself extra time so you have wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. Restrict spending to food and gas. (See the **Moon Alert**.) Tonight: Take care of your belongings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Parents should be extra vigilant today to make sure that accidents with their kids don't happen. Keep your eyes open. Make sure you know where they are at all times. Meanwhile, social plans might suddenly change. Tonight: You're strong and confident.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur, or surprise company might appear at your door. Meanwhile, this is a great time to party and schmooze. Stay on top of things. Tonight: Enjoy some privacy.

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: ★★★★ 7/3

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ACROSS

1 Secreted
4 Trucker with a handle
8 Fine cotton
12 Istanbul honorific
13 — mater
14 Basra resident
15 Where the school day starts
17 Reporter's quest
18 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
19 Hasten
21 Sizzling
22 Eclair's shape
26 Upper arm muscle
29 "Let me think ..."
30 Mens — (criminal intent)
31 Genuine
32 Shade
33 Vault
34 Scepter
35 Sean, to Yoko
36 Butter up the turkey
37 Recurring beat
39 More, in music
40 Bagel variety
41 "Amen to that!"
45 Half a sextet
48 Seeks safety
50 Wuss
51 Oklahoma tribe
52 CCV x X
53 Kin to a clarinet
54 Saturates
55 — de deux

DOWN

1 "Funny!"
2 Mr. Stravinsky
3 Titled woman
4 Drive-in server
5 Distend
6 Punk-rock subgenre
7 Repeat for emphasis
8 Talk-show group
9 Fury
10 Gullet
11 Tummy muscles
16 "Dinah" singer Waters
20 "Big Blue"
23 Raw minerals
24 Spruced up
25 Be slack-jawed
26 "I'm f-f-freezing!"
27 The "I" of I.M. Pei
28 Elizabeth — Stanton
29 Attila, e.g.
32 Where touch typists begin
38 Familiar theme
39 Wine grape
42 Easy win
43 Madame Bovary
44 "Electric" creatures
45 Tango team
46 Tease
47 "As I see it," to a texter
49 Salt Lake athlete

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-3

TODAY'S ANSWER

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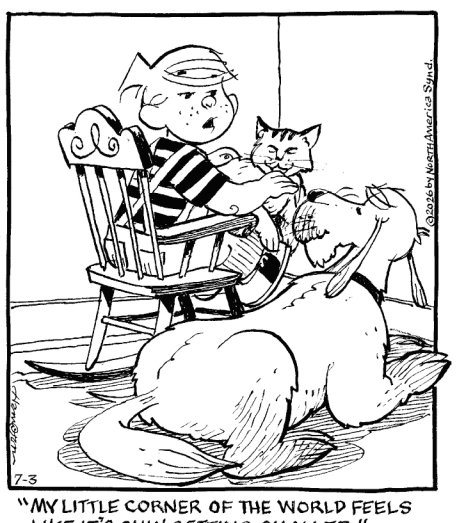
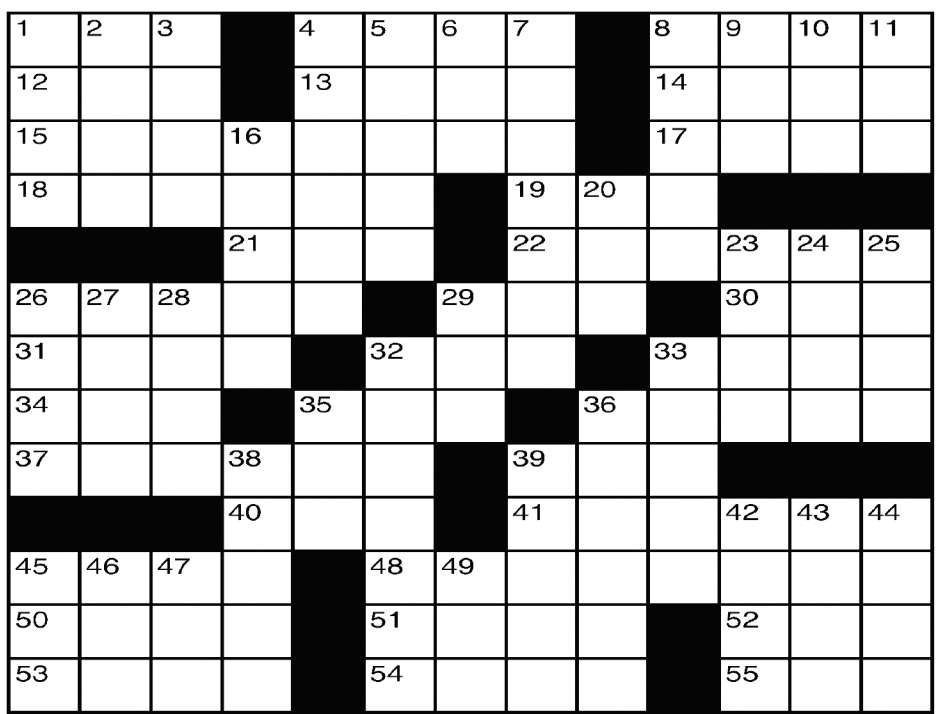


"MY LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD FEELS LIKE IT'S ONLY GETTING SMALLER."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Ketchup? Mustard?"
"Just leave mine blank."