

# Sign up for organ donations Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: Please help me bring awareness and education about organ donation. There are thousands of people waiting for a transplant and hundreds of others awaiting replacement of a previously transplanted organ. Many organ recipients outlive the longevity of their transplant.

Please tell your readers that living organ donors offer better longevity than organs from a cadaver donor. Finding donors promptly is also less expensive and much better health-wise.

In recent years, a great deal has changed with transplants for both the recipient and living donors; i.e. kidney transplants are now being done laparoscopically, and recuperation for the donor now averages only two weeks.

Potential recipients use every resource available, but don't always find a match. Please ask your readers to help those in need. Sadly, our family knows the importance of this from personal experience. — Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Lawrence: So many people are on waiting lists for organs, we hope our readers will consider living organ donation. People may not realize that they can donate one of their two kidneys, or even one of two lobes of their liver. They also can donate part of a lung, the pan-



creas or the intestines because the remaining portions stay fully functional. And finally, living donors can donate skin, bone, blood, marrow, blood stem cells and umbilical cord blood after childbirth and certain surgical procedures, such as hip or knee replacement.

Organ donors are not charged, although sometimes there are other costs, such as travel expenses. For more information on organ donation, check out [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov). For financial assistance, contact [livingdonorassistance.org](http://livingdonorassistance.org).

Dear Annie: When I was growing up, women's magazines used to give advice on how to avoid being harmed by predatory men. Now they give advice on ways to please a man. There's an old saying, "Why buy the cow if you can get the milk for free?" If women want to marry a good man and raise a family, they shouldn't

have sex until after marriage.

When my daughter was 16, she asked whether it was OK to sleep with a man if he says he loves you. I said no, he would lose respect for her. She didn't listen. Now she is living with a man who says she is his "partner." They just had a child. It turns out he is married to another woman, and they have a toddler. My daughter has fallen for the old line that he'll marry her once his wife divorces him.

Women should ask themselves what they get out of hooking up and shacking up. Nothing. If you want the best from a man, don't settle for a low-class bum who won't commit.

— A Wiser Gramma Who Knows Men

Dear Gramma: Your opinions have merit, but they are based on the ideas that all men lie to get women to sleep with them, and that women use sex as a lure for marriage. This isn't necessarily true. Young women can enjoy sex as much as men do and don't want to hold off until marriage, which nowadays may not happen until a woman is in her 30s, if it happens at all. But you are absolutely right that if a woman wants a legal commitment, she should not be shacking up with a married man. And vice versa.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** When you fight with yourself, at least fight fair! In the latest you-on-you battle, only one of you will be left standing. The good news is that this transformation probably won't be painful, just awkward.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your eyes are open to a clearer, faster, more direct way to happiness. Tonight, those close to you will benefit from your wave of crazy generosity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** For your life to be happy, it must be full. And for your life to be full, it must be happy. Therefore, the most important move to make in the name of living a full life is the one you believe will bring the most happiness.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** In Internet-speak, NSFW translates to "not safe for work." You may feel that your entire mood isn't safe for work today, as you would like to tell a lot of people how you really feel. However, your self-control will be rewarded.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When people make you mad, and they will, try to stay calm. It's fine for you to be angry, but you'll lose your power and status if you show it too much. One strategy that works is simply walking away.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Attractive solutions abound. Sometimes things look good because they are good. Just because something has a pretty sheen to it doesn't mean you should automatically be suspicious.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Seize the opportunity to explore your talents. This is best done by trying new things without a worry or care about who is watching or what they'll think. You'll make friends along the way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Today's activities will not be what you would normally consider cause for celebration. And yet, you'll celebrate them anyway. That's what makes you awesome. Someone new will want to join in with all of that fun you're having.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** All it takes is one sound decision to usher more love and money into your life. It's not a hard one to make, but it does require humble learning and the tenacity to see this cycle through to the final stages.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You have a weird way of working through things, and you should trust that however different it may be from the way others do it, it's still a good way for you. You're an original, you know!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You deal with life according to how you feel about it at the moment, and there will be several moments of the day that are highly charged. Emotional distancing may be in order.

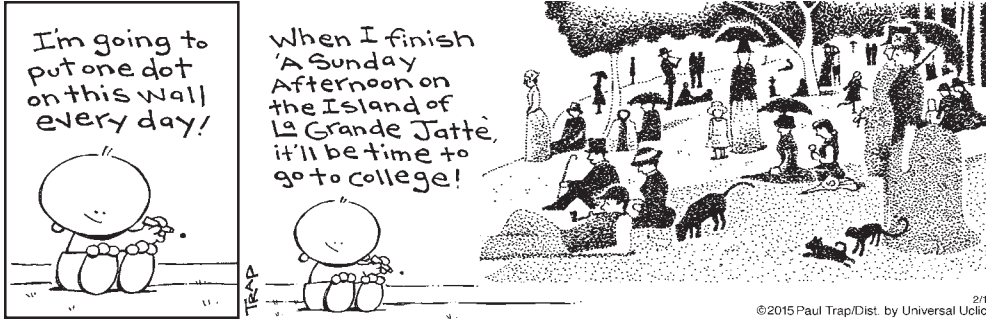
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The new people coming into your life have no idea who you are, so feel free to playfully create an accurate picture for them. You'll do quite a lot in the name of fun!

**THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 19).** You put people at ease, and for this reason, many want you on their team. In fact, they'll fight over you in March. April will bring a restructuring of your work life followed by a windfall. You'll trade places with a good friend in June and will decide you like your situation better. Love is the main deal over the summer. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 28, 17, 44 and 19.

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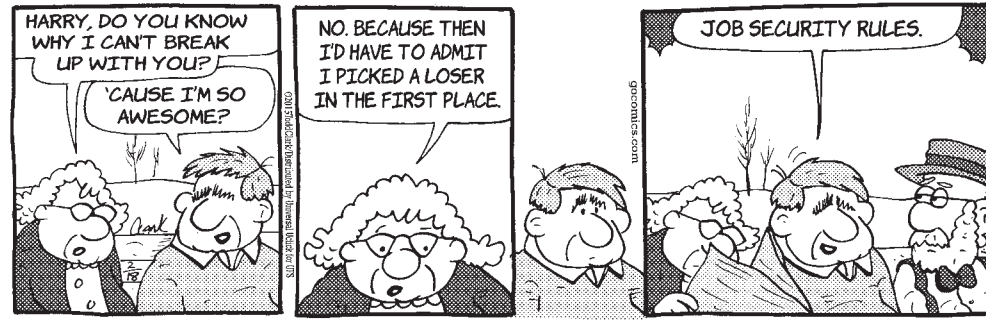
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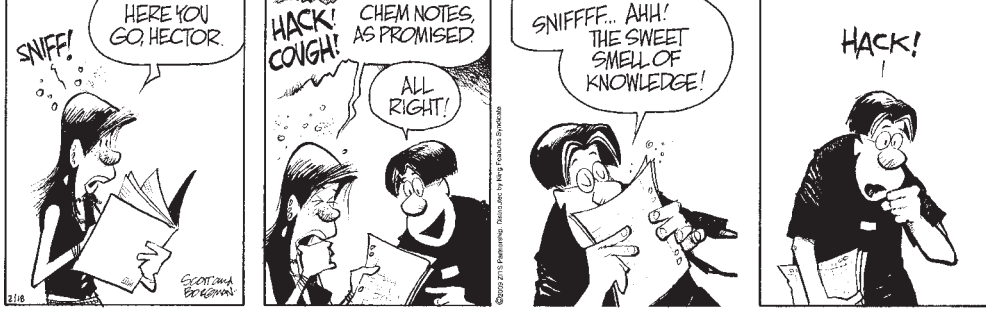
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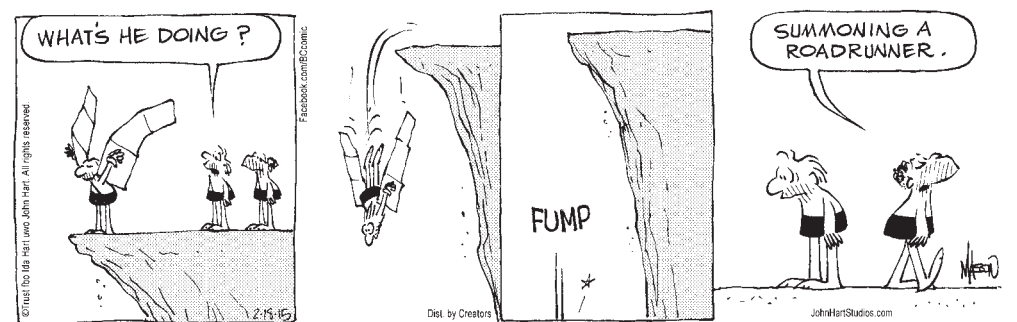
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