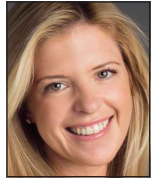


# Cheating comes back around

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I have been together for 20 years and married for four. We have three kids. In the beginning of our relationship, it was bad — and the bad all came from me. I cheated on her and hurt her. She stayed by my side, and that's when I realized that I have a wonderful woman. I got my act together and ended up marrying her.

## DEAR ANNIE



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This year, I have caught her cheating on me twice. All she does is say that I have done it to her in the past. I'm stuck, because I don't want to leave but I also can't accept the cheating. What do I do? — *Heartbroken Hubby*

**Dear Heartbroken Hubby:** Though you put your affairs behind you, your wife clearly wasn't able to. It was wrong of you to cheat, but it was wrong of her to accept your proposal if she wasn't going to accept the past. Now she's inflicting wounds on you instead of healing her own. Such vengeance has no place in a marriage.

Marriage counselors aid couples grappling with these issues every day, and I recommend you and your wife set up an appointment as soon as possible. A professional counselor can help you unpack the years of baggage you're both carrying, lightening the load so you can finally move forward in love.

**Dear Annie:** I saw the letter in your column written by "Jealous in Wisconsin." I empathize with "Jealous," because I know exactly how he feels. My wife and I both met when we were just barely 20 years old. I was a very naive 20. I had only had one girlfriend in my life, and we'd never even gotten physical.

My wife and I married at 21 after going together for a year. I was deeply in love. A few years after we got married and had a son, I found out some things from a friend of hers. It seems my wife had quite a past with other men, including two married men. I didn't believe it at first, but it turned out to be true.

I have never looked at her the same. The love I had for her has disappeared. We've been married for almost 40 years now because I decided to stay with her — not out of love but out of obligation, I suppose. I haven't been intimate with her for decades and won't ever again. I suppose she doesn't care about the intimate part; she already had her fun before she met me. She has been a great mom to our son, and she has been kind to me over the years, but things with us will never be as a marriage should be.

You can call it wrong to act or feel that way, but I do, and no counseling will ever change that. — *Sickened*

**Dear Sickened:** Shame on you. Your wife didn't break any vows, but you did. Rather than love and cherish her, you've treated her like dirt, all because of some things she did as a teenager. Your pettiness has cost this poor woman the joy of a supportive partnership, and I'd like you to take a long look in the mirror and ask yourself what it's bought you.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** If you find you are spending just as much time thinking about what is not happening as you are thinking about what is, know that it's the thought-ratio of unhappiness. More time in the present moment equals more happiness.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The word amateur literally means "one who loves." Those who do not exchange their work for money have the luxury of delivering the very purest personal expression. Enjoy being in the amateur stage for as long as it lasts.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll witness some brilliant creativity and perhaps participate in it. Don't be surprised if there's something a little subversive about it, as that's usually part and parcel with creative brilliance.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Traditions speak to a group identity and from them can spring a sense of belonging. It's a fine time to make some plans for these final parts of the year that will build the bond between you and the people you care about.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You need attention. Everyone does. But few work at making it so worthwhile for others to give it to them. You offer a lot of fun, usefulness and loveliness in return for their focus. This is what you'll be up to today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There's something dangerous about having your money easily accessible to you today. The more time you take to think about your purchases, the better off you'll be.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You have passed this way before, but don't worry: You're not falling backward, regressing, or repeating needless and mindless patterns. You're simply

getting extremely familiar with this road that you will soon own.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** A high-intensity life can still be a happy one, but it works a lot better when you have healthy release valves built into it. Go on the search for better ways to equalize the pressure and effectively cope.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You've a sense about what others want from you — not the obvious need on the surface, but the underlying craving that they wouldn't dare ask for even if they could articulate it.

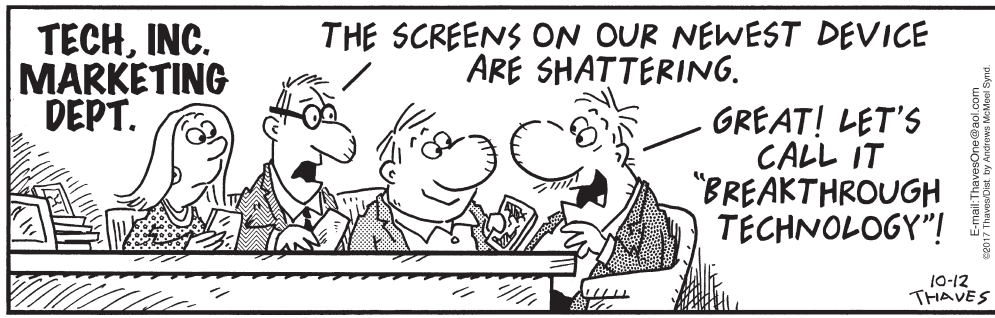
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The joy isn't in the other thing: It's in you. Furthermore, joy doesn't get stolen all that often. Usually people hand it over in a mindless or weak moment. Protect your joy.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your alone thoughts are different from the thoughts you have when others are around. It's time to consider how the physical and emotional presence of another human being changes things for better or worse.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You aren't trying to make a person love you, though you wouldn't mind if it happened naturally. You're ready for a little more respect, friendship, attention and even passion.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 13).** Many times you've cycled through the spring of hope, the toil of summer, the autumn of reaping and the dormant dreams of winter. This time will not be the same. Now you gather new energies and ideas, and you'll emerge in 2018 a transformed being. Broaden your scope in March. Travel in May. Give back in July. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 2, 33 and 14.

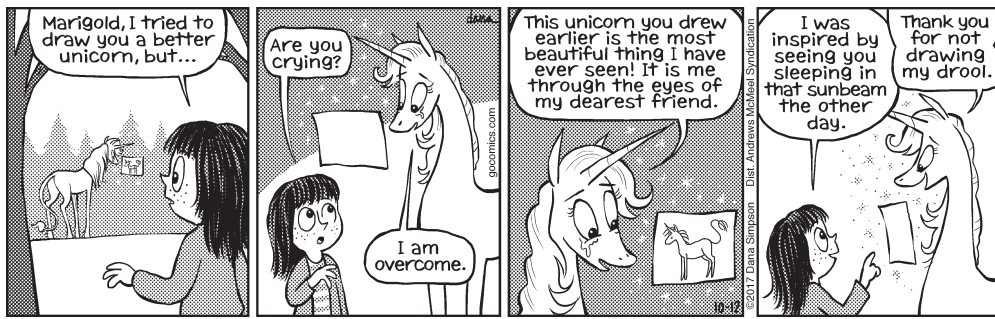
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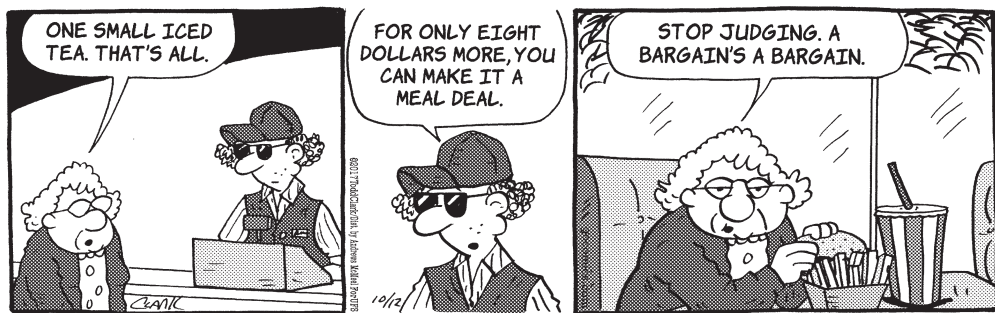
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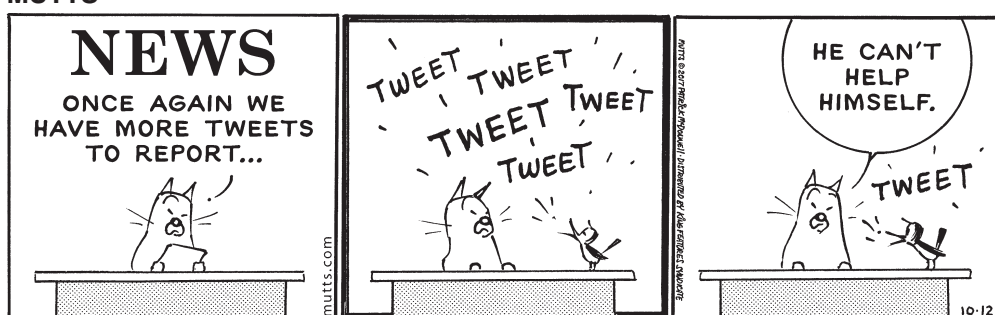
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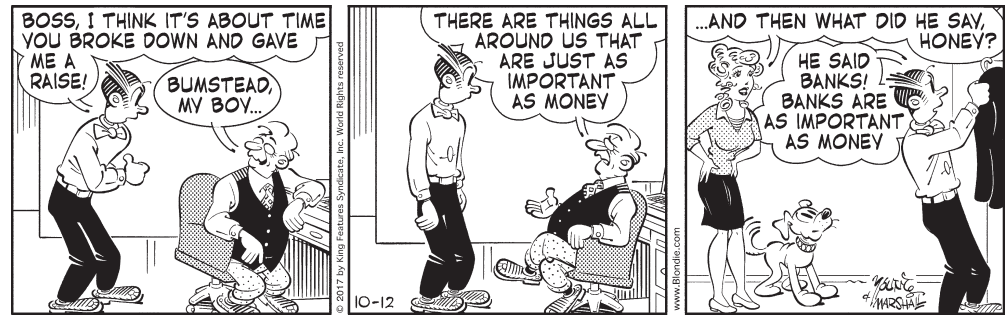
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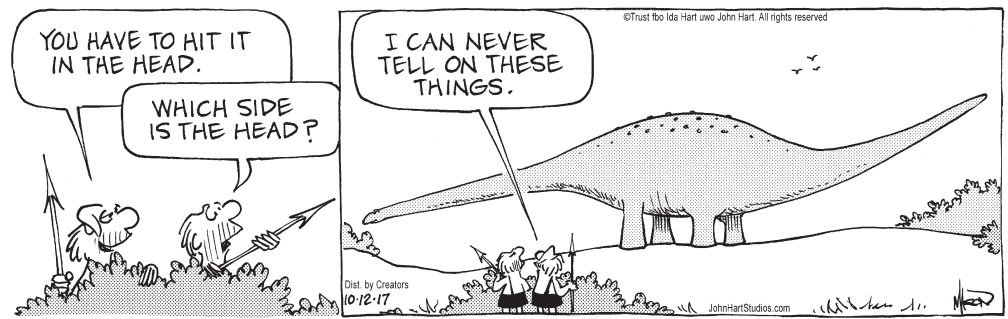
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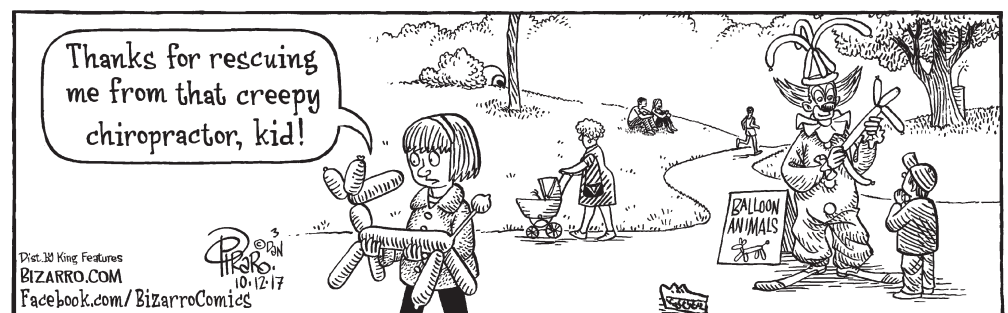
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