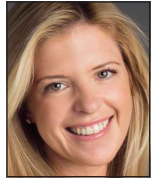


# Post-divorce brainwashing

**Dear Annie:** We are the grandparents of two very precious children. Recently, their parents were divorced after their mother had an affair with another man and became pregnant. Our son is trying to get shared residential custody, but the judge at their hearing believed the false statements of the children's mother and ruled in her favor. We have often wondered how judges can tell who is lying and who is telling the truth, and we now know the answer: They can't. The case is heading to the state Supreme Court next month.

## DEAR ANNIE



Annie Lane  
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It is very evident that our son's ex-wife has been teaching our grandchildren to hate both their dad and us. They won't openly speak to us or show any recognition of us in public. They barely acknowledge their own father when their mom is around. She has told our son and us (even in front of other people) that the children hate us. We have recently discovered that she is controlling the

children by threatening to kill herself if they don't love her enough to do as she says. We are very, very worried about the emotional abuse of our grandchildren and need advice on how to get help for them.

No child should ever have to deal with this stress and fear. Would you please help us? — *Worried Times Two*

**Dear Worried Times Two:** Divorce is never pleasant, but this transgresses the normal divorce and custody battle woes. I'm also concerned about your grandchildren, and you may be right that they're suffering from emotional abuse. Call Childhelp at 800-422-4453.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "Mystified in Miami," who was wondering why the gentleman she'd been seeing for two months hadn't yet offered to drive anywhere. It seems to me she was overthinking it. When my late husband and I started dating, he arrived in a taxi because he did not drive. I soon said, "This is

silly. I have a perfectly good car, and I don't mind driving." So he agreed. He never drove, because he just felt uncomfortable. As a young man, he owned a car, worked on it and serviced it, but he always called a friend to drive.

We went wherever we desired, with me at the wheel, and had 51 glorious years together. He was thoughtful, loving and kind, and I would have missed a beautiful married life with him if I had been hung up on the fact that he did not drive. I wonder whether "Mystified in Miami" is embarrassed or more concerned over what her friends will think.

I would give all I have to be able to drive him anywhere again. — *A Willing Chauffeur*

**Dear Willing:** I'm sorry for your loss, but what a lovely 51 years you shared.

Though you weren't seeking advice, I should mention that for anyone else reading this who is afraid of or uncomfortable with driving, there are treatments available. Speak to a therapist about methods for coping with and overcoming driving anxiety.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** What you want is for the project to succeed. You don't necessarily want to be the one in charge, but if you don't lead today, you might run into trouble. Leadership isn't about asserting your power so much as it's about executing a plan.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll find that what you like or dislike doesn't matter much in the scheme of the day, so you may as well save your breath and mental energy and go with the flow (as opposed to judging the flow).

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The more you understand, the less you blame. However, that doesn't mean that things don't need to be structured differently (and perhaps with different people involved) to create a better outcome.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your mood can be as changeable as the moon that rules your sign, although only a fellow Cancer can tell now, because you're also good at hiding how you're really feeling.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The more comfortable and happy you are in your home, the more attractive it becomes to the people who like you. In fact, the whole group may want to meet up at your place. Are you ready for an impromptu party?

**VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There are those who would rather act aloof than risk being rejected by you. But when you come forward warmly, time and again, even the most self-conscious person will drop the defense eventually.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You know more about yourself than you think you do, so the whole self-discovery thing is really unneces-

sary. What you would be trying to find is what you already are.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The way you feel about a certain someone makes it easy for you to think of this person's wants and needs without knowing or caring in the least what you'll get out of the deal. It's love!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You'll take part in an activity that seems to pause everything in your own life so you can watch the universe breathing. How can you get more of this phenomenon? You need this in your day to day.

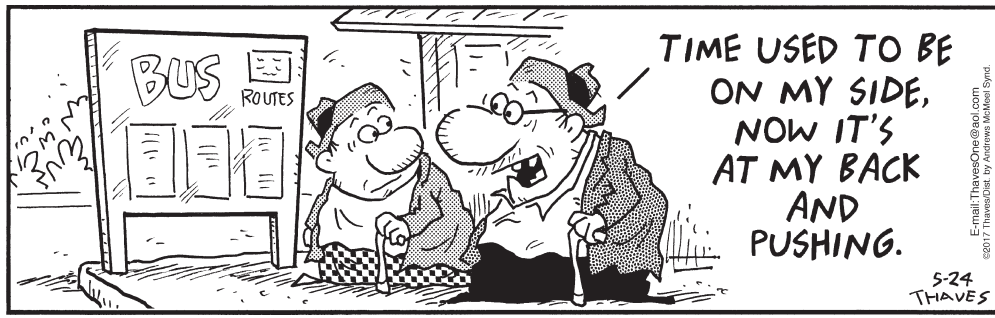
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Regarding relationships: It's true that things aren't the same as they used to be. There's beauty and joy in this. Leo Tolstoy said, "Each time of life has its own kind of love."

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Without the looking glass, we cannot see the entirety of how we look on the outside. We need mirrors to reflect back our insides, too. An objective friend will serve this purpose for you today.

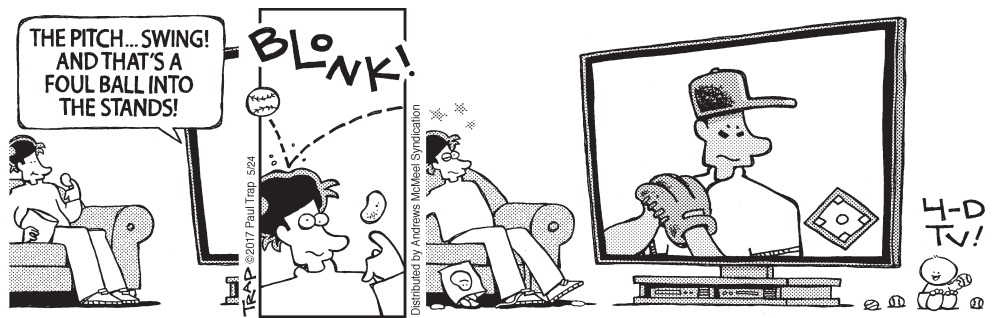
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There's a bit of entertainment to pull off today, but this is not really fun and games. After all, if you want to influence people for any purpose, you have to be able to hold their attention first.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (May 25).** You're full of energy now, but something will happen in August to induce the calm and focused quality necessary for you to succeed in a very competitive arena. September will exceed your expectations, especially in matters of love. Save your money. The worthy investment won't come until March 2018. Cancer and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 33, 13, 1 and 40.

## FRANK AND ERNEST



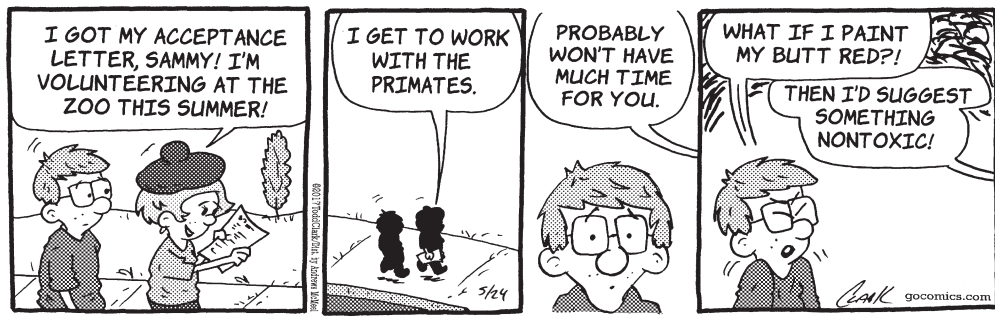
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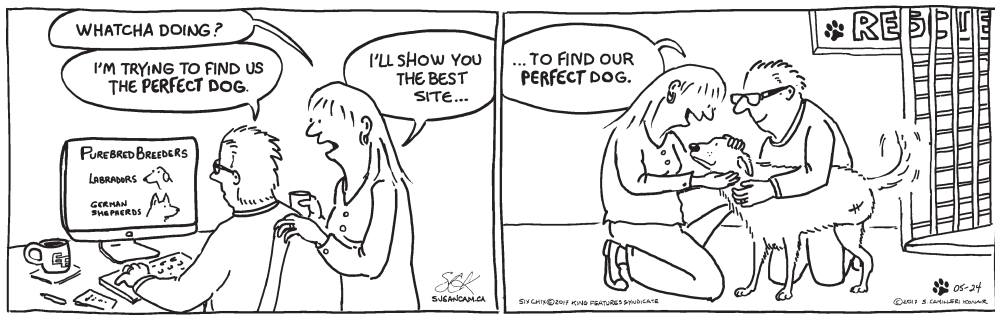
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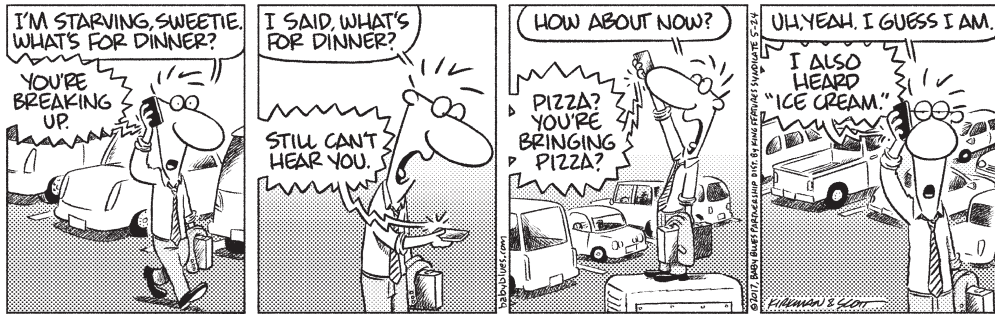
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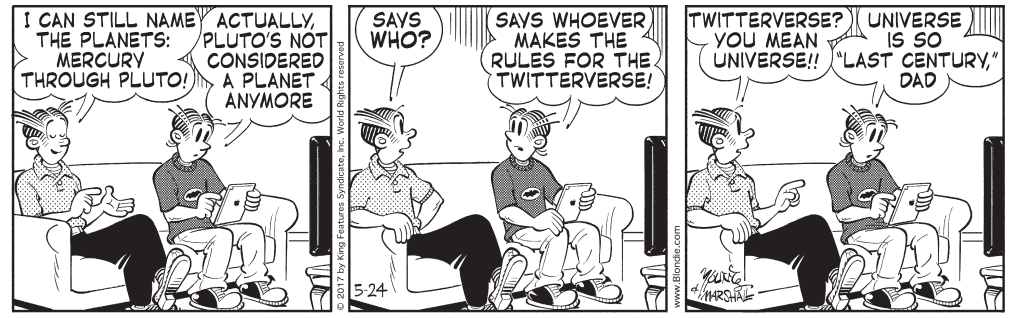
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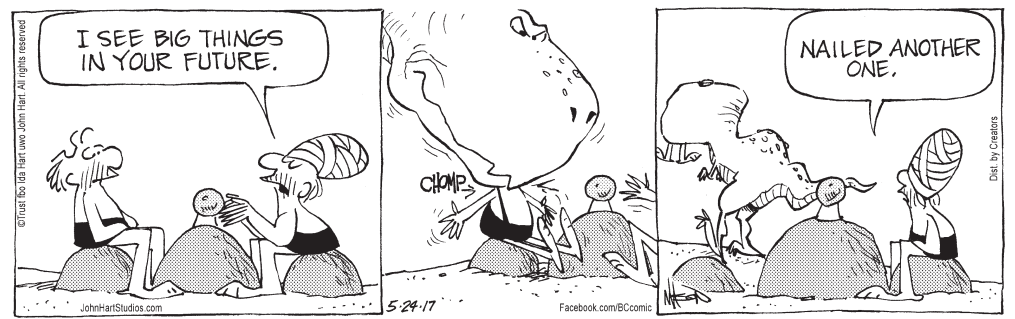
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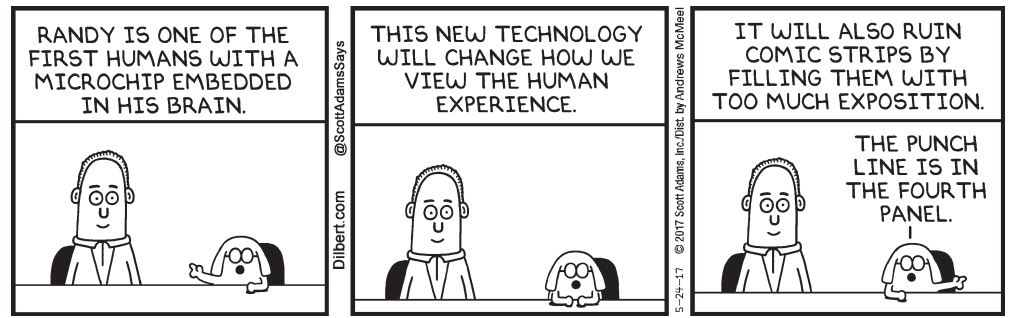
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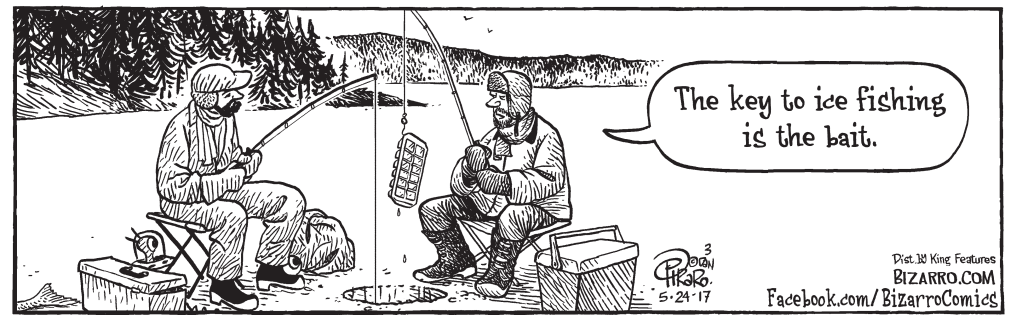
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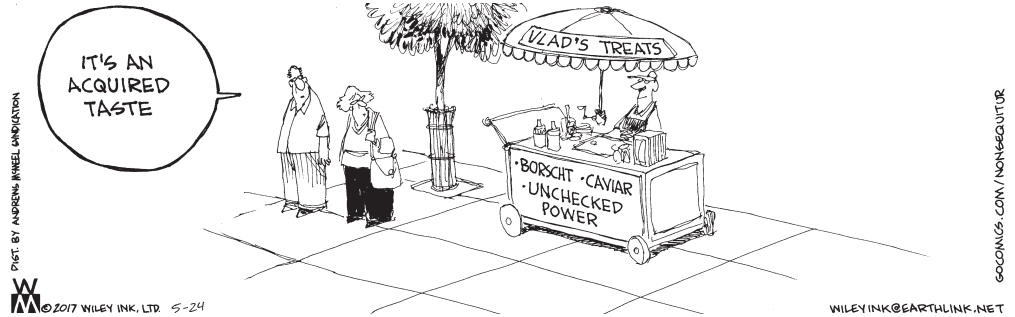
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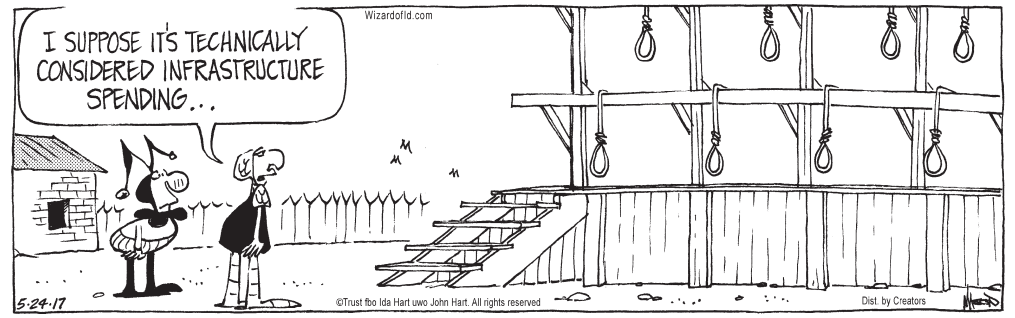
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