BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER



BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER



NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE



ROYAL STARS

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 after 7 p.m. EST today (4 p.m. PST, 5 p.m. PDT). The Moon is in **LEO**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to schmooze and socialize with others. Sports events and fun activities with children will also appeal. Romance is definitely energized! Some people will encounter new love. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ This is a feel-good day, particularly at home (even though there is increased activity and chaos on the homefront). Relations with co-workers are positive. In fact, for some of you, a work-related romance might begin. Ex-spouses, partners and friends from your past are back on the scene. Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day for you, which is why you feel energetic, intellectually alive and eager to talk to others. You want to share your ideas, especially with a romantic interest — if you can swing this. Be patient with silly mistakes at work. Tonight: Schmooze!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ This is a great day for financial negotiations if you can avoid the **Moon Alert**. In particular, you might be pleased with purchases made for your home, especially to make your home more attractive. Possibly, you'll buy something you've had your eye on for some time. Tonight: Check your belongings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ This is a winning day for you because the Moon is dancing with fiery Mars and lucky Jupiter in your own sign, as well as winking at fair Venus. This makes you flirtatious, happy, convivial and ready to enjoy the company of others. Romance is blessed. It's a great day to entertain! Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ This is a feel-good day. Something going on behind the scenes will give you a warm feeling in your tummy. Perhaps you're expecting money or something to come through for you. (It looks like it will.) You'll be pleased with purchases you make today, as long as you avoid the **Moon Alert**. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself, as long as you can avoid the **Moon Alert**. It's also a great day to schmooze! Enjoy the company of friends as well as groups. You might be involved in something competitive. Romance is blessed! Tonight: Be friendly!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Monday, Nov. 2, 2026:

You are genuine, good-natured and logical. You like to promote the welfare of others. Expect exciting changes and increased personal freedom this year. Learn to be more flexible and to let go of whatever holds you back. Seek new opportunities.

BORN TODAY

Actor, director David Schwimmer (1966), singer-songwriter k.d. lang (1961), actor, producer Shah Rukh Khan (1965)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ It doesn't get much better than this. The Sun and Mercury are in your sign while the Moon, Mars and Jupiter are lined up at the top of your chart. This makes you powerful, charismatic and diplomatically ambitious. Go after what you want today, but be aware of the **Moon Alert**. Tonight: You're admired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Be confident about exploring opportunities to travel as well as avenues related to medicine, the law, higher education and publishing. These are all areas that will favor you today! A friendship might turn romantic and surprise you. Tonight: Explore and learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Financial negotiations will favor you today, along with discussions about how to divide or share something like an inheritance, even a debt. You also might get a boss, parent or someone in authority to endorse your side. Hey, whatever works. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ This is a fabulous day to schmooze because people want to see you. Ongoing relations with spouses, partners and close friends are excellent. Travel plans will appeal. Possibly, a long-distance romance or someone from your past will reappear to ignite something exciting. Tonight: Cooperate with others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A work-related romance might begin for many of you today. Certainly, you feel affectionate and passionate. You also might have a strong desire to "get away from all this" and do something different. You want change and adventure! Tonight: Get better organized.

INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES



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

Difficulty: ★ 11/2

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ACROSS

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8 Unwanted breakout
12 1954 Fellini Oscar-winner
14 Cross-word diagram
15 Temple to all the gods
16 Top-of-the-line
17 "You've got mail" co.
18 MD's diagnostic order
20 Loses momentum
23 Family biz abbr.
24 Wine valley
25 Early rounds, for short
28 Flamenco cheer
29 Water nymph
30 Carried out
32 Emphasizes
34 Melodies
35 Beer ingredient
36 Aleve alternative
37 Zodiac twins
40 Swiss canton
41 Military no-show
42 Italian bacon
47 Caesar's "I came"
48 Advocated
49 "Taylor Swift: The — Tour" (2023 concert film)
50 Bracketed word
51 Salty waters

DOWN

1 Swiss peak
2 Goat's cry
3 AOL rival
4 Canada's capital
5 Highlander
6 Ruckus
7 Insulin producer
8 Andre of tennis
9 Gator's kin
10 Jazz singer Simone
11 Biblical garden
13 Frat letters
19 Snitched
20 — -Cat
21 In — land
22 Oil cartel
23 Londoners, e.g.
25 Primitive flutes
26 1504, in old Rome
27 Voice in an iPhone
29 Inert gas
31 ISP alternative
33 Five-alarm dishes
34 Farewells
36 With the bow, musically
37 Donated
38 Pitcher
39 "— Lisa"
40 Potentially offensive, for short
43 "— was saying ..."
44 "The Waste Land" monogram
45 Darjeeling, e.g.
46 Billboards

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Saturday's answer 11-2

TODAY'S ANSWER

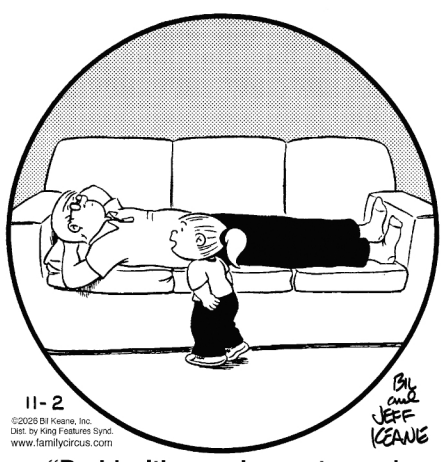
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"MR. WILSON DOES MOST OF HIS LAUGHING ON THE INSIDE. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT *HE* SAYS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy, it's good you stopped growing when you did."

