

BEETLE BAILEY BY GREG WALKER, BRIAN WALKER AND NEAL WALKER

HE'S MY BEST FRIEND

WHO DO YOU TREAT OTTO TO SO NICELY?

CAN I BE YOUR SECOND-BEST FRIEND?

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DUMPLINGS BY VICTOR VAN ACKER

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SILLY PUMPKIN SPICE TREND ANYWAY?

UH... COFFEE SHOPS, I THINK.

PSH - FIGURES...

THOSE ARE THE SAME PEOPLE THAT WAKE TEACHERS UP SO THEY CAN TEACH US STUFF.

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ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

JEREMY DOESN'T WANT TO TALK TO ME, SO HE CLAIMS TO BE SLEEP-EATING.

REALLY?

CHEWING WITH HIS MOUTH CLOSED... NO SNARKY ATTITUDE...

LET'S HOPE THERE'S NO CURE.

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ROYAL STARS

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE FROM GEORGIA NICOLS

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

Moon Alert: After 1:15 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in **CAPRICORN**.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ This is a tricky day. Don't be too ambitious today. It's totally OK to kick back and relax. But do be aware that communications with parents and authority figures might be confused, vague or subject to misunderstandings. Nevertheless, romance is sweet and cozy! Tonight: You're admired.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Avoid controversial subjects and important discussions about politics, religious issues and travel. This will get you nowhere. Too much confusion! However, you might be interested in a new relationship with someone "different." Tonight: Explore something new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ This is a poor day for financial discussions or how to share something with a friend or a group. Wishful thinking will outweigh logic and rational analysis. Too tricky! However, a work-related romance might be dreamy and promising. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Be careful in discussions with parents, bosses as well as spouses, partners and close friends, because distorted views and misunderstandings are classic today. Be aware of overdoing alcohol. However, romance as well as relations with kids are reassuring. Tonight: Listen to others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Work-related relationships will be supportive today, perhaps even romantic. However, discussions about foreign countries or issues related to travel, politics and religion will very likely be confusing and possibly distorted. You won't know what to believe. Tread carefully. Some people are just off base today. Tonight: Get organized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This is a lovely day for romance, playful outings, socializing with others, sports events and fun activities with kids. However, having said that, be careful about dealing with shared expenses, shared property and the wealth and resources of others. Tonight: Enjoy socializing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Today you're in a dreamy state of mind, which can promote fantasies more than reality. This is why it's a poor day for important decisions about family issues or partnerships. Nevertheless, something to do with your finances or purchases will please you. Keep your receipts, and the box. Tonight: Relax at home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026:

You are sensual and you admire beauty. You're also lively, enthusiastic and interested in new experiences. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on business and personal relationships and try to hang out with people who are kind, helpful and have your back.

BORN TODAY

TV Host Jimmy Fallon (1974), astronaut, naval officer Sunita Williams (1965), actor Jeremy Irons (1948)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ This is basically a relaxed dreamy day. Don't give yourself an ambitious agenda. However, be careful of overdoing booze or something that can confuse you, because this is possible today. (Even food poisoning.) Fortunately, relations with siblings, relatives and neighbors are cozy. Tonight: An interesting conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ In many ways, this is a laid-back, feel-good day! However, there might be confusion or incorrect assumptions in romantic relationships, as well as when dealing with social situations or kid's activities. Double-check all your details. Make sure you're on the same page. Tonight: Check your money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight advantage over others. In fact, relations with friends and groups will be warm and supportive. However, be careful with family discussions. This is where confusion might trip you up. Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Take it easy today. Relations with bosses, parents and authority figures are warm and supportive. People are happy to see you. Nevertheless, if you feel a sense of confusion or that something fishy is going on, it probably is. That's because this is a dreamy, fuzzy day for many people. Tonight: Privacy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Be careful about financial agreements between friends and groups today. Double-check details for errors or wrong assumptions, because people can be sloppy in their thinking about money today. However, enjoy meeting people from different backgrounds. Tonight: Friendships.

TODAY'S ANSWER

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE A BARBER OR ARE YOU OKAY WITH BEING A HAIRDRESSER?"

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Why doesn't THAT organist ever play 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game'?"

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BLONDIE BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

HOW'S YOUR SOCCER TEAM'S SEASON GOING SO FAR, ELMO?

IT'S FUN MOST OF THE TIME, MRS. B!

ONCE IN A WHILE, PEOPLE GET EJECTED FOR OFFSIDES PUNCHING AND KICKING!

YOU KIDS NEED TO BE CAREFUL!

KIDS? I'M TALKING ABOUT PARENTS IN THE STANDS!

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NEVER BEEN DEADER BY TOMMY DEVOID

I DON'T GET ANY SERVICE HERE.

IS THAT A BAD THING?

THAT MEANS NO ONE CAN REACH ME.

SO THAT'S A GOOD THING?

MORE OF A THANK GOODNESS THING.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE

MY HUSBAND AND I ARE GOING TO A FANCY MUSEUM GALA TONIGHT AND I'M LOOKING FOR A TINY HANDBAG!

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE HIM ROOM TO HIDE ANY MUSEUM ARTIFACTS!

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INSANITY STREAK BY TONY LOPES

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS IS A BARGAIN WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING.

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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

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SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Seaboard
6 What quibblers split
11 Sacred places
12 Honor
14 Sneaky laughs
15 Slip-on shoe
16 Olympics chant
17 "Mrs. Dalloway" novelist
19 PC port
20 Crow's-nest cry
22 And so on (Abbr.)
23 Bigfoot's cousin
24 Passion
26 Art exhibit publication
28 DMV doc
30 Road rescue
31 "Paint the Town Red" rapper
35 Govt. security

DOWN

1 Salad choice
2 Available
3 Essen exclamation
4 Leftovers recipe
5 Western resort lake
6 Grumman fighter plane
7 Starting
8 "Give — whirl!"
9 Gas up
10 Handles
11 Dolphins coach Don

13 Head honcho
18 Non-Rx
21 Gold-medal swimmer Tom
23 Shows ennui
25 Documentarian Burns
27 Youngster
29 Tree with beanlike pods
31 Nile feature
32 Too
33 Super-model Dickinson
34 Agra's — Mahal
36 Narcotic
37 Ploy
38 Community spirit
41 Rapper Shakur
44 LAPD rank
45 Pitcher Hideo
48 Prohibit
50 Prof's helpers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-19

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