

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

WE HAVE COME TO CLONE YOUR LEADER

HE'S RIGHT HERE

THAT SHOULD SLOW THEM DOWN FOR A FEW HUNDRED YEARS

7-16

DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

AAH-I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE! WE HAVE TO GET THAT SQUEAKY TOY AWAY FROM BENNY!

OKAY- YOU CREATE A DISTRACTION AND I'LL GO GRAB IT FROM HIM!

GIVE ME THAT TOY, PEABRAIN, OR I'LL TURN YOUR WHOLE BODY TO MUSH!

DANG- NOW WHERE'S THAT TOY?

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

JEREMY... SARA... DO YOU WANT TO LET ME MAKE SOME POPCORN?

NO THANKS, WE'RE NOT REALLY HUNGRY.

THEY'VE GONE FROM FINISHING EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES TO FINISHING EACH OTHER'S SYLLABLES.

THAT'S IT. I'M GETTING THE HOSE.

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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

The day ahead: ★★★★★ = Dynamic; ★★★★★ = Positive; ★★★ = Average; ★★ = So-so; ★ = Difficult

Moon Alert:

Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions all day until 8:30 p.m. EDT (5:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **LEO** into **VIRGO**.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ It's a playful day! Enjoy socializing with others, especially romantic outings, sports and fun activities with children. At a deeper level, you feel you're seeing the world through new eyes, which, in fact, you are. Tonight: Get better organized.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) ★★★ Home, family and your private life are your priorities today. Restrict spending to food and gas because of the **Moon Alert**. Be grateful for opportunities to improve family relations; this is possible for you this year. Bonus! Tonight: Socialize!

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Be careful, because most of this day is a **Moon Alert**, which means avoid important decisions and restrict spending to food and gas. However, you're full of ideas today! You want to impulsively go off in a number of directions. Be careful. Tonight: Relax at home.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22) ★★★ Today's emphasis is on money, shopping, earnings and cash flow. However, most of this day is a Moon alert, which means restrict your spending to food and gas. This will require mindfulness and some self-discipline. (And you hate to make a purchase you regret.) Tonight: Discussions.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today the **Moon Alert** is in your sign for most of the day. This means it's a marvelous day to socialize. It's also a wonderful day to appreciate the arts, create something or make art. However, avoid important decisions and restrict spending money (except for food and gas). Tonight: Check your money.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ This is a popular time for you, especially because friends from the past are back in your world again. Enjoy schmoozing with others. Today has an easygoing, unpredictable quality to it. Don't volunteer for anything. Don't agree to anything important. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a great day to schmooze with others and enjoy the company of friends as well as groups and organizations. However, avoid important commitments. Don't volunteer for anything. Get your information, but wait until the **Moon Alert** today is over. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Thursday, July 16, 2026:

You are idealistic, emotional and intuitive. You're also perceptive and analytical. This is a year of service for you, perhaps service to family. Take care of yourself so you can be a resource to those who turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage.

BORN TODAY

Actor, writer, producer Will Ferrell (1967), soccer player, gold medalist Carli Lloyd (1982), musician, composer Stewart Copeland (1952)

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Today you're high-viz, which means people notice you more than usual. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Meanwhile, there's a **Moon Alert** in effect for most of this day. Agree to nothing important. Don't initiate something new. Restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Be friendly.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Be patient with partners and close friends today, because Mars is opposite your sign. You're keen for a bit of adventure, which is why you want to explore new avenues, meet new faces and see new places. Enjoy this day, but restrict spending until the **Moon Alert** is over. Tonight: You're admired.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be cooperative with others today. Take a nap if you can, because you do need more sleep right now. Meanwhile, be aware of the fact that today the **Moon Alert** is taking place in one of your Money Houses. Restrict spending to food and gas. Tonight: Explore and learn.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, which is not a big deal. It simply means you have to be cooperative and a bit conciliatory. Nevertheless, don't volunteer for anything and don't make important decisions. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ This is a playful time for you and, indeed, this is a lovely day to socialize. Note: Shortages might arise in your job. This is a poor day for important decisions related to your job or your health. Be aware of the **Moon Alert**. Tonight: Cooperate.

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

MY GRANDMA ALWAYS SAYS IT'S BEST TO KEEP A CLEAN AND TIDY WORKSTATION WHEN YOU'RE BAKING

GOOD ADVICE!

YEAH, I'M SO THANKFUL FOR HER GREAT BAKING ADVICE

I'M ALSO THANKFUL SHE CAN'T SEE MY WORKSTATION RIGHT NOW!

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NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

I THINK I'VE HIT ROCK BOTTOM.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

I DUNNO, MAYBE OFFER TO HELP?!

OKAY. BEST I CAN DO IS...

LET YOU WORK REMOTELY FROM DOWN THERE.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

DADDY, I NEED A NEW SADDLE FOR TRUDI!

I NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

I NEED NEW SHOES!

ARF ARF

EVERYONE WILL HAVE THEIR NEEDS MET!

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INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

EUREKA! I'VE DONE IT. I FOUND THE OPENING. YEEESSSS! NO, WAIT. SORRY, FALSE ALARM.

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF OPENING PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

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SUDOKU

Difficulty: ★★★

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Uber alter-native

4 Roll call reply

8 Overdue

12 Sch. in Char-lottes-ville

13 Oklahoma tribe

14 Final notice

15 Smallest porridge eater

17 Zorro's marks

18 Hankering

19 "Good effort!"

21 Church leader

24 Very long time

25 Tel. number add-on

26 Bikini half

28 Cairo's nation

32 Out of the storm

34 Suntan lotion letters

36 Congers

37 Luke-warm

39 Part of MPH

41 Motorist's org.

42 Republi-cans

44 Gentle breeze

46 Short-tempered person

50 Vat

51 Way out

52 Oldie by The Ronettes

56 Nobelist Walesa

57 Trade

58 Scary cry

59 Pen fluids

60 Emmy-winning Daly

61 Ghanaian export

DOWN

1 Young lion

2 Gardner of Holly-wood

3 Wee bit of progress

4 Mingle

5 Tours season

6 "Casual" singer Chappell

7 Haunting

8 Cough drop

9 Help in a crime

10 Anniver-sary cake layer

11 Online crafts site

16 Still

20 Iowa college

21 Bog fuel

22 Wheel bar

23 Train lines (Abbr.)

27 PC program

29 Austin Powers catch-phrase

30 Theater produc-tion

31 Romanov ruler

33 Pizza slices, often

35 Turkish topper

38 Female rabbit

40 Key in again

43 Brewer Fred-erick

45 Tavern

46 Port lead-in

47 Yoked team

48 Stop-watch noise

49 Like morning grass

53 Fortify

54 Frilly wrap

55 — Kippur

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-16

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

MR. WILSON SAID HE USED TO RUN AWAY TOO, BUT HE DIDN'T SAY HE HAD AN APARTMENT DOWN THE STREET.

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"What time is it when the big hand is on five and the little hand is on the floor?"

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CROSSWORD

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