

BEETLE BAILEY

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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. EDT today (3:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from **LIBRA** into **SCORPIO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Financial speculation might be rewarding today. Meanwhile, expect surprise invitations to socialize. You also might suddenly decide about a vacation or a future sports event. Relations with kids will be spontaneous and fun. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Avoid power struggles with partners, spouses and close friends today. Nevertheless, something special, favorable or financially attractive might benefit your family today. You might buy something for your home. You might receive a gift. Or your family might have a new addition. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Spontaneous short trips and chances to meet new faces and see new places will please you today. Meanwhile, work-related discussions might be challenging. Steer clear of controversial subjects like politics and religion, because they could turn nasty. Stay chill. Tonight: Get organized.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is a financially fortuitous day for you. You might suddenly make more money or get a bit richer for some reason. If you have a chance to pursue a new job offer or ask for a raise, do it. Meanwhile, be patient with your kids, and likewise, be patient with romantic partners to avoid arguments. Tonight: Socialize!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ An encounter with a friend or a member of a group might surprise you today. It will turn out to be something other than what you expected. It might broaden your horizons in some way or increase your connections. Perhaps you will meet a new friend. Meanwhile, be patient at home. Tonight: Relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Avoid arguments with daily contacts, siblings and relatives, especially if you are trying hard to make a point or to convince others to agree with you. Give it up. Instead, focus on some inner realizations that might occur today, perhaps an epiphany. Listen to your inner world. Tonight: An interesting discussion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) HHHHA friendship might delight you today. Or perhaps you'll become involved with an organization or club in a new way. Whatever happens will be unexpected and sudden. Meanwhile, avoid disagreements about money and

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, July 21, 2026:

You are both extroverted and introverted. You're curious, determined and independent thinking. You have an extraordinary understanding of human nature. This is a slower paced year. IFocus on relationships with those who are kind, helpful and have your back.

BORN TODAY

Actor, comedian Robin Williams (1951), Nobel Prize-winning writer Ernest Hemingway (1899), academic, philosopher Marshall McLuhan (1911)

possessions. Be smart. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Today you might give in to impulsive or compulsive behavior. You also might encounter an emotional power struggle with someone, perhaps because someone is reacting to something that makes you suddenly look good. Something unexpected favors you! This might be jealousy. Tonight: You win!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Unexpected opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. If so, act quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Likewise, a chance to explore something in publishing, medicine, the law or higher education also might appear out of nowhere. Act fast. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Avoid money squabbles today or arguments about possessions. Instead, keep your eyes open, because you might benefit in practical ways or financial ways through the wealth and resources of someone else. Or you might get money back from the government. Could be anything. Kaching! Tonight: Be friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You're high-viz today, which is why it's in your best interest not to have a public argument somewhere. Why end up with egg on your face? Instead, focus on partnerships and close relationships. Something unexpected will delight you. Tonight: You're admired.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Steer clear of controversial subjects today because they could become emotionally charged. Meanwhile, this is a great day to suddenly improve your health or your job. Your chance to do so will have a very short window. So if something arises, be prepared to act fast. Tonight: Explore!

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

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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 Harangue

5 "Survivor" ainer

8 Ringlet

12 Anti-oxidant berry

13 One of us

14 Classic theaters

15 Horse chow holders

17 Connec-tion

18 Golfer Hogan

19 Hocked

21 Texas A&M student

24 Viral phe-nomenon

25 Fat

26 Zucker-berg's company

30 Lyricist Gershwin

31 Is patient

32 Texter's "Enough!"

33 Cute name for pets

35 Flippers

36 Web ad-dresses

DOWN

1 U.K. mili-tary fliers

2 Super serve

3 Scot's refusal

4 Thing

5 Printer's blue

6 Cranberry territory

7 Mystery novel lineup

8 Spider's creation

9 Japanese noodle

10 Russo of "Ransom"

11 "Shane" star Alan

16 Spell-off

20 Iowa city

21 "Dream on!"

22 Mentor

23 Hiker's equip-ment

24 Sends a letter

26 Is smitten with

27 Elevator name

28 Hotel chain

29 Smooch

31 City district

34 Con-structs

35 Ardent devotee

37 Scrap

38 Actress Perlman

39 Pop's sister

40 Prudish

41 Second-hand

44 — -de-France

45 A.C.C. school

46 Author/podcaster

— Robbins

47 Opposite of "post-"

Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterday's answer 7-21

CROSSWORD

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