

# Affairs revealed after deaths

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I were married for 61 years. We had three sons. "Mary" passed away this year from complications of Parkinson's and dementia.

Mary and her friend "John" had a relationship most of our married life. She had gone to school with John and renewed their "friendship" soon after we were married in the 1950s. I only discovered all this about 10 years ago by finding John's name on telephone calls he'd made to our home. I could not act on it then because my wife was having cognitive impairment, which soon developed into dementia.

I had thought something was wrong with our marriage and asked my wife several times whether she wanted out, but she just said no.

It has devastated me, as I always thought my wife loved me. Evidently, she loved another man. Therapy did not help; I tried that. I cannot describe the hurt. My sons and their families do not know anything about this, and I cannot tell them, as they all loved my wife. — *Sleepless in Anywhere, USA*

**Dear Sleepless:** I can't imagine what you're going through. You're right not to tell your sons about their mother's affair, as that would benefit no one. Time is the only thing that will ease your pain.

## Dear Annie



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And it might offer you some comfort to know you're not alone. Just this week, I received the following letter.

**Dear Annie:** My wife of 59 years passed away three weeks ago. While going through her things, I came across her diaries. The worst mistake I have ever made in my life was to read these diaries.

I thought we had a very satisfying married life. We continued having sex well into our 70s.

Thirty years ago, while I was away on a business trip, she and a friend went out barhopping. She met a guy whom she described as "a very caring and sexual man." She wrote, "He brought out feelings in me that I never thought I'd have."

This man swept her off her feet, and she proceeded to have sex with him multiple times over the next

month. She raved about how good the sex was.

During this time, we also had sex with each other at our usual frequency. At that time, she was 48 years old. She was an upstanding member of the community, was involved in various organizations and was a grandmother of two.

I cannot get over this affair. I cannot sleep or eat.

Annie, what would make a woman who seemed otherwise stable and satisfied do something like that? What can I do to ease my pain? I cannot get this out of my mind. — *Sick and Hurt*

**Dear Sick:** I'm so sorry for your loss. I don't know why your wife did what she did. Perhaps it was a midlife crisis and she wanted to feel desirable and young. But what she described in those pages was infatuation, not love. The terms might appear together in a thesaurus, but they have little to do with each other where it really counts.

Infatuation is intense, passionate and superficial. Love is patient, strong and selfless. It is the most profound kind of friendship. Infatuation fades with time; love only grows deeper. Infatuation's got nothing on love.

Those few weeks several decades ago cannot negate the lifetime of happiness you shared. May your wife rest in peace. I wish you all the best.

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The one you had so many opinions about, well, those opinions will change as you get to know the person better. However, first impressions are true impressions. Don't forget them!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Everything is fitting together for you. So why does that not have a relaxing effect on your life? You're more determined than ever to attain a higher level of mastery or means.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your partners in this journey will share your enthusiasm for it, but you'll have to get things started. This weekend they'll need to be wound tight, revved up and cheered on.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Go on: Walk in. They'll wonder who you are and what you do. The assumption will be made that you are a VIP. The confidence you exude will send up smoke signals.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You can't control it all, and yet you still take full responsibility for the way things turn out. It's not always good, but even when it's bad you learn something valuable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your belief will set you apart from the others, not because it's so different, but because you believe it so thoroughly. You are truly the best example of this belief. You live it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The root of intelligence is curiosity. Give credit to the person who asks you many questions. Be wary of the one who is not curious enough. A Capricorn or Virgo will be an asset to your business.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The sub-

conscious is a genius. When you drive, shower or generally just "veg out"—that's when the most interesting mental stuff will come up. Getting lost in your thoughts will be the perfect way to solve a puzzle.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Nature doesn't make exactly straight lines. While trying to draw your boundaries you'll be faced with plenty of inconsistencies and variations — totally normal! Life is an imperfect process. Keep going.

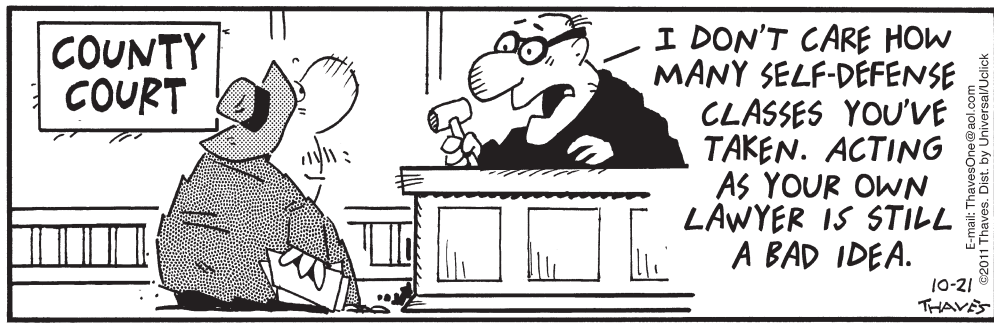
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** As for that person who is definitely one above you, well — maybe not. Stop comparing. The photo lies. It's been filtered. There's not that much sunshine on anybody's face. Relax. Everyone will get his or her due.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It's all tight spaces and limited funds today, but the creativity that springs from this frustrated circumstance is truly inspired. No complaints; march on.

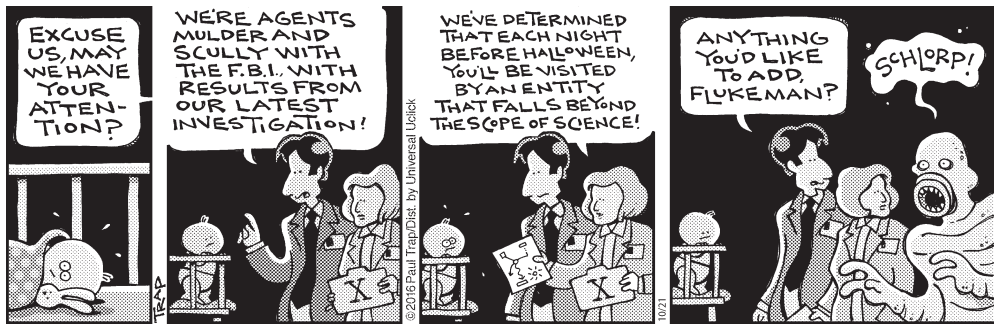
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Research and plan. Learning as much as you can about upcoming events will be your ticket to comfortable confidence when the special day finally comes to pass.

**SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 22).** Your loved ones grace you with unexpected joy in the last months of the year; what could be better? There will be a trade that favors you in December. Also, you'll work your way through an educational process, and by August this will change your mind about many things, love included. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 20, 5, 42, 11 and 28.

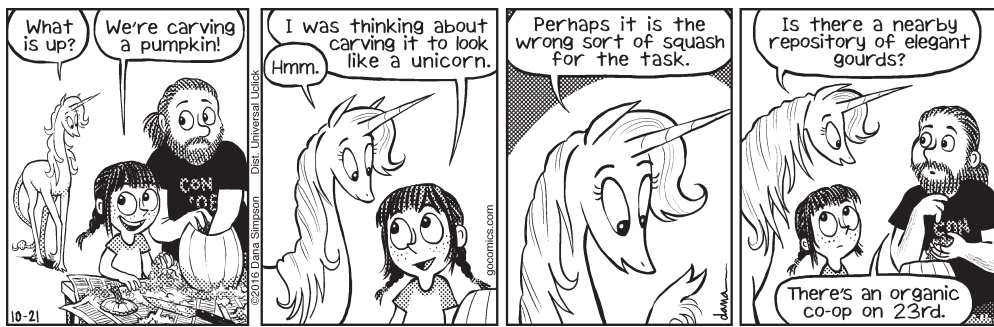
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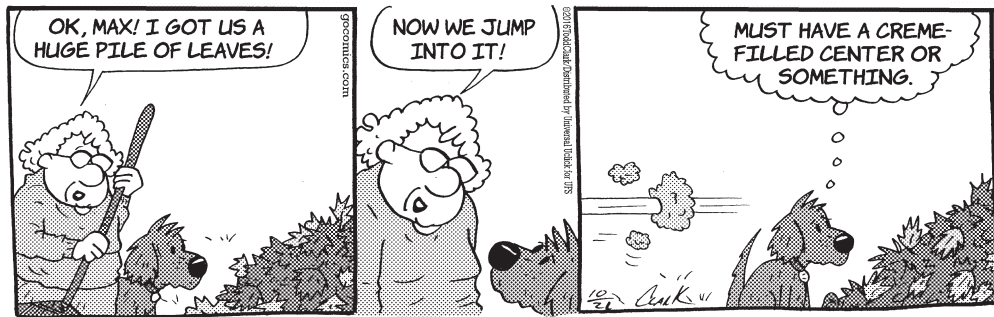
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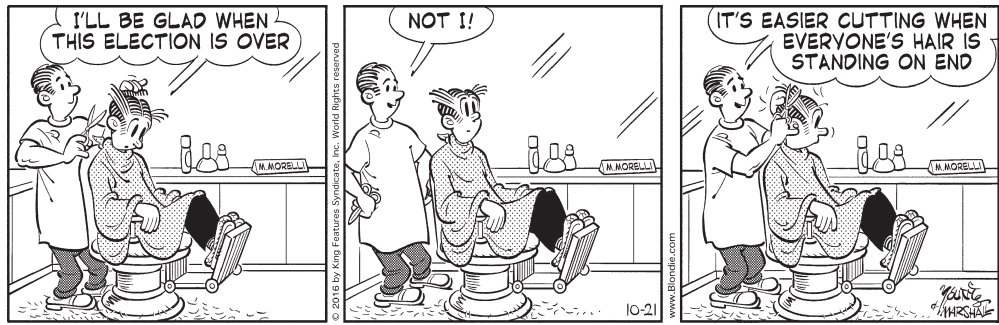
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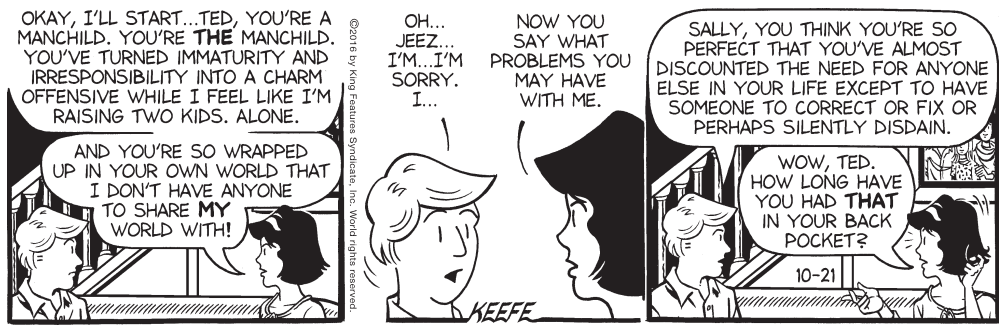
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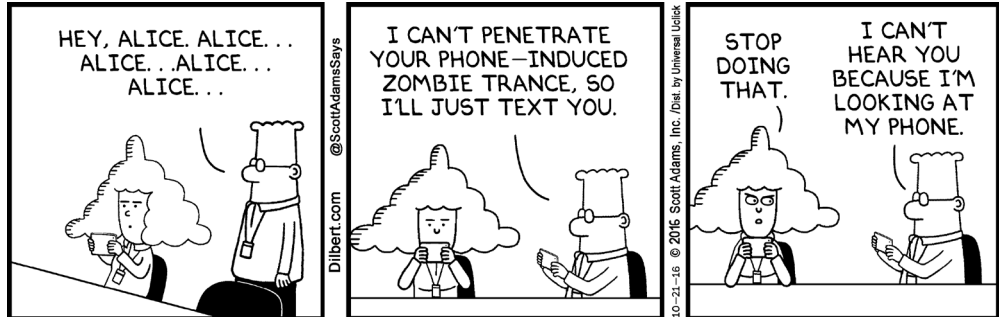
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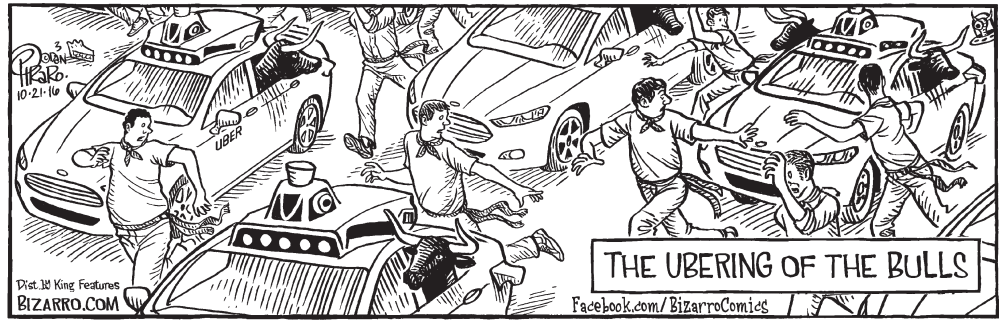
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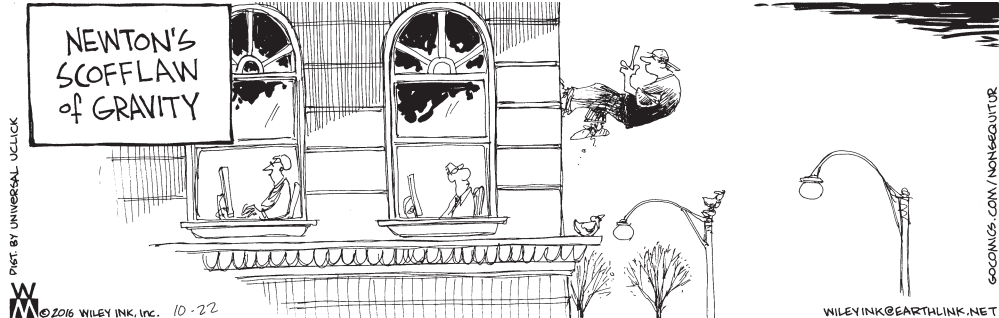
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