

BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

TODAY'S SPECIAL IS MEATBALLS

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THAT?

THEY'RE NOT LEFTOVERS

DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

DOG, YOU'RE GETTIN' SOFT - WHAT YOU NEED'S SOME MANUAL LABOR.

I CAN'T WORK A MANUAL - I CAN ONLY DO AUTOMATIC.

HA! GET IT BUT MANUAL IS "STICK" - YOU LIKE STICKS.

ONLY REAL STICKS, NOT CAR STICKS. BUT YOU LIKE CARS.

YEAH, BUT... UGH...

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

ERRRRRRRRGH!

"PLEASE EXCUSE JEREMY FROM THIS MORNING'S CLASSES DUE TO EXCESSIVE GRAVITY."

PLEASE JUST SIGN IT.

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

YOU LOOK LIKE A GIRL ON A BLOGGING MISSION

YES! WITH SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION, I'M SPOTLIGHTING SPORTS DRINKS!

IT'S VITAL THAT ATHLETES STAY HYDRATED WITH HEALTHY, REPLENISHING POWER DRINKS!

WILL YOUR BLOG BE FOCUSED ON ANY PARTICULAR SPORTS?

YEP, THE BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM... SINCE I'LL BE THERE CHEERLEADING ANYWAY!

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A CALLING!

NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

HOW'S IT GOIN'?

UGH, IT'S GOIN'.

GOING IS BETTER THAN NOT GOING.

UNLESS IT'S INTO THIS DUMPSTER FULL OF FIRE.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

HALT! WHO GOES THERE?

YOUR LONG-LOST FATHER!

MY MOTHER SAID THAT AFTER I WAS BORN YOU WENT TO VALHALLA!

ACTUALLY, HER NAME WAS VALUHANNA!

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 **LEO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You are the artisan of the zodiac, and today is a creative and productive day! Socialize, enjoy sports events and the company of kids. It's the perfect day to hone a technique and improve your creative skills. You rock! Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a great day to improve your home or expand it somehow. Or you might explore ideas about a different home. Listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced. Look for ways to improve family connections, because you can. Tonight: Take it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Today you're filled with optimism and the power of positive thinking! Discussions about home and family will go well. You might pursue home repairs. Decisions to socialize and have fun will please you. An older friend might benefit you. Tonight: Enthusiastic conversations!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day for financial decisions and discussions about speculation and investments. Admittedly, something might look too good to be true. Be aware of this. Nevertheless, someone in power, a boss or an older advisor might share some wisdom with you. Tonight: Money ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ This is an amazing day because the Moon is in your sign lined up with lucky Jupiter! This is why you feel generous, optimistic and sociable! Be aware that today you will get what you give. Explore opportunities in publishing, the media, higher education and the law. Tonight: You're in the zone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This is a feel-good day for you! The Sun and your ruler Mercury are in your sign boosting your confidence and communication skills. You can attract money to you. You also might feel competitive with a friend or a group. Basically, a warm feeling in your tummy makes you a winner today. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Conflicting energies are in the air today. Because you might want to be low-key and private, you might choose to work alone or stay at home. However, your public is calling! This is a great day to schmooze with friends, groups and organizations. How you handle this is your call. Tonight: Be friendly.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026:

You are determined and have strong convictions. You're dynamic, confident and organized. This year is the completion of a cycle. Take inventory of your life. Let go of people, places and things that hold you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Relax and commune with nature.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter Pink (1979), actor, comedian Peter Sellers (1925), actor Gaten Matarazzo (2002)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You make a wonderful impression on parents, bosses and VIPs today. They see you as wise, generous and successful. (Great! Appearances are everything.) Enjoy this great press. Talk to friends and groups. This is a solid day to make goals for the future. Tonight: You're high-viz.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★

This is a winning day for you! The Sun at the top of your chart makes you look great in the eyes of others. Furthermore, opportunities to travel and expand your world through further education, medicine, the law or publishing are abundant! Lucky you! Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Discussions about inheritances and how to divide or share something will go well today. In fact, you'll be laughing all the way to the bank. Meanwhile, travel plans and chances to explore publishing, the media, medicine and the law are excellent. Doors will open for you today. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ In one way, you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today. (It is what it is.) Nevertheless, this is a productive day for you! You can get a lot done. Travel will beckon. Partners and friends will be behind you 100%. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ We know that this year you have a chance to improve your job or get a better job. With this in mind, today is one of the best days for you to pursue opportunities to do this! Work-related travel will delight some of you. Be ready to act. Tonight: Get organized.

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9/8

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ACROSS

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- Long story
- Aviv preceder
- Clock part
- Nile bird
- Mode lead-in
- Christmas tree circlers
- Prefix with gender
- Legal action
- WWII sub
- Group of eight
- Latin I word
- Aussie hoppers
- Som-melier's organizer
- Green prefix
- Stinky
- Bathroom, to a Londoner
- Symbols of strength
- Marx or Malden

DOWN

- Use scissors
- Quinn of "Elementary"
- "Nick of Time" singer
- Bonnie
- Sunrise direction
- Future flower
- Improbable yarn
- Rage
- Actress Falco
- "Cosmo" rival
- Airline to Sweden
- Historic flag maker
- Egg container

DOWN

- Bootcamp VIP
- Not 'neath
- JFK regulator
- Van Gogh painting
- Spanish ayes
- Help a hood
- "Shoo!"
- Presupposed
- Entree with an edible bowl
- Hollywood's Kazan
- Endure
- Almond, e.g.
- Happy hour locale

- Nabisco cookie
- "Cola" lead-in
- Was partisan
- Black birds
- Sob
- Mineral suffix
- Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
- German cathedral city
- Batter-dipped food
- Blaster's need
- Baby cat
- Utter fool
- Baseball stats
- Atmosphere
- Yale students
- Hearty quaffs
- Com-motion
- Flamenco cry
- "Treasure Island" mono-gram
- Still

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-8

DENNIS THE MENACE

"OH, MY DAD NEVER GIVES UP.... HE JUST GIVES IN."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"I'm not too happy about the start of school either."

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