

BEETLE BAILEY

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I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER

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DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

GIMME THE SQUEAKY TOY!

OH, YOU WANT TO PLAY HANDBALL, HUH?

AH, A WISE GUY.

GIMME THE SQUEAKY TOY!

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I DON'T HAVE IT.

ACTUALLY, I PREFER TENNIS BALLS.

I'D SAY I'M MORE A MIDDLING-INTELLIGENCE GUY.

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

DUDE! WHERE WERE YOU YESTERDAY??

UM, HERE, I GUESS.

THAT'S THE THIRD BAND REHEARSAL YOU'VE MISSED THIS WEEK!

OH... RIGHT.

IF YOU ASK ME, YOU'RE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME WITH THE GIRLFRIEND.

I HAPPEN TO LIKE THE GIRLFRIEND!

THE GIRLFRIEND HAS A NAME!

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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 **VIRGO**.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19) ★★★ This is an excellent day to work and be productive. Use the energy of Mercury retrograde to finish old projects and wrap up loose ends, and you will be surprised at how swiftly the job will go. Don't be bossy. Stay focused. Tonight: How is your health?

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Today is full of creative opportunities, especially if you work in a creative field or you make art. It's also a great day to socialize. In particular, sports events and fun activities with kids will appeal. Romance is blessed. Tonight: Play!

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20) ★★★ With Mars in your sign now, you have a lot of energy to get things done. Admittedly, Mercury is still retrograde; however, you can use this energy to finish old projects. Meanwhile, today focus on home and family. Enjoy entertaining, redecorating or both. Tonight: Relax at home.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is a great day to schmooze with everyone! Enjoy talking to siblings, neighbors and relatives. You'll also have interesting interactions with new faces. In fact, you're so keen to reach out to your immediate environment. Look around you, because you will appreciate your daily surroundings. Tonight: Enjoy discussions.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Today you will enjoy buying beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. (Especially art objects, jewelry and lovely clothing.) You also might have some good moneymaking ideas. Group activities, especially related to sports and physical competition, might appeal. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with beautiful Venus, which makes you cheerful, sociable, warm and friendly. It's a great day to socialize! You will also enjoy making anything around you more beautiful, especially your home. Enjoy wardrobe shopping as well. Tonight: You're strong.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Today is full of contradictions, because in one way, you are in the spotlight of the Sun, which is flattering to you. This is why you might be asked to take on increased responsibilities. However, today in particular you might want to hide or be low-key. It's your choice. Tonight: Enjoy time alone.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Friday, July 17, 2026:

You're friendly, easygoing and tenacious. You're also strong-willed, sympathetic and focused. This is a year of learning and teaching. Explore philosophies that will give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of your life.

BORN TODAY

Stateswoman, retired politician, academic Angela Merkel (1954), comedian Phyllis Diller (1917), actor Donald Sutherland (1935)

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Friendships are important to you today. In fact, someone in particular might be very special, perhaps to the point that a platonic friendship turns romantic. Travel plans also might be in the picture. Meanwhile, you will also be productive today. Get busy! Tonight: Friendships.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Today people notice you to the degree that some people know personal details about your private life. Be aware of this, especially if you have to do some damage control. This could create problems with a spouse, partner or friend. Tonight: Be modest.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Today you want to break free of your routine and do something different. Ideally, of course, you would love to travel and get a change of scenery. But if you cannot travel, you can still be a tourist in your own city. Explore your surroundings. Meet new people. Tonight: Explore and learn.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Although Mercury retrograde might create delays and silly mistakes in your work, today you can use it to your advantage. Work to wrap up loose ends, especially regarding shared property, taxes, debt, inheritances and anything that you own jointly. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ This is a playful, romantic time for you. However, your home scene might be somewhat busy dealing with guests, increased activity, even chaos. Do your best to make things run as smoothly as possible. Old flames might be back in the picture creating some excitement. Try to have fun today. Tonight: Show genuine interest.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

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"MARGARET THINKS SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE'S TALKIN' ABOUT, BUT SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO REALLY EVER DOES."

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"And don't budge off that chair if you know what's good for you, young lady."

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME!!

HE BELTS OUT ALL THE HOT HITS!!

AMAZING!

SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY!!

FROM GERSHWIN TO GAGA!

I'M FEELING HOT HOT HOT!

HE WOULD BE PERFECT DURING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER!

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NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

AT THIS POINT...

I DON'T NEED A VACATION.

I NEED TO BE LEGALLY DECLARED MISSING

7-17

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

HELGA, I BOUGHT A MAGIC MIRROR FOR YOU AT THE THRIFT STORE!

THANK YOU!

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL... WHO'S THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?

YOU ARE!

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I'LL BE DARNED IF I GO BACK TO THAT STINKING, MUSTY JUNK STORE!

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INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

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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 Old map letters

4 Land in la mer

7 Star's bit part

12 Mensa stats

13 Boston squad, for short

14 Pre-diploma hurdles

15 State VIP, in tabloid shorthand

16 Temporary eatery

18 Atlas page

19 Play ice hockey

20 Tosses in

22 Giverny summer

23 Halt

27 Marry

29 Warhol genre

31 Seething

34 7-day stretches

35 Easy-to-catch hit

37 Genetic stuff

38 Toward the rising sun

39 Tram load

41 Peregrinate

45 Sanctify

47 That guy

48 ABBA, and the like

52 French pronoun

53 "Spider-Man" director Sam

54 "Just joking!"

55 100 percent

56 Practical

57 UFO pilots

58 Aye canceler

2 Football team

3 Answered an evite

4 AOL and MSN

5 Took a peek

6 American living overseas

7 Deal (with)

8 Joan of —

9 Goat's plaint

10 Sprite

11 Sugary suffix

17 Lone Star State sch.

21 Fleet of foot

23 Asparagus unit

24 —

25 Mork's planet

26 Score units (Abbr.)

28 Right angle

30 Possess

31 Chest-beating beast

32 Feathery neck-piece

33 Chances, for short

36 Modern "carpe diem"

37 Tyrant

40 Meet again, briefly

42 "Holy cow!"

43 String quartet member

44 Poet Dickinson

45 Party cheese

46 Retired set of jets

48 Expert

49 Klutz

50 More, in music

51 Baseball execs

Yesterday's answer 7-17

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