

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

THIS STUDY SAYS 25% OF YOUNG AMERICAN MEN ARE LONELY

REALLY?

8/18

I COULD USE A LITTLE LONELINESS

FREE TARGET WALKER #W@!

8/18

NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

BOSS, THIS TIME I'M BEGGING YOU ON BENDED KNEES TO CONSIDER GIVING ME A RAISE

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU DESERVE A RAISE THIS TIME?

8/18

I DESERVE A RAISE BECAUSE I'M THE BEST OFFICE MANAGER YOU WILL EVER HAVE

8/18

SO, DID YOU GET A RAISE?

NO, EVEN WORSE, HE REFUSED ME ON BENDED KNEES!

8/18

DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

IF THEY THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH NOT OFFERING A KITTY CONE, THEN THEY LEAVE ME BUT ONE CHOICE!!

SUE THE DAIRY MART!

8/18

ISN'T THAT THE CUE FOR THAT LITTLE BEAGLE WITH THE BOW TIE AND BRIEF-CASE TO SHOW UP?

8/18

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

JEREMY! HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY OF WORK?

GOOD. I UNPACKED CRATES OF CANTALOUPE.

IF I DO WELL, THEY'LL MOVE ME UP TO MELON CHUCKER!

CAN YOU BELIEVE I'LL GET PAID TO SMASH MELONS INTO A DUMPSTER?

YOU'RE LIVING THE DREAM.

8/18

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

IVAR THE BONEBREAKER, IN YOUR LONG CAREER, HOW DID YOU KEEP VIKING WORK AND YOUR PERSONAL LIFE BALANCED?

IT WAS EASY!

8-18

I FOUGHT WITH EVERYONE EQUALLY!

8-18

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 **SCORPIO**.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19) ★★★

This is a passionate, intense day. Although your impulse is to play and socialize, check out the temperature of the room first. Increased chaos and activity at home are challenging. But, fortunately, fair Venus opposite your sign promotes warmth in all your relations. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) ★★★

Today you might have to go more than half-way when dealing with others because the Moon is opposite your sign. Be co-operative and accommodating. Family discussions will be upbeat; however, someone might be stubborn. Work-related relations are mutually supportive. Tonight: Listen to someone.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20) ★★★

What you need today is for someone to listen to you. (You like to share your ideas.) You also like to learn new things. Today your first impulse is to be of service to others or to help someone if you can. However, steer clear of intense discussions. Tonight: Work to get better organized.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22) ★★★★★

With fiery Mars in your sign, you have lots of energy today! Although you have a strong focus on money, earnings and cash flow, social outings will appeal to you. Check out sports events, movies, fun get-togethers and playful activities with kids. Tonight: Enjoy socializing with someone.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★

Home and family have your attention today. Or perhaps you want to keep a low profile. A discussion with a female family member is likely. Fortunately, with fair Venus in your House of Communications, things will flow smoothly. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★

Today when talking to others, you want to have a real, meaningful conversation, not just superficial chitchat. Therefore, seek out someone who is willing to have a dialogue with you. In particular, competitive sports, athletics and group activities will appeal. Tonight: An interesting conversation.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★

Today you have a tendency to identify with your possessions. You might consider buying wardrobe items. You probably will like what you see in the mirror. You might shop for a new look that you want to assume. (Of course, Oscar Wilde said, "Be yourself; everyone else is taken.") Tonight: Check your belongings.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★

Today the Moon is in your sign, which

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026:

You're farsighted, benevolent and progressive. An independent thinker, you want to improve the lives of others. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle. Take inventory of your life. Let go of people, places and things that held you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Commune with nature.

BORN TODAY

Actor, director Robert Redford (1936), actor, comedian Denis Leary (1957), actor Andy Samberg (1978)

gives you a slight edge over all the other signs. However, this can make you more emotional than usual. Meanwhile, you create a great impression on everyone because the Sun is casting you in a flattering spotlight. A favorable situation! Tonight: You're strong.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★

You're keen to get out of town or find a change of scenery. Nevertheless, today in particular, you're happy to be low-key and work alone or behind the scenes. Disputes about taxes, debt, credit or shared property might arise. Fortunately, relations with friends and groups are cozy. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★

Today you're giving thought to your friendships, which is why your contact between yourself and a friend might be deeper than usual. You might even feel supportive or protective of someone. Be patient with partners and close friends, because Mars opposite your sign might be testy. Tonight: Time with friends.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★

You are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Keep in mind that you need more sleep this week. Fortunately, fiery Mars will help you work with vigor! Go figure. Tonight: You're admired.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★

You're happy to work and accomplish things this week. You're also open to socializing and checking out competitive sports. But today you want to do something different. You want to break free from your routine. Travel would be a nice option. If you can't travel, then be a tourist in your own city. Tonight: Explore!

SUDOKU

Difficulty: ★★

8/18

4			3	6	1		
1		3	7		4	6	8
6			4	1	7	2	3
	9		8		6	3	
3			7		8		9
8	2		9		5		
	3		5				4
	4						6
	6	5		2			1

Complete the grid

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

©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Dutch word for "farmer"

5 "Mangia!"

8 Med. plan options

12 Drifting ice

13 EMT's skill

14 "Glamour" rival

15 Chinese design system

17 Conceal

18 — Jima

19 In need of more Advil, say

21 Stag

24 Sad

25 Pop

26 "Tsk!"

30 Acapulco gold

31 Type of nerve

32 Mover's vehicle

33 Aires or Leo, e.g.

35 Slithery

36 Oodles

37 Aleppo's land

38 Nativity figure

41 Gorilla

42 Tel —

43 Ultimate authority

48 Tarzan's transport

49 Work with

50 Nest egg choices

51 Port of Yemen

52 Legisla-tion

53 Willy Wonka's creator

DOWN

1 Favorite pal, in texts

2 Fla-menco cheer

3 A billion years

4 Saskatchewan's capital

5 Reverberate

6 "The — Trilogy"

7 Dress rehearsal

8 Sneaky laugh

9 Roman 1052

10 Shoppe description

11 Crystal gazer

16 Neighbor of Nor.

20 Swear

21 Starting

22 Petty of "Tank Girl"

23 Blood-hound's clue

24 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Wade

26 Loyal

27 Say it's so

28 Niger's neighbor

29 "May It Be" singer

31 Cognac bottle letters

34 "Stranger Things" character

35 Pupil's cover

37 Resort

38 Coffee, slangily

39 "Ars Amatoria" poet

40 Trig function

41 From the top

44 "Patience — virtue"

45 Mrs. in Mexico

46 Apt rhyme for 37-Down

47 Designer mono-gram

TODAY'S ANSWER

1	8	6	2	3	4	5	9	7
9	5	3	7	1	6	8	4	2
4	7	2	9	5	8	1	3	6
7	1	5	3	6	9	4	2	8
6	4	8	5	7	2	9	1	3
2	3	9	4	8	1	7	6	5
3	2	7	1	4	5	6	8	9
8	9	4	6	2	7	3	5	1
5	6	1	8	9	3	2	7	4

DENNIS THE MENACE

8-18

"THIS BETTER BE GOOD, YA KNOW, I HAD TO TAKE A BATH TO COME HERE!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

8-18

"Is the one at the head of the school the principal?"

CROSSWORD

Yesterday's answer 8-18

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16				17			
				18				19	20			
21	22	23					24					
25					26					27	28	29
30				31						32		
33			34							35		
			36						37			
38	39	40					41					
42					43	44				45	46	47
48					49					50		
51					52					53		