

**Peanuts**



**Hagar The Horrible**



**Shoe**



**Garfield**



**Frank and Ernest**



**Blondie**



**Snuffy Smith**



**Hi and Lois**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Arlo and Janis**



**Your Birthday today:**

Discipline and productivity will free your spirit and encourage you to set new goals. Take your time and stop worrying about keeping up or competing with others. Concentrating on what makes you happy, eases stress and gives you exciting options. Put personal gain, romance and your health first.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Use common sense and keep your plans to yourself until you reach a point of no return. Control what you do and what you want. Don't let outside influences interfere. Put your energy where it counts.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Pursue what makes you feel passionate. Don't let obstacles defeat you. Embrace a challenge with an open mind, and you'll find a way to exceed your expectations. Align yourself with innovative people.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Put your efforts into meeting your goals. Take care of details and iron out differences before you enter into an agreement or agree to a plan that puts you in the hot seat. Read the fine print.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Branch out and see what you can do with your skills and knowledge. Explore what's trending, and you'll discover something that interests you. Step back from joint ventures. Contracts will be misleading.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Expand your interests. Venture out and discover what's happening in your community or chosen profession. Add to your qualifications or look for a unique way to use your skills. Use your imagination!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Pay attention to detail, and finish what you start. Don't leave yourself open for criticism. Take an interest in what family and friends are doing. A change in routine will require discipline.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Pay attention to your needs. Take a break, pamper yourself, or find a solution that will help encourage better health, organization and money management. Avoid shared expenses, joint ventures and unnecessary change. Romance should be a priority.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep the peace. Find ways to improve your life. Hone your skills and incorporate a plan that encourages the pursuit of happiness and fulfillment. Don't let anger or revenge get the better of you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Oversee everything important. Domestic problems will surface if finances aren't handled properly. Be up-front about your feelings, desires and expectations. Take care of important paperwork.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Know what you are up against and take care of matters swiftly. Use your imagination when it comes to money and how best to handle people who ask for too much. Be willing to do the work yourself.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Revisit your responsibilities and find out how to get things done without interference. Stick to your plan, work alone and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Call on someone who can offer inside information or help protect you against loss. Take better care of your physical and emotional well-being. Don't take a risk or give in to someone putting pressure on you.

**DEAR ABBY**

Advice written by  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating "Brent" for four years. Prior to meeting him, I was divorced with two children. Brent shows little interest in my kids' lives. He doesn't want us to live together before the kids are out of the house, and he never plans to get married. (My youngest is 10.)

Even if he would agree to move in now, I don't want to move to his city because my kids need to be close to their school, their friends and their father. Brent doesn't want to relocate because it's heavily populated and he thinks my town is geared more toward a younger generation.

I really would like to take our relationship to the next level. I have been trying to do it for four years, but he ignores my subtle hints. I can't imagine life without him. I have even considered getting pregnant to make this relationship go further, in spite of knowing he doesn't want a baby. Advice? -- **GETTING DESPERATE IN THE HEARTLAND**

**DEAR GETTING DESPERATE:** You have wasted four years of your life on the wrong man. Brent is centered on himself and would be a negative, disruptive influence in your children's lives. Your first responsibility must be to them. If they were miserable, you would be too. Trust me on that.

As to the idea of "trapping" him by becoming pregnant in spite of the fact that he doesn't want to be a father -- I DON'T RECOMMEND IT! You could get a rude awakening and end up parenting a child you didn't really want all by yourself. So start imagining a life without him. It will be a happier one that way.

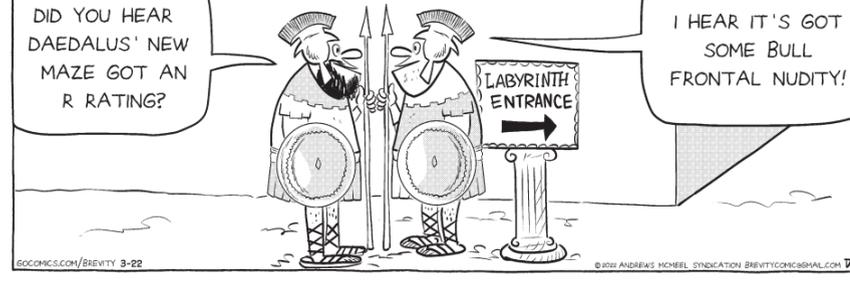
**DEAR ABBY:** I have a co-worker I enjoyed talking to and being around. I'm 27, and she is 41. We used to sit together at lunch and during our break. All of a sudden, she stopped sitting with me during the first break but she still ate with me at lunch. Then she stopped eating with me at lunch!

I asked her if I said or did anything wrong and she said no. I asked her if she was avoiding me or had found something wrong, and she insisted there was nothing wrong and I worry too much. So now I sit alone and she sits somewhere else by herself with her phone. I was nice to her. We talked about our day and sometimes shared snacks during the break. All that is gone now.

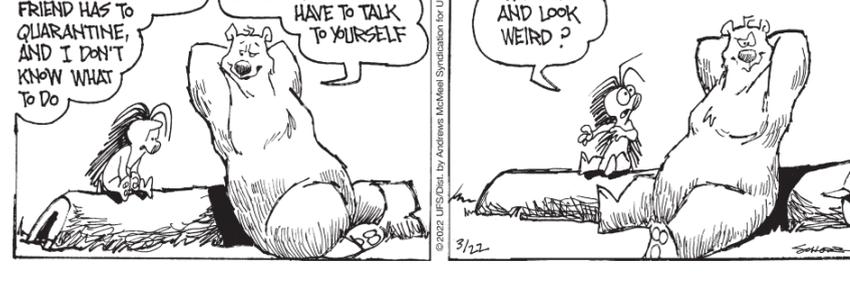
I know people grow apart, but it stings. Being an adult means moving on, but when something happens for no apparent reason, there has to be an explanation. Can you share your insight on this dilemma? -- **LUNCHING ALONE**

**DEAR LUNCHING ALONE:** There is always a reason. Perhaps you should believe your co-worker when she says you didn't do or say anything wrong. What may have changed are her circumstances. You mentioned that rather than sit with you, she now sits alone with her cellphone. It's possible that something is going on with her family -- or her personal life that requires her attention. I know it stings, but you have to let it go. Find someone else to socialize with during breaks. It would be less painful if she explained it to you, but your co-worker may be a private person.

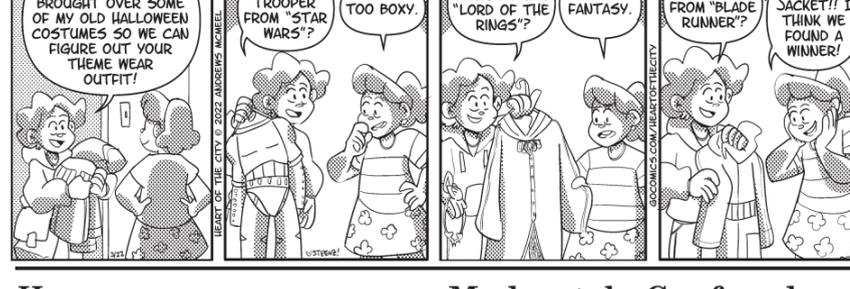
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**Grizwells**



**Heart of the City**



**Herman**



**Moderately Confused**



**Born Loser**

