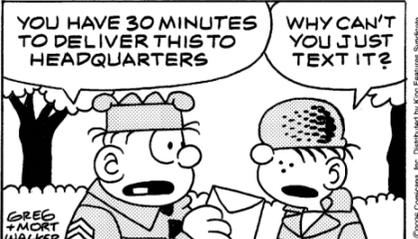


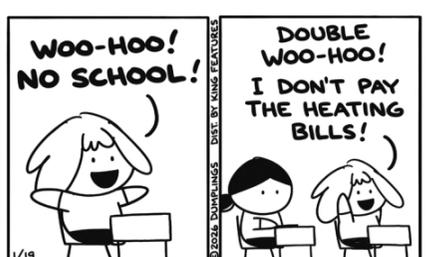
**BEETLE BAILEY**

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER



**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. The Moon is in **AQUARIUS**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a fun-loving, exuberant day for you! Bosses, parents and VIPs might make a move that you didn't expect. Hopefully, it will bless your pocketbook. Something going on behind the scenes might surprise you as well. You feel restless and ready for change. Romance is blessed! A friend could become a lover. Tonight: Be friendly.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You make a great impression on others today, which means you can demand the advantage. Sudden opportunities to travel might fall in your lap. Or these opportunities could relate to medicine, the law or publishing. Someone older might surprise you today. Tonight: You're admired.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Today is full of unexpected surprises that will bless you. Meanwhile, you're keen to do anything to expand your world, because you need a change of scenery. Romance with someone "different" might blossom. Interactions with others about shared property could bless you, financially speaking. Tonight: Explore!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ People are unpredictable today, especially partners and close friends. Stay light on your feet, because you can't be sure what's coming your way. Meanwhile, rules and regulations that might have held you back in the past could suddenly change today. Voila! Tonight: Check your finances.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your routine might change today. Technical problems might arise or equipment might suffer from a glitch. Check banking, because something unexpected could impact shared property, taxes and debt or your bank account. Cooperate with others today. Go along to get along. Tonight: Listen.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Innovative ideas might occur to you today. It's also a wonderful day to socialize! Upsets in sports events might occur. A social occasion might be cancelled or delayed. Parents should be vigilant to avoid accidents with your kids. Keep your eyes peeled! Tonight: Get better organized.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a playful, fun-loving day! You'll enjoy warmhearted interactions with others. You might even be inspired. Be aware that your home routine might suddenly change, so stay light on your feet. It's a great day for fun outings and romance. Keep swiping, because new love might be waiting to meet you. Tonight: Socialize.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Pay at-

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

For Monday, Jan. 19, 2026:

You're determined, inquisitive, curious and detail-oriented. You're truly original. Your creativity, zest and desire for life are at a pinnacle! Socialize and enjoy relationships. Nurture the happiness and beauty that you have within. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit! Old friends might reappear.

**BORN TODAY**

Singer-songwriter, actress, philanthropist Dolly Parton (1946), actress, singer Katey Sagal (1954), Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee (1807)

tention to everything you say and do today because is a mildly accident-prone day. Nevertheless, all your interactions with others are warm and friendly. You might see new and innovative ways of doing something, especially related to the entertainment world or the hospitality industry. Tonight: Relax.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You can be impulsively extravagant, and today is one of those days. Be careful. If you spontaneously make a big purchase, keep your receipts and the box. Double-check your money and possessions to make sure everything's cool, because something unexpected could impact them. Tonight: Conversations.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You're full of electric, buzzy energy today, which is why you might not know which way to turn first. One thing is certain, you will be attracted to new ideas, new experiences and new ventures. You'll be innovative and quick to come up with new solutions. Tonight: Check your possessions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might have some amazing, original moneymaking ideas today. If so, don't dismiss them. Write them down to reconsider them later. Today when it comes to finances, you can think outside the box. You also might make some impulsive wardrobe purchases. (Keep your receipts.) Tonight: You're in charge.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ A friend might surprise you today or perhaps a member of a group. Changes that you made several years ago might now take shape. You're starting to see that your life is different, and perhaps things are more appropriate to what you are. Conversations with younger people will be lively, perhaps even competitive. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

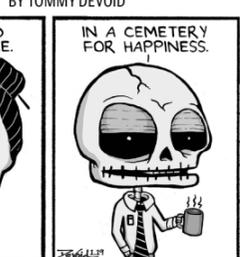
**BLONDIE**

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



**NEVER BEEN DEADER**

BY TOMMY DEVOID



**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE**

BY CHRIS BROWNE



**INSANITY STREAK**

BY TONY LOPES

A rarely sighted **HERMIT WHALE**, seen here **BEACHED**. Scientists, while baffled by this behavior, theorize it occurs when their **SHELL** becomes too heavy, **TYPICALLY** around AGE 35.



**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: ★

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- 1 Detail, briefly
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  - 20 Will subject
  - 21 Operatic solo
  - 23 Allen or Tebow
  - 24 December 31
  - 28 Mercedes
  - 31 Lawn coating
  - 32 Santa's crew
  - 34 Privy
  - 35 Hose woe
  - 37 Payment to a shareholder
  - 39 Carrier to Amsterdam

- 41 Country singer McCann
- 42 Barber's need
- 45 Yearned
- 49 Western tip of England
- 51 Stoic philosopher
- 52 Peter Fonda role
- 53 Rock's Brian
- 54 Choice word
- 55 H.S. proficiency tests
- 56 "Little Women" sister
- 57 Calendar squares

- DOWN**
- 1 Thick chunk
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  - 5 Control tower locale
  - 6 Chemical suffix
  - 7 Jazz great Brubeck
  - 8 Military action
  - 9 "We the people" document
  - 10 "— She Lovely"
  - 11 Central point

- 17 Superlative suffix
- 19 Celtic tongue
- 22 Ear bone
- 24 NFL measures
- 25 Still, in verse
- 26 Greeted the day
- 27 Marine, informally
- 29 Rock's — Jovi
- 30 Lay down the lawn
- 33 Farm tower
- 36 Forest clearings
- 38 Practiced the tango
- 40 Doubtfire or Dalloway
- 42 Punch
- 43 Robust
- 44 Appear
- 46 Big bash
- 47 Online craft shop
- 48 Accomplishes
- 50 Away from SSW

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 1-19

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**DENNIS THE MENACE**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

