

BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

IF NO ONE HAS AN OBJECTION TO MY PLAN, WE WILL PROCEED

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GREEN MOET WALKER

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I DO

I DO

I DO

I DO

EXCELLENT PLAN, SIR!

DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

AUGH! WE'RE IN AUGUST! THE MONTH OF SCHOOL!

BUT ALMOST THE WHOLE MONTH IS NO SCHOOL.

YES, AND "ALMOST" IS THE KEY WORD THERE!

OH - KIND OF LIKE HOW IT'S THE KEY WORD HERE - YOU'RE ALMOST...

NOT TOTALLY INSANE!

VAN ACKER

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

JERRY IS GOING TO APPLY FOR THAT JOB AT PIPKINS!

GREAT!

IN FACT, HE'S UPSTAIRS NOW PUTTING ON A TIE.

I'M GOING CORPORATE, BUT NOT TOO CORPORATE.

I SHOULDN'T LOOK, SHOULD I?

NOT YET.

SCOTT AND BORGMAN

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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 **PISCES**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Today is a pleasant, easygoing day! In particular, family discussions will go well. You might address home repairs today or other domestic matters that are important. People will listen sympathetically. It's also easy for you to feel sentimental today. (It's just what's happening.) Tonight: Privacy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day for you. Your feelings and intellect are in touch with each other, which means you will listen with sincere sympathy and interest. You will speak your mind in a genuine way. It's reassuring to feel this balance between your feelings and your thoughts. Tonight: Friendships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day, because your ruler Mercury is beautifully in tune with the Moon in **PISCES**, creating a lovely balance between emotions and feelings and your mind and your thinking processes. This will allow you to express whatever is important to you. Others will listen, and you'll feel pleased. Tonight: You're admired.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day for realistic discussions about travel, higher education, medicine and the law. You'll be forthright and direct because today Mercury is in your sign, beautifully balanced with the Moon in **PISCES**. This allows you to speak your mind clearly with confidence. Tonight: Explore!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Research into anything will go particularly well today, especially research into red-tape issues like taxes, debt, inheritances, wills and estates. Anything to do with shared property and whatever is jointly owned. Your calm, clear approach to things will be productive for you as well as others. Tonight: Check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Interactions with younger people, especially in group situations, might take place today. Be prepared to go more than halfway when dealing with others, because today the Moon is opposite your sign. This requires simple cooperation and accommodation. No biggie. Tonight: Be friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a lovely, productive day for you! However, it's also a friendly day to schmooze with others, especially groups and organizations. You're keen to do something different and experience some adventure, which is why you might mingle with people from different cultures and backgrounds. Tonight: Work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Enjoy this playful, fun-loving day! Explore sports

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026:

You are self-sufficient, organized, empathetic and imaginative. People are attracted to your friendly, artistic style. This is a year of major changes and new beginnings. Be ready to take action and define your goals. What you do now will bring great benefits in the future. Prepare for leadership.

BORN TODAY

Actor Jason Momoa (1979), actor Adrian Dunbar (1958), film and stage director Sam Mendes (1965)

events, fun activities with kids, the entertainment world, movies, plays and concerts, as well as romantic dates and flirtatious get-togethers. Remember that you make a great impression on others now. You can't lose! Tonight: Play!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Family discussions about wills, estates, inheritances and shared property or anything that is jointly held will go well today because you feel optimistic but also firm. If opposition from partners and spouses is in the picture, you will handle anything with grace and diplomacy. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ This is a fine day for stimulating discussions with others, especially contacts with siblings and relatives. You might attract talkative people to you. Whatever the case, because you personally have a nice balance between your feelings and your intellect, you'll say the right thing to the right person at the right time. Tonight: Discussions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Financial discussions will go well today. In fact, this is an excellent day to do a quick reality check of your finances and assets: how much you have and how much you owe. It's the perfect day to relax. Discussions with partners might be significant. Nevertheless, you'll take care of a few details; you can't resist doing so. Tonight: Check your possessions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with Mercury, which encourages information about your past and your youth, perhaps through discussions with family members. You'll feel sentimental about past events, but nothing maudlin. It's all good. Tonight: You're strong.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

“WHAT HAPPENS IF NO ONE CLAIMS ME?”

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

“Okay, okay...that was a very popular hairstyle when I was in high school.”

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

MR. B, AS SOON AS I GOT HOME FROM CAMP, MY MOM SIGNED ME UP FOR KARATE!

MFLBM...

THAT'S BESIDES BEING ON A BASEBALL AND SOCCER TEAM!

UH...HUH

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK SHE WAS TRYING TO KEEP ME OUT OF THE HOUSE

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NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

WHY IS LIFE SO DIFFICULT?

I WISH I KNEW.

NOTHING COMES EASY.

EXCEPT FOR MISERY.

YOU CAN'T COME IF YOU NEVER LEAVE.

8-1

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

BUT I THOUGHT YOU BEING A ZOOKEEPER WOULD MAKE US COMPATIBLE!

SORRY! I CAN'T LIVE WITH COMING HOME TO MY WORK!

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INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

Earl Grey went to the PARTY but left early after hooking up with the TAKEAWAY CUP...MUCH to the LIPS dismay.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Difficulty: ★★★★★ 8/1

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Sparkle

6 Some potatoes

12 Pure

13 Harm

14 Group of five

15 Former Disney head

16 Decorate anew

17 Doctrines

19 Dict. info

20 Ready, as for surgery

22 QB's stats

24 Nemesis

27 Athletic shoe brand

29 Cast a ballot

32 Inconsistent amounts

35 Painter Magritte

36 Cupid's realm

37 Lobbying org.

38 NBC weekend show

DOWN

40 Pugilist's weapon

42 Chow down

44 Barks

46 Old Testament book

50 Eerie

52 Infant's outfit

54 Idle

55 Black birds

56 Contacts, e.g.

57 Polo, e.g.

1 Clarified butter

2 Crow's-nest cry

3 Bar legally

4 — glance

5 Of the Middle Ages

6 The same

7 Dag-wood's dog

8 Early hrs.

9 Bathroom dispenser filler

10 Curved molding

11 Feudal laborer

12 YMCA class

18 "Frasier," to "Cheers"

21 Dorm VIPs

23 TiVo, for example

24 New Deal pres.

25 Mine material

26 Genius

28 Counselors

30 TV guide abbr.

31 Computer key

33 "Big" London attraction

34 — Moines

39 Expire

41 Fountain of Rome

42 Earth sci.

43 Jocular Johnson

45 Deli loaves

47 Friendly leader?

48 Shade

49 Sarah Vaughan's "— My Guy"

51 Dawn goddess

53 Slangy denial

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-1

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