

SOMEONE LEFT THE HOSE ON LAST NIGHT. NOW IT'S ICE.

YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF IT.

GREG THATCHER WALKER

SHOULD WE TELL HIM WE DID IT ON PURPOSE?

NAH

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BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

\*GASP\* THERE'S THE GROUND-HOG HOLE!

OKAY - NOW ALL I GOTTA DO IS HIDE AND WAIT FOR THE LITTLE FURBALL TO SHOW.

SHOOT - I BET THIS IS JUST A FIRE EXIT.

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BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

SO, THESE ARE THE COLLEGES WE CAN AFFORD?

IT'S A HUGE EXPENSE, JEREMY.

CHECK THEM OUT. THERE ARE SOME GOOD ONES THERE!

OHIO COLLEGE OF SHEEP?

O EWE.

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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:** There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in **LIBRA**.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Because the Moon is opposite your sign today, decide to be cooperative and go more than halfway when dealing with others, especially those who are closest to you. Nevertheless, this is a pleasant day. Enjoy interacting with groups and organizations today. You will also enjoy good times with friends. Tonight: Cooperate.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You make an excellent impression on important people today — parents, bosses and VIPs. In particular, something might happen that could benefit your work or your health in some way. It's a positive day for you, and you feel optimistic and hopeful about your future. Work-related travel might occur. Tonight: Work.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ It's a playful day! This is just what the doctor ordered. Give yourself a chance to do something different. Break free from your routine. Travel, explore, learn new things and meet new people. Social outings, sports events and fun activities with kids will please you. Enjoy your day! Tonight: Seek fun and pleasure.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is a quieter day for you, but it's also a pleasant, easygoing day. You might be pleased at the financial and practical support that comes to you from other sources — friends, partners, organizations or even the government. Tonight: Relax at home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Relations with others, especially partners, spouses and close friends, are excellent today. Enjoy chatting to people. Grab a short trip if you can. You'll be pleased to schmooze with others. Conversations will be lively, plus people will listen to you. Hey, you love an attentive audience. Don't we all? Tonight: Interesting conversations.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This is a favorable day for financial dealings, as well as anything related to your job or your health. Your involvement in a meeting or with an organization or group might benefit you today. Don't close off opportunities that could be financially favorable to you now and in the future. Tonight: Check your money.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with the Sun and Jupiter, which boosts your happiness and confidence. Relations with others, especially in groups, will be pleasant. Make an effort to socialize and have fun. Sports and kids' activities will

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**For Friday, Feb. 6, 2026:**

You're freedom is important to you. You're attracted to scientific knowledge because you are constantly curious. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle. It's time for internal and external housecleaning. Get rid of whatever has held you back. Commune with nature. Get ready for new beginnings next year!

**BORN TODAY**

Musician Bob Marley (1945), baseball player Babe Ruth (1895), actor Charlie Heaton (1994)

appeal to you. Romance is blessed! Tonight: You're in charge.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Family relations and issues related to your private world will flow smoothly today. You might choose to be low-key or take a backseat; nevertheless, things will unfold in a way that favors you. Look for opportunities to travel, publish and explore further education. Tonight: Privacy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Keep up your busy pace. Travel appeals. Discussions with others will be successful. In particular, your dealings with one individual (perhaps a female) might help you attain a future goal. Meanwhile, benefits from other sources can come to you today. Ka-ching! Tonight: Be friendly.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ People will notice you today. They will respect you in terms of financial discussions or financial forecasts, because you are keen to share your ideas with siblings, relatives and neighbors about many topics. Tonight: Be modest.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to travel, learn something new or do anything to expand your horizons. Work-related travel might occur. You also might be inspired by new philosophies, ideologies and metaphysical concepts that lift your spirits. Get some exercise. Shop for wardrobe goodies. Tonight: Explore!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Today chatty Mercury moves into your sign to stay until mid-April. This is unusual. Normally, Mercury is in your sign for about two weeks; however, Mercury will be retrograde from Feb. 26 to Mar. 21, which changes everything. You'll be eager and confident about sharing your views with everyone. Tonight: Check your finances.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"A HAIRCUT?! WHAT'S NEXT. A SUIT AND TIE?"

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"But if I eat my sandwich first I might not have room for the cupcake."

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

I'LL BE BACK AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONIES!

HUH? I THOUGHT THE OLYMPICS DIDN'T START UNTIL LATER TONIGHT

NOBODY DOES OPENING CEREMONIES LIKE LOU!

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES... PLEASE RISE

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NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

WELP. ANOTHER WEEK UNDER OUR BELTS.

I DON'T WEAR A BELT.

IT'S JUST A FIGURE OF SPEECH.

YOU DON'T REALLY NEED A BELT.

SUSPENDERS?

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SO MANY STARS?

YES! LAST NIGHT AFTER MIDNIGHT...

HELGA MET ME AT THE DOOR WITH A ROLLING PIN!

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INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

I SEE HUNTING IN YOUR FUTURE.

Wow, SHE GOOD.

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SUDOKU

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Mexican money

6 Gomer Pyle, for one

9 Stick with a kick

12 Public outburst

13 Debtor's letters

14 Weeding tool

15 Chef's hat

16 Cone-bearing tree

18 Govt. money-maker

20 Author Murdoch

21 Mel's Diner order-taker

23 Brit. record label

24 Puccini piece

25 Tag sale words

27 Computers from Taiwan

29 Thick-shelled clam

31 Some potatoes

**DOWN**

1 Calif. clock setting

2 — -friendly

3 Giant evergreen tree

4 Burden

5 Request from the boss

6 Outdoor meal

7 Indy winner

8 A.J. Drink holder

9 "Ta-da!"

10 Respectful denial

11 Actress Thompson

17 Lumber mill cutter

**19** Picture

**21** Online info list

**22** Baton Rouge sch.

**24** O'Hare's airport code

**26** Secretly follow

**28** "Old MacDonald" refrain

**30** Keats creation

**32** Hardwood tree

**33** Lennon's partner

**34** Chicago — (WNBA team)

**36** Touched down

**38** Now

**39** — Island

**40** Wrath

**42** Metal waste

**45** Summer month in Paris

**46** Slightly

**48** Choice words?

**50** Sushi choice

**51** Compass dir.

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 2-6

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