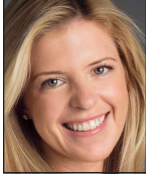


# Hidden infidelity revealed

**Dear Annie:** My cousin "Jake" married our mutual friend "Barb" over 20 years ago. He cheated on her often during the first 10 years of their marriage. I knew, and so did a few other people in the family. But I couldn't tell her because I would have been ostracized from my family members for, in their eyes, going behind Jake's back.

## DEAR ANNIE



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Jake and Barb are now divorcing for other reasons, including his alcoholism and abusive behavior. She has heard rumors about his past cheating and thinks it would help her divorce case. Should I confirm it for her? Or would that turn her against me for not telling her 20 years ago? My mom went through something similar with my father a few years ago. The anger and hurt my mom and I experienced over that has made me more sympathetic to Barb, and I'm no longer worried about being loyal to Jake. — *I Hate Cheaters and Family Secrets*

**Dear I Hate Cheaters and Family Secrets:** I would encourage her to speak with her attorney about whether or not she could actually use her husband's infidel-

ity as support for her case. She'd most likely need evidence, such as a photograph or email exchange, and because this was over 10 years ago, that might pose a challenge for her. Even if she can't use it in her case, if she's directly asked you about his infidelity, you have a moral imperative to tell her the truth. She may be angry that you didn't tell her sooner, but fear isn't a good excuse to continue lying.

Be sure that any disclosure you make comes from a place of love, not vengeance. That means your motivation should be to help Barb, not hurt Jake, your dad or cheaters in general.

**Dear Annie:** I wish you had directly addressed the issue of home schooling in your response to "The Other Grandmother," who was upset her grandson was being taken out of home schooling and sent to a school in New York.

I was pressured highly by my family to home-school my son. I knew I would be a bad fit, but I gave in to the pressure. I was correct in my assessment, and my son and I had a terrible year. It wasn't that I disagreed with home school-

ing. But I go to great lengths to give my children what is best for them, and I just knew I was not capable of giving them the best education. I'm not saying that is the reason the parents took "The Other Grandmother's" grandson out of home schooling, but it could be. The letter didn't really give a reason.

Also, home-schooling kids with difficult behavioral problems is very tricky. It may very well be that these parents are not equipped to help their son. If they're having problems disciplining him at home, what makes this grandmother think home-schooling him could make that better? It very well might make the matter much worse. I think the parents could highly benefit from taking this year and working hard to figure out what they could do to improve, as well as hope their child gets the help he needs. — *Been There*

**Dear Been There:** Thank you for sharing your experience. The decision of whether to home-school children is indeed a highly personal one. I encourage parents to think long and hard about what's best for their children and to resist peer pressure from friends or relatives either way. Every family is unique.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Hansel and Gretel learned the hard way about strangers giving away treats. Maybe the element of danger is still part of the thrill. For you, the only danger will be eating too much of what's offered in sincerely goodwill.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Trick-or-treating used to be an activity for the poor, who went begging this time of year. Your conscience will be pricked by the idea that there are needy you can help today. The needs might be more emotional than financial, though.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Whether or not you wear a costume today, you'll be keenly aware of the role you play being different from the one you wish to assume and what it will take to remedy the condition.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The best opportunities will come from being around people of different generations. The older learn from those younger as much as the younger learn from the older.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Pretending has value beyond novelty and laughs. In today's pretending you can try on a personality you don't have, or examine a part of yourself you normally don't get to explore.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Today is a chance to express your alter ego, and someone will be extremely interested in the "you" who emerges with this opportunity. Affections deepen when people get to know multiple facets of each other's personalities.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** For you, the fun of this day lies in the chance to lighten up and not take your identity or anyone else's overly seriously. The more fun you witness, the more fun you'll have.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Doing what scares you has become more or less a regular thing for you lately, and this is just a chance to take it to the next level. Truly, you are brave in ways that others wish to be. You'll be admired for this.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** In the days of old, door-to-door dancing was a way to earn treats. In a sense, it's what you'll be doing today — dancing for the approval of a tough customer. You'll get it, though, if that's any solace.

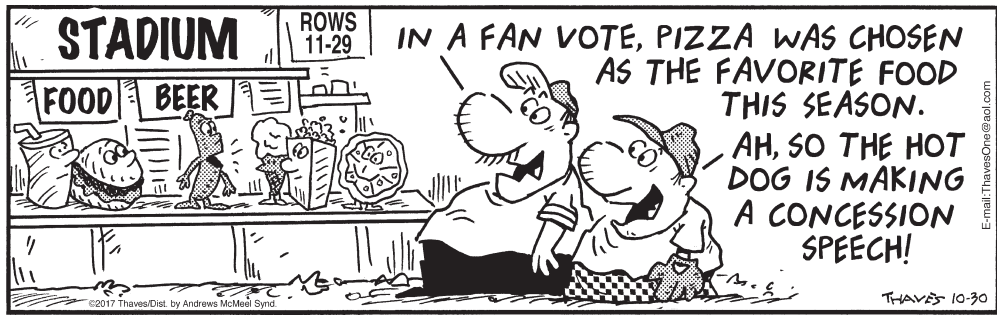
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** According to the lore of Samhain, the dead roam the earth today. But it's not just the dead looming large in your memory. It's exes and others you haven't seen in a while, and they'll want to get in touch with you, too.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There's a wider range of being than the one we normally experience in typical society on a daily basis. Being a monster, president or mythical creature for a time will actually change who you are when you go back to normal.

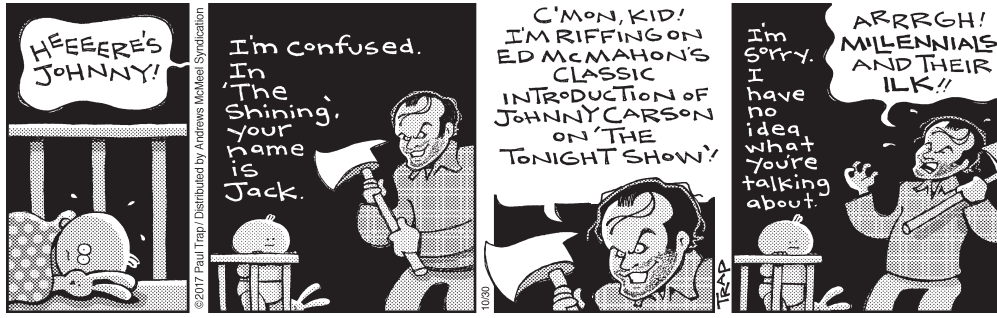
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You are very intrigued by the idea that the dead have something to share with you. Indeed, they have already shared so much. All you have to do is remember or notice to have a spiritual experience on this day of haunting spirits.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 31).** You are like a ninja this solar return — stealth and focused. Whatever is thrown in your path or directed at you, you'll turn it to your advantage. The next 10 weeks will star love. You'll help family thrive in February. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 1, 39 and 6.

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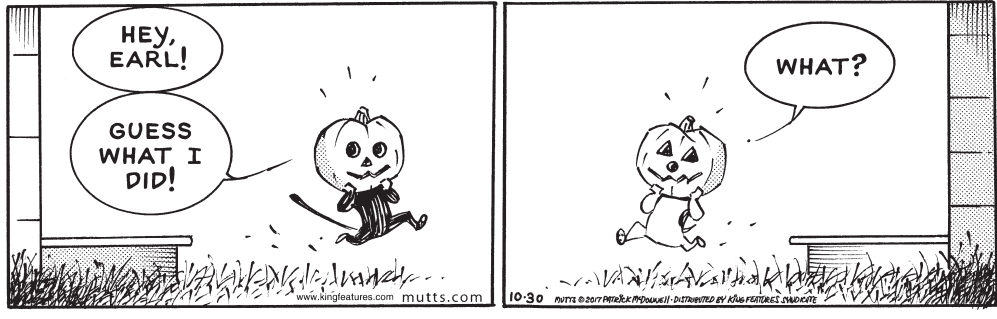
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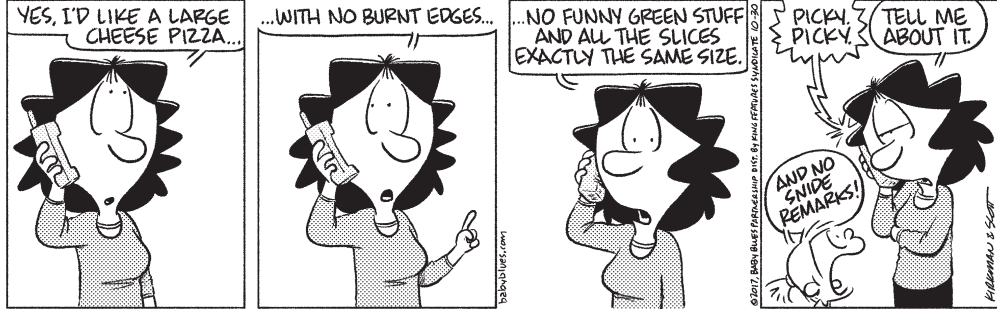
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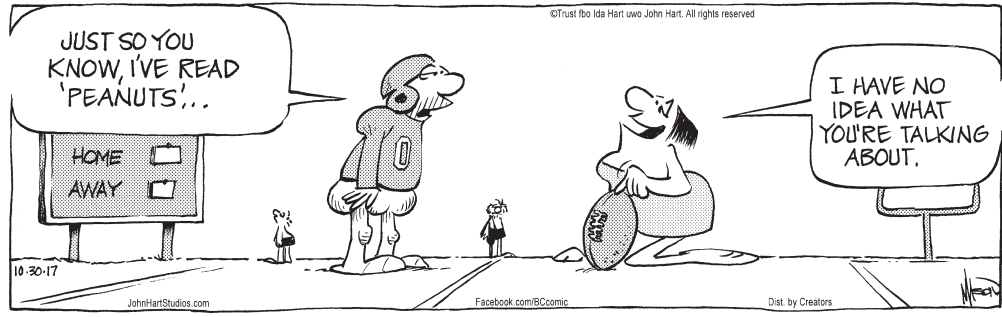
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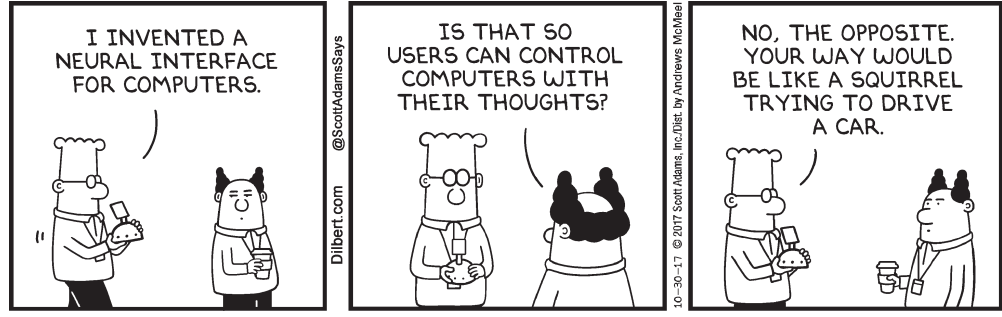
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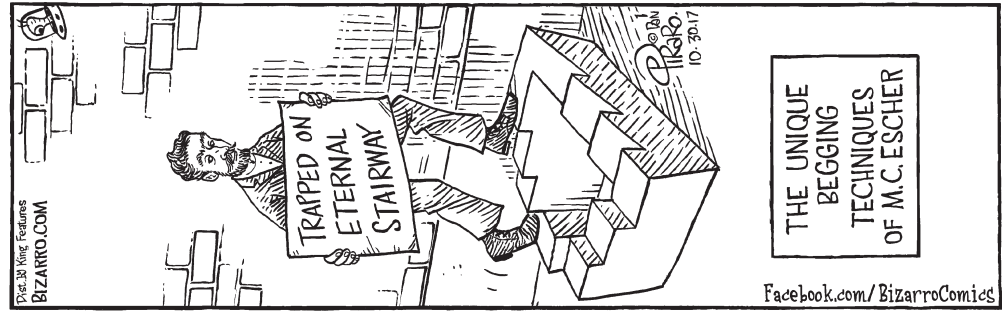
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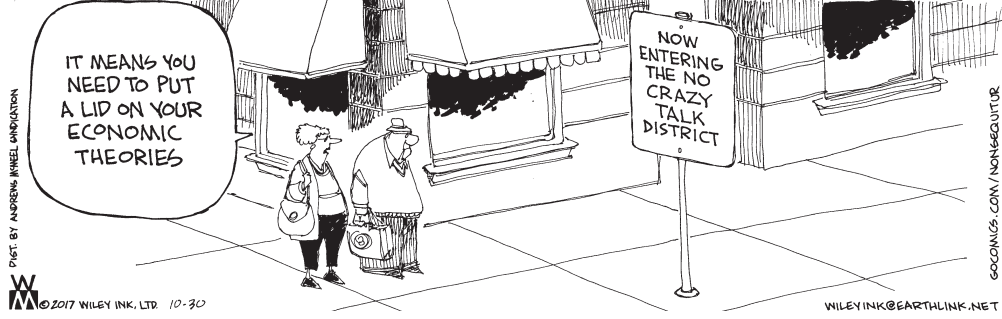
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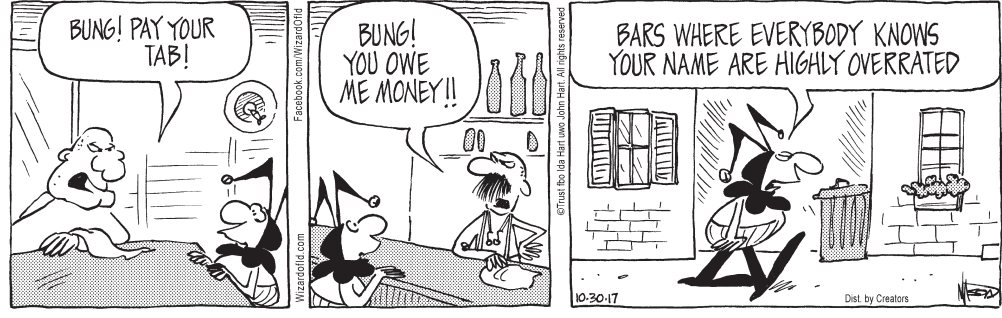
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