

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

HERE'S YOUR ACQUISITION REQUEST, A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR MARTHA AND YOUR TEE TIME

YOU READ MY MIND! ARE YOU PSYCHIC?

I REMEMBER WHAT YOU FORGET

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GREG WALKER

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NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

I CAN'T REMEMBER IF I CLOSED THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR OR NOT

YOU CLOSED IT, HONEY

WHAT IF I DIDN'T? I SHOULD GO CHECK

IS THAT JUST YOUR STOMACH TALKING, HONEY?

LOUD AND CLEAR

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DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

HEY, DON'T BLAME THE TREE JUST 'CUZ YOU GOT YOURSELF STUCK IN IT!

THEN WHO SHOULD I BLAME?

YOU!

I THINK I'LL BLAME THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA.

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VAN ACKER

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

MY MOM SAVES EVERYTHING

I THINK WE STILL HAVE EVERY DRAWING I EVER MADE.

I DOUBT IT.

DON'T.

OKAY, I UN-DOUBT IT.

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SCOTT & BORGMAN

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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 (except for food and gas) and important decisions until 2 p.m. EDT today (11 a.m. PDT). After that, there are no restrictions those areas. The Moon is in **GEMINI**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ A busy, chatty day! Your communication skills are excellent. Wait until the **Moon Alert** is over to commit to any important decisions or ideas. Tap into your creative talents today. It's also a lovely day to schmooze and enjoy sports and kids' activities. Tonight: Lively discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ After the **Moon Alert** today, you're on your game when it comes to financial matters, shopping and wheeling and dealing. In particular, you have energy to make home improvements, especially to recycling, garbage areas, plumbing and bathrooms. Tonight: Check your money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with Mars, Neptune and Pluto, which is empowering. You have lots of mental energy to talk to others and get things done. You'll enjoy socializing. You might convince someone to see your views about politics, religion or philosophical ideas. Tonight: You win!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Family discussions and home repairs are on your mind, and today you might use some persuasion to improve your finances. Be clear when talking to bosses and authority figures. Accept invitations to socialize today, because you're happy to share your ideas. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Discussions with friends, groups and organizations will be lively today! You might discuss a makeover or improving something. This is a high-energy day full of appointments, errands and productivity, especially after the **Moon Alert** is over. Tonight: Be friendly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ People notice you today, which is good, because you make an excellent impression. Others see you as positive, friendly and breezy yet powerful. If you're in a position to help someone, you will. Postpone financial decisions until after the **Moon Alert** today. Tonight: You're admired.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ The Sun and Mercury are in your sign, which makes you eager to get out and talk to someone. Issues related to politics, religion, higher education medicine or the law might be an important discussion today. Romance is also in the mix. Tonight: Learn something new.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026:

You value justice and honesty. You're fair-minded, focused and compassionate. This is a year of work and building foundations, both internally and externally. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Explore martial arts or yoga. Exercise will play an important role. Stay levelheaded.

BORN TODAY

Actress Marion Cotillard (1975), actress, comedian Fran Drescher (1957), actor, director Eric Stoltz (1961)

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★

Be aware of the restrictions of the **Moon Alert** today. However, after that, go after what you want! You're in a strong position today, and you might use your money, resources and influence to help someone at work. You also might make improvements at home. It's your call. Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★

You might have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, which is a small thing. Discussions about travel, publishing and education will appeal. Meanwhile, this is a popular day for you. Enjoy the company of younger people. Discussions with partners and spouses might be intense. Tonight: Be cooperative.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★

You make a great impression on everyone at this time because the Sun is high in your chart. This is a productive day. Discussions about finances and shared property will go your way. Relations with a friend might be flirtatious. Tonight: Get better organized.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★

Although relations with partners and spouses might require patience, this is actually a fun-loving, sociable day for you. Make an effort to enjoy the company of others. Explore new ideas about politics, religion, higher education, medicine and the law. It's also a flirtatious, romantic day! Tonight: Enjoy socializing.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★

You might prefer to relax at home today. Although, something might interrupt your home routine. Travel will appeal. You also have a lot of energy to make home improvements and possibly some elegant home purchases — after the **Moon Alert** is over. Tonight: Cocoon at home.

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

NOTHING WE DO MATTERS!

YOU SAY THAT LIKE IT'S A BAD THING!

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INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

... THIS COULD BE THE SECRET CAMEL BURIAL GROUNDS.

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ACROSS

1 "You betcha!"

4 Fr. holy woman

7 Sitarist Shankar

8 Range

10 — acid

11 Sound-ing like a dove

13 Holiday lights attachment

16 Win — nose

17 Highway break-fast places

18 Dubai's country, for short

19 Read quickly

20 Pre-weekend yell

21 "Tweezer" band

23 Lesley of "60 Minutes"

25 Asian nation

26 Conduc-tance units abbr.

27 Schedule abbr.

28 Pricey

30 Cattle call

33 Reso-nates (with)

36 "Pretty" in Spanish

37 Pound fraction

38 Seized vehicles

39 Utah ski resort

40 Nine-digit ID

41 Calendar abbr.

DOWN

1 1945 conference site

2 Pop singer Sands

3 Park outings

4 Reporter's coup

5 Animated figures

6 "The Last Emperor," for one

7 Popular theater name

8 Offspring

9 "Stop already!"

10 Valentine's Day mo.

12 Holy chalice

14 Persian leader

15 Dict. info

19 Serena, to Venus

20 Prof's helpers

21 Medicare section

22 Film genre

23 The Mets' old home

24 Outer-wear

25 Vegas lead-in

26 Big buttes

28 Omits

29 Rockies range

30 Three-card scam

31 Killer whale

32 Poetic tribute

34 Super-model Sastre

35 Video-streaming site

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Yesterday's answer 9-30

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HARD DAY AT THE OFFICE, DEAR? TRY WORKING FROM HOME LIKE ME!"

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Gary is lucky. He's got TWO rooms — one at his mother's house and one at his father's house."

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