

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

UP AND AT 'EM, BOYS!

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WHAT IS THIS "EM" WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET "UP AND AT"? FOR ME TODAY, IT'S GONNA BE "EVASIVE MANEUVERS"

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DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

SO WHERE'S THE GROUNDHOG, O GREAT HUNTER?

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WELL, I FOUND HIS HOLE AND HID, WAITING FOR HIM TO COME OUT...

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AND WHEN HE FINALLY DID...

VAN ACKER

BENNY, I COULDN'T DO IT! HE WAS SO CUTE!

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

SO, IF YOU GO TO A COLLEGE ON THIS LIST, YOUR PARENTS WILL PAY FOR IT?

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YEAH.

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BUT I HAVE TO GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS!

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THAT'LL BE TOUGH. THERE GOES MY PARTY MINOR.

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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST today (3:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from LIBRA into SCORPIO.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Be cooperative and accommodating with those who are closest to you today. Don't make a big deal about anything. However, as the day wears on, your interest in shared property, taxes, debt and anything you own jointly with others will grow. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You're high-viz today and people admire you. Obviously, you can use this to your advantage. Go after what you want, because you might get it. In the morning, you're in work mode, but later in the day, lighten up. Tonight: Cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ The energy is playful today! Make an effort to have fun this morning. Enjoy the arts and fun times with kids. Give yourself a break. Fear not, because as the day wears on, you'll morph into work mode and be as productive as possible. Oh yes. Tonight: Get organized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Home, family and your private life are your focus today. However, midday, look for ways to have good times. Socialize with others! Enjoy sports or fun activities with kids. It's a winning day! Gifts, goodies and favors can come to you. Tonight: Socialize!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ After your busy morning, you might be at odds with someone close to you, because fiery Mars opposite your sign triggers impatience. Someone might be annoying. Fortunately, Venus will soften things. Cocoon at home later in the day. Tonight: Relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You're keen to work hard now, which is why you're accomplishing a lot. This morning your focus might be on money, earnings and values. Later in the day, you have something to say and, hopefully, someone will hear you. Don't be afraid to speak up. Tonight: Stimulating conversations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You feel strong today, and you're in a playful, fun-loving mood. Enjoy yourself! Meet friends for coffee, a boozy lunch or a walk. Later in the day, financial matters, cash flow and shopping might absorb your focus. Check the Moon Alert to avoid regrets. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ This day begins quietly, and many of you will choose to hide at home or focus on mak-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026:

You're an idealist who pursues life with enthusiasm. You're forward-thinking, energetic and analytical. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. What you do now will bring great benefit in the future. Prepare for a leadership role.

BORN TODAY

Actor, comedian Chris Rock (1965), singer-songwriter Garth Brooks (1962), actor Ashton Kutcher (1978)

ing where you live more attractive. Admittedly, increased chaos and activity are a distraction. Later in the day, after the Moon moves into your sign, your energy will gain momentum and things will go your way. Yes! Tonight: You win!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Enjoy family discussions this morning. Someone might tell you something that helps you rethink some future goals. Meanwhile, it's a busy, fast-paced time for you and you're eager to talk to others. Nevertheless, as this day wears on, privacy and time alone will increasingly appeal to you. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You're high-viz this morning. Be aware of this. Actually, some people know personal details about your private life. Later in the day, friendships will be important. You might iron out some loose details about finances or possessions with someone. Establish some boundaries. Tonight: Be friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ This is a strong day for you. Enjoy schmoozing with others. Romance is blessed. You might be attracted to someone who is different. Discussions about travel or publishing will interest you. Later in the day, people notice you. Do be aware of this in case you have something to hide. Tonight: You're noticed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You're very keen to express your views today. Initially, you might be concerned about shared property or something that someone owes you, or perhaps it's about shared responsibilities. Later in the day, you want adventure and a change of pace! Travel will be the perfect choice. Tonight: Explore, learn and do something different.

NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TODAY?

A WHOLE BUNCH OF NOTHING.

WE SHOULD CLEAN UP AROUND HERE.

NO CAN DO.

DOING NOTHING IS AN ALL-DAY AFFAIR.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

DON'T SIT ON THAT STOOL!

WHY NOT?

IT'S RESERVED FOR OLD MAN ODDVAR!

INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

"The Tale of TOO MANY TENTACLES"

Deep down in the sea, where the water is green. Two Octopuses lived, the most tangled I've seen. There was INK-BOTTLE ISH and his pal SUCTION-CUP SAM, Who got in a bit of an Eight-Legged JAM. They high-fived at once (Which is sixteen, you know). And ended up tied in a big, fleshy bow. "Is this leg a me-leg? Or is it a you?" Asked Ish as he looked at a limb that was blue.

I've got three of your elbows tucked under my gill, And my fourth southern tentacle won't sit still. To be tied in a bow is a marvelous grace, It keeps all their suckers in one handy place." So they stayed in this clump like a ball of pink wool, Which is hard to un-knot and impossible to pull. Now they float through the sea in a muddled mess, Which arm belongs where is anyone's guess.

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 Carne — (Mexican dish)

6 Founded (on)

11 Chef Lagasse

12 "How dare you!"

14 Address for a French friend

15 Tastelessly showy

16 NYC subway line

17 Reads quickly

19 Never, in Nuremberg

20 Old salts

22 Time line period

23 Bruins' sch.

24 In a sneaky way

26 Mozart's middle name

28 Small battery

30 Moreover

31 Mobile home?

DOWN

35 Semesters

39 Cisterns

40 Nile reptile

42 Enlist again

43 Köln cry

44 Sir — Newton

46 Frazier foe

47 Spirited horses

49 Brain, slangily

51 Thrilling feeling

52 Low cards

53 Batting practice areas

54 Mortimer the dummy

18 401(k) alternative

21 Marble hunks

23 Milk dispenser

25 "Home-going" author — Gyasi

27 Busy insect

29 Gathers

31 Sailor's cry

32 Milk-related

33 Goddess of wisdom

34 Simile center

36 Book club fan

37 Pondered

38 Covert agents

41 Trousers

44 Not busy

45 "The Facts of Life" actress Mindy

48 Custard ingredient

50 Mine matter

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

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"WE DON'T EVEN BUY NAPKINS ANYMORE!"

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"How did dinosaurs sit on their eggs without breaking them?"

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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