

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

HERE'S THE NEW CHAIR I ORDERED. IT'S A BESPOKE EXAMPLE OF THE CLASSIC OFFICE CHAIR

WHAT DOES "BESPOKE" MEAN?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT SOUNDS FANCY

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

SO, YOU WANT TO CATER A PARTY FOR YOUR FASTING CLUB?

YES! WE'RE CELEBRATING THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF A BONE BROTH DIET

I JUST DID A TWO-DAY FAST!

THREE DAYS FOR ME!

NO WAY! WE NEED A BREAK!

PRIME RIB PARTY PLATTER COMING UP!!

YEAH! WE'RE READY TO PIG OUT!

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DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

I CAN'T FIND MY BACKPACK! I CAN'T FIND MY BACKPACK!

IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND I CAN'T FIND MY BACKPACK!

REMEMBER THAT TIME MY MOM LOST HER GLASSES, AND THEY ENDED UP BEING ON TOP OF HER HEAD?

IT'S NOT UP THERE! IT'S NOT UP THERE!

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

MOM, I GOT A SPLINTER.

LET ME FIND THE TWEEZERS.

THIS IS EXACTLY LIKE WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.

WITH ONE EXCEPTION.

DID I JUST SAY THAT OUT LOUD?

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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert:

After 5:30 p.m. EDT today (2:30 p.m. PDT), avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions for the rest of the day. The Moon is in **AQUARIUS**.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day for a practical discussion with someone older or more experienced. This might happen by talking to a partner, close friend or a member of the general public. It's a positive day to schmooze. Check the **Moon Alert** if spending money. Tonight: Friendships.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) ★★★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. This will probably benefit those of you at work, because relations with co-workers are mutually supportive today. You also might benefit from behind-the-scenes research. Tonight: Be modest.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is the perfect day to explore avenues in publishing, the media, medicine and the law, but do so before the **Moon Alert**. Romance with someone different might begin. You also might welcome the advice of someone who is older or more experienced. (You don't have to reinvent the wheel.) Tonight: Explore!

CANCER

(June 21-July 22) ★★★ It's fortunate that you have some strong energy now with fiery Mars in your sign. In fact, it will stay there for another month! Meanwhile, discussions about shared property and banking could benefit home and family for you today. Someone has your back. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ This is a great day to schmooze with others! It's curious, because even though you will be charming and diplomatic with everyone, it's in your best interests to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Be accommodating and cooperative. Tonight: Listen.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might be interested in buying beautiful things -- clothing, dishware, jewelry, artwork, whatever strikes your fancy. If so, be aware of the limitations of the **Moon Alert** today. Meanwhile, financial discussions will likely benefit you. Keep your pockets open! Tonight: Work.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You'll enjoy socializing with others today. Romantic connections will be particularly appealing. If shopping for wardrobe goodies, do be aware of the limitations of today's **Moon Alert**. You have a soft spot in your heart for someone today. Tonight: Be playful.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ A practical discussion with someone older, perhaps a family member, might introduce

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026:

You're independent, imaginative and innovative. You're also ambitious and filled with intellectual curiosity. This year you reap the benefits of all your hard work. Expect power, leadership and recognition. You might get a promotion. You might become self-employed. You might win kudos, awards and the spotlight. Seize business opportunities.

BORN TODAY

Actress, screenwriter, producer Melissa McCarthy (1970), NASA mathematician and scientist Katherine Johnson (1918), actor, musician Macaulay Culkin (1980)

improvements at home or within the family. You also might be prepared to confide in someone about a secret flirtation or love affair. Continue to enjoy the company of others, especially younger people. Tonight: Cocoon.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Conversations with neighbors, siblings and relatives will please you today. In fact, someone older might have advice for you, especially related to a vacation, your kids, sports or the arts. Be reasonable if you face a dispute with someone about shared expenses. Meanwhile, a casual friendship might turn flirtatious. Tonight: Discussions.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Financial discussions will go well today if you keep an eye on the restrictions of the **Moon Alert**. Bosses and authority figures will favor you. As a result, you might be able to benefit home and family in a practical way. Naturally, this will please you. Tonight: Check your belongings.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You're in the driver's seat today because the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with both Saturn and Venus. It's a great day to make travel plans. An attraction to someone "different" might occur. Meanwhile, everyday discussions will be down to earth and practical. Tonight: You're strong.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Work going on behind the scenes will benefit you today. In fact, it could trigger money coming your way. If spending today, you'll be careful and frugal. Keep an eye on the **Moon Alert** and its financial restrictions. Nevertheless, this is also a fun day to socialize and explore sports events and playful activities with kids. Tonight: Enjoy solitude and pleasant surroundings.

NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

WHAT'S NEW?

ANOTHER DAY, SAME MISERY.

ARE YOU EVER NOT MISERABLE?

SURE!

THAT'S WHAT NAPS ARE FOR.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

PLEASE TAKE THIS ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS OF GOLD AND GO AWAY!

DUKE, THAT'S TOO MUCH! ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS WOULD PUT ME IN A HIGHER TAX BRACKET!

I ENJOY DEPRIVING THE KING MORE THAN TAKING FROM YOU!

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INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

C'MON C'MON, CHANGE TO GREEN!

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Difficulty: ★★

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Pisa farewell

5 Rotating part

8 Chew like a squirrel

12 Story of a lifetime?

13 Mound stat

14 Seized vehicle

15 Streamed lectures

17 Utopia

18 Takes the helm

19 "Citizen Kane" inspiration

21 Hitler's stat

22 Car

23 Kids' card game

26 Minivan alternative

28 Showed again on TV

31 On the Mediterranean

33 "Diamonds" singer

35 Ms. McEntire

36 Move laterally

38 Oft-tattooed extremity

40 Kitten's cry

41 Sty cry

43 German pronoun

45 Manitoba's land

47 National park in Maine

51 Kimono sashes

52 Curfew inspection

54 Skin cream ingredient

55 Coffee vessel

56 Mine, in Marseille

57 Sawbucks

58 Writer Harper

59 — Fein

DOWN

1 Barracks array

2 "Yeah, right!"

3 Staffer

4 Sea critter

5 Fahrenheit alternative

6 Genesis vessel

7 "Three Sisters" sister

8 More extensive

9 "Air Music" composer

10 Mimics

11 Tom Petty's "I — Back Down"

16 Wall St. traders

20 Where Ger. is

23 Used to be

24 "Do — say!"

25 Salad ingredient

27 Itinerary word

29 Honest politician

30 Slangy denial

32 Fake names

34 Daughter of Minos

37 Conclude

39 Nero's 1,300

42 Asian capital

44 Laugh track sounds

45 Nail polish layer

46 Competent

48 Singer Lovato

49 PC picture

50 Related

53 Before

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-26

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

“THAT’S HOW HE WORKS UP AN APPETITE.”

“Your plant in the bottle looked thirsty, Mommy, so I gave it a good drink.”

CROSSWORD

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