

BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG BAILEY, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

WARNING: THE FOLLOWING STORY MIGHT BE DISTURBING

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AND NOW TO THE SCENE...

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DUMPLINGS

BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

I DON'T KNOW, BENNY...

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CLIMBING DOWN SEEMS JUST AS SCARY AS JUMPING.

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TRY CLIMBING DOWN BACKWARDS - LIKE HOW HUMANS DO IT.

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CATS DON'T HAVE REVERSE!

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

OFFICER, I'D LIKE TO REPORT THE 1ST PUMPKIN SPICE SIGHTING OF THE FALL!!

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AND HERE'S YOUR REWARD... TWO MONTHS' WORTH OF PUMPKIN SPICE CATERING PROFITS!!

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ARE YOU OKAY?

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IF THIS FALL SEASON IS ANYTHING LIKE MY DREAM, THEN YES!

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ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

JEREMY, PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN WHILE I'M TALKING TO YOU.

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I CAN HEAR YOU.

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NO, REALLY. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

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I'M LISTENING.

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EYE CONTACT IS A PART OF CONVERSATION!

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NOW I'M LISTENING AND CREEPED OUT.

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NEVER BEEN DEADER

BY TOMMY DEVOID

WHATCHA WANNA DO TODAY?

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YOU'RE LOOKING RIGHT AT IT.

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I'VE NEVER MET SOMEONE WHO ROTS AS MUCH AS YOU.

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WHAT CAN I SAY?

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I'M IN LAZY PURSUIT OF MASTERY.

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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions after 10:30 a.m. EDT today (7:30 a.m. PDT) for the rest of the day. The Moon is in **CANCER**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Do your best to keep the peace at home. Parents must be patient with their kids to avoid meltdowns and hissy fits. Respect your need for more rest. If possible, take a nap. Discussions with older family members and parents will be challenging. You might say goodbye to someone. Tonight: Patience at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Domestic power struggles can make this a challenging day. Please know that things look worse than they are. The best way to deal with today's discouraging energy is to throw yourself into a project. Whether it's hands-on or mental work, stay busy. Tonight: Listen to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might feel that your finances look bleak today. Or perhaps a purchase disappoints you. Today might be frustrating because your ability to communicate is thwarted by someone. Your efforts to talk or handle appointments and short trips might be met with opposition. Tonight: Check your money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ This is a challenging day because the Moon is in your sign at odds with Saturn. Proceed slowly and cautiously even though self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy might make you hesitate to act. Dealings with VIPs, parents, bosses and the police will be challenging. Tonight: Stay steady.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ This is the classic day for an emotional confrontation with someone. No matter what you do to get ahead, you might encounter some kind of opposition or a power struggle with someone. This could be discouraging. If possible, enlist the aid of someone to help you. Don't try to go it alone. Tonight: Stay positive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ A friend might disappoint you today, perhaps a female. Or this disappointment could occur with a group. Something going on behind the scenes is discouraging, and you might not know what to do. When you are this unsure, do nothing except seek the help of someone else. Tonight: Be friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ This is a poor day to ask for permission or approval from authority figures. Your confidence is not strong. You might feel depressed, lonely or out of touch with others. Please be aware that things look worse than they

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY CHRIS BROWNE

HELGA, TELL HAMLET TO STOP EATING SO FAST!

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YOU WOULD BE MORE PERSUASIVE!

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TELL HIM YOU'LL STOP STICKING YOUR FORK INTO HIS PLATE!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026:

You're a strong-willed, focused, perfectionist. You take a direct and logical approach to life. This year exciting changes will give you increased personal freedom. Stay flexible. Let go of whatever impedes your growth and progress. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast. Expect to travel.

BORN TODAY
Singer-songwriter Gwen Stefani (1969), actress Alicia Vikander (1988), actress Neve Campbell (1973)

INSANITY STREAK

BY TONY LOPES

FORGET ABOUT THE PRICE OF EGGS, LADIES. HAVE YOU SEEN THE PRICE OF GOLD?

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are. Avoid power struggles with friends and groups. Tonight: Be modest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ This is a poor day to deal with bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. Give these people a wide berth to avoid emotional confrontations and power struggles. You also might encounter difficulty if traveling. Keep a low profile today. Tonight: New ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Avoid controversial discussions with others, especially about politics, religion and racial issues, because today is full of angry energy and negative thinking. Children might feel like an increased responsibility. Remind yourself that this is a temporary dark cloud on your horizon. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Financial disputes might occur today about purchases, the ownership of something, or how to divide an inheritance or shared expenses. Meanwhile, discussions with partners, spouses and close friends might discourage you. Demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: Listen and cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Be patient with those who are closest to you today because everyone is prickly and short-tempered. However, some are feeling sad and lonely. (This is a challenging day.) Fortunately, you look good to others, and a chance to learn or travel will work well for you. Tonight: Get organized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Conflict about pets or anything related to your job or your health might occur today. You also might be upset about the cost of something related to a social situation, sports or the care and education of kids. Being patient and loving make life easier for everyone. Tonight: Go gently.

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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TODAY'S ANSWER

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1 Mausoleum

5 Take the bait

9 Mouth part

12 Beige

13 Novelist Hunter

14 Chemical suffix

15 Voucher

16 Tara of "Sharknado"

17 "CSI" find

18 Party giver

19 Night school subj.

20 Toucan's feature

21 Ballpark fig.

23 Kimono sash

25 Hybrid eating utensils

28 Formally approve

32 Cardio-boxing routine

33 Strait-laced

34 Haunted house sound

36 Artery inserts

37 Boxing legend

38 Sea, to Pierre

39 Honker

42 Lucy of "Kill Bill"

44 Point

48 Altar

49 Crow's-nest cry

50 Fed. work-place monitor

51 Bubble

52 Unforeseen problem

53 "Topaz" author Uris

54 Blue

55 Vocal quality

56 Bottom-of-the-barrel bit

20 Like harsh winter weather

22 Toaster's word

24 Keep the turkey moist

25 Basin and Bourbon (Abbr.)

26 Lobbyists' org.

27 "— the fields we go ..."

29 007 creator Fleming

30 In shape

31 NFL stats

35 La Scala city, locally

36 Mascara mishap

39 Sold-out shows

40 Classic theaters

41 Map line

43 — uproar

45 Addict

46 Mule, for one

47 Hunger symptom

49 D-Day vessel

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Yesterday's answer 10-3

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, MR. WILSON. JOEY THINKS I'M OLD, TOO!"

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"Who crayoned your windows?"

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