

Husband continues denials despite proof of his affairs

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to your advice to “Threatened in N.Y.,” who received an anonymous phone call that her husband was cheating.

You advised her that it was probably a crank call. My comment is, “Where there’s smoke, there’s fire!” She should insist that her husband take a lie detector test to resolve any doubts she might have. My husband travels for business. I had been concerned about him possibly cheating, and we went to counseling where he swore that he was faithful. I later learned that he’d been having an affair at the time, and had another one after her.

Even after I had proof of his affairs, he continued trying to lie about the extent of his infidelities. We are now in counseling, and he’s seeing a psychiatrist.

— WISER NOW IN FULLERTON, CALIF.

DEAR WISER NOW: Your husband obviously has some serious issues, and you have my sympathy. However, I stand by my answer.

I have received a bushel of mail regarding that letter, and less than 2 percent of it agrees with you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, received an anonymous call about my husband’s “infidelity.” It was in the days before caller I.D. Each time, the woman left a sleazy message on my answering machine after midnight.

However, I was lucky. My husband was known by a different name than the one listed in the phone directory, which indicated that the caller was lying.

I hope “Threatened” will take your advice.

The person who called her is a misery-loves-company instigator who can’t stand to see a happy couple. My husband died a year later, and I thank God I didn’t ruin my short time with him by believing some sick tramp who made midnight phone calls.

— BEEN THERE IN MARYLAND

DEAR ABBY: I am a member of the clergy. My wife got one of those phone calls. At the time, I was an official in the local union and was getting ready to go to a meeting when our phone rang. My wife answered, and all I could hear was her saying, “Oh, he is?” Are you sure? You don’t mean that!” etc. When she hung up, she turned to me and said, “You won’t believe this. You’re in the back booth at another woman.” Imagine the “kick” we got out of that. Please warn “Threatened” not to believe everything she hears.

— REV. JIM IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: You were absolutely right that the call could have



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been made by a kid.

Years ago, when most women were homemakers, I would look up names and numbers in the phone book, and when the woman would answer I’d say, “Is ‘Harry’ home?” When she replied that she was his wife, I’d say, “Oh! He never said he was married!” As a high school girl, I thought it was very funny. As an adult, I realize I could have caused irrevocable harm.

— SORRY NOW IN BALTIMORE, CONN.

DEAR SORRY: Better late than never! Your letter was one of a stack of similar confessional letters on my desk piled 3 inches thick.

When I was in high school, I heard a similar story about some students who did the same thing to an English teacher they disliked.

DEAR ABBY: A similar incident happened to me years ago. I trusted my husband enough to know it couldn’t be true, so I asked the caller to describe him — was he tall, short, dark or blond, skinny or heavy?

And do you know what the caller did? She immediately hung up!

— OPAL IN ROSEVILLE

DEAR ABBY: This is difficult, but I have no one here I can confide in. I’m ashamed, confused and unsure. Any advice would be greatly appreciated, as I am finding it more difficult every Sunday.

Without going into specific beliefs and asking questions that can only be answered by faith, I will simplify: Is it better to go to church for the wrong reasons than not to go at all? I don’t think I am fooling “Him” — and I know I’m not fooling myself.

The others, including my wife, are, if not wise to me, suspicious. I don’t like my hypocrisy, but I’m afraid of the reactions — and repercussions — should I “out” myself and stay home. I’m uncomfortable masquerading every Sunday, being the loyal husband and worshipper while being untrue to myself. Help. (Or am I beyond it?)

— BETWEEN A ROCK AND A CLOSET

DEAR BETWEEN: I have always believed that husbands and wives are members of the same “team” and should be able to level with each other, so I’m having trouble understanding why you are masquerading and hiding the way you feel.

I also believe that people can communicate with God in their

own way, wherever they are, because God is everywhere — not just confined to church property.

Because you are left feeling empty and unfulfilled by the Sunday sermons, you may need to look elsewhere for spiritual fulfillment.

However, until you find the courage to express your feelings and stand by them, you will remain forever between a rock and a closet.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to help my friend “George.” His ex-wife, “Carol,” left him in 2003 because his hours at work were cut and his salary decreased by \$20,000. She told him she no longer loved him.

Abby, George supported her when she wanted to become a teacher, studied to be a bartender and then an actress.

They had been married four years when she dumped him.

In 2004, George met a single mother with a young daughter. They fell in love.

Soon after, Carol re-entered his life and took a job at his company to be closer to him. It affected his relationship with the single mom. He broke off their engagement and moved out.

George is now dating Carol again. He told me a few months ago that she had filed for bankruptcy. Financially, he is doing well again. But he seems blind to the fact that Carol is seeing him only because she needs someone to support her as she struggles to become an actress. He was her third husband.

I used to be her confidant. She told me after she and George had been married only nine months that she didn’t love him, and only stayed married to him because he was a warm body and a steady paycheck. She’ll use him again until she finds a man who is wealthier and more interesting.

What can I do to help my friend, Abby? He has turned to alcohol and pot to numb himself.

— GEORGE’S FRIEND, NOT CAROL’S

DEAR FRIEND: I assume that between his alcohol and pot binges, your friend George is confiding in you.

If you are truly his friend, you’ll tell him that it’s clear he is in emotional pain and suggest that he get professional help “to see him through this difficult period.” Your friend is accident-prone when it comes to love, and counseling is what he really needs.

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Wind chill? Plants don’t care, says Kanas State horticulturist

Wind chill levels can have a profound effect on warm-blooded animals.

But, wind chill is a moot point for plants — even though both wind and cold can be damaging, said Ward Upham, horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

Plant tissues need moisture to survive, and strong winds sap moisture — even in winter, Upham said. Most often, this harms evergreens, which don’t lose their leaves, so still lose water.

“The wind’s desiccation effects can be great enough, however, to injure or even kill tissue on other plants, too. You typically see that in smaller size wood, such as canes

and branches,” he said.

The result can be the odd-looking damage called winter kill, which only injures the wood on the side of the plant that faces winter’s prevailing winds.

Watering when air and soil temperatures are above freezing can sometimes help limit wind-related injury, Upham said. But, temperatures and humans’ winter schedules may not cooperate. Plus, soil moisture evaporates more slowly and is harder to judge in cold weather, so overwatering can result.

“If the air temperature stays zero, however, a wind chill of 40 degrees below zero won’t cause any more plant injury than a wind chill of 20 below, except for the wind’s drying

effects,” he said.

Even so, air temperature itself can have an damaging impact — most notably in the years that non-evergreen plants don’t have a chance to enter winter dormancy before cold weather hits.

“On a year-to-year basis, however, fruit plants are where cold-related injury tends to have the biggest economic impact,” Upham said. “For example, peach, nectarine and some blackberry fruit buds can be damaged when temperatures reach 5 degrees above to 5 degrees below zero. Some apple buds survive temperatures as low as 20 to 25 degrees below zero, but you can lose a Red Delicious crop at 15 below.”

search and Extension office can provide specific guidelines by calling (785) 462-6281.

A guide for common foods also is available on the Web at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library>

- Container labels listing the contents and freezing date help cooks use the food that has been in the freezer the longest.
- Eat food as soon as possible after thawing.



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WEEKDAYS				DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 2									
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 6	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News	
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program	
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		
K15CG 2	BBC World	Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Jakers!-Winks	Barney-Friends	Teletubbies	Mister Rogers	Dragon Tales	Beren. Bears	Sesame Street	Varied	
ESPN 28	SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Varied Programs		
USA 37	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs									Movie	
TBS 38	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Varied Programs		Dawson's Creek		Movie				Becker	Becker	
WGN 39	Changing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.		
TNT 40	Angel		NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue		ER		ER		Judging Amy		
DSC 42	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs				
A&E 47	Movie		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice		
HIST 48	Varied Programs												
NICK 55	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Varied Programs								
DISN 56	Breakfast Bear	Higglytown	Einsteins	JoJo's Circus	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodlebops	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	
FAM 58	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	The 700 Club		Living the Life	Gilmore Girls	Varied	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	
HALL 60	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		The Waltons		

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wld News	
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News	
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Maya & Miguel	Arthur	Post-cards	Cyber-chase	Zoom	Business	
ESPN 28	Varied Programs												
USA 37	Movie Cont'd		Varied	Movie	Varied Programs								
TBS 38	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
WGN 39	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	
TNT 40	Judging Amy		Law & Order		Law & Order		Alias		Charmed		Charmed		
DSC 42	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		Varied Programs		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Pop Nation	
A&E 47	Cold Case Files		Varied Programs						City Confidential		American Justice		
HIST 48	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs										
NICK 55	Varied Programs								SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Grown Up	Danny Phantom	
DISN 56	Varied Programs								Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Sister, Sister	Phil of Future	
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven		
HALL 60	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	

TUESDAY							DECEMBER 27						
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 6	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Accord- ing-Jim	Rodney (CC)	Boston Legal The Black Widow/ Schadenfreude (CC)			News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)			
KSNK/NBC 3 8	News	Wheel of Fortune	Fear Factor (N) (CC)		Name Is Earl	The Office	Law & Order: SVU		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night		
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	NCIS Switch (iTV) (CC)		The 28th Annual Kennedy Center Honors (N) (CC)			News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late			
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nova (CC) (DVS)		Cultivated Life: Thomas Jefferson		Frontline Diet Wars (CC)		BBC World	Hard- ware	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN (28)	College Football: Champs Sports Bowl			College Football: Insight Bowl -- Arizona State vs. Rutgers. Phoenix. (Live) (CC)						SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Movie: Friday After Next ★½ (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (CC)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU			
TBS (38)	Ray- mond	Ray- mond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Daisy- America	Daisy- America	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Movie: The Cable Guy ★★½ (1996)		
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest The Quality of Mercy		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	Da Vinci's Inquest The Hunt (CC)		
TNT (40)	Law & Order Stiff (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order Mother's Day		Law & Order Cry Wolf (CC) (DVS)		The Closer (CC)		Cold Case The Letter (CC)		The X-Files Darkness Falls (CC)		
DSC (42)	America's Tsunami		America's Tsunami		Dirty Jobs Exterminators. (N)		MythBusters Confederate Rocket		America's Tsunami		America's Tsunami		
A&E (47)	Cold Case Files (CC)		American Justice What the Girl Saw		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Crossing Jordan Conspiracy (CC)		American Justice What the Girl Saw		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels Medieval castles.		Nostradamus: 500 Years Later Ten of the seer's most famous prophecies. (CC)							Hell: The Devil's Domain (CC)		Nostradamus: 500 Years Later (CC)	
NICK (55)	Oddpar- ents	Jimmy Neutron	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Full House	Father- hood	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
DISN (56)	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Movie: The Cheetah Girls ★★ (2003, Comedy-Drama) Raven. (CC)				Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	That's- Raven	That's- Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	
FAM (58)	Smallville Lineage (CC)		Movie: Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July ★★½ (1980, Fantasy)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos	
HALL (60)	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)		Movie: Pale Rider ★★★ (1985, Western) Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty.				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H The Gun	