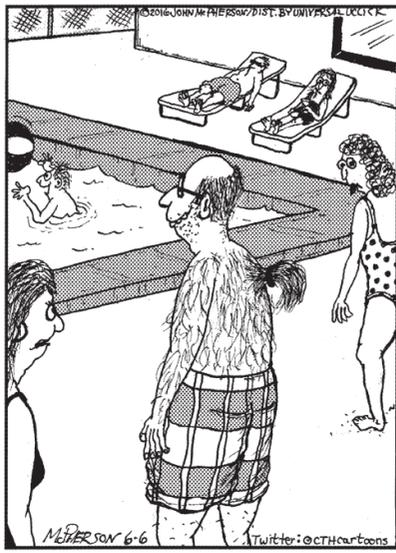


**CLOSE TO HOME** by John McPherson



Though he was hoping to start a new trend with his back-hair ponytail, Dwight's new look did not go over well at the country club.

# Spouse's revelation causes lack of trust

**Dear Abby:** I have been with my husband for 28 years. During our first year of marriage, I caught him making out with an old classmate of mine.

He assured me that it was only that and nothing else, so I decided to work through it.

We have five beautiful children now, and I'm not sure why I brought up that episode, but when I did I came to find out that he did, in fact, have sex with her.

He swears it was that one and only time.

I can't find it in my heart to believe him after he held on to this lie for all these years. I would have never given him a second chance had I known back then. I would have moved on with my life.

We still have two little ones to raise, but I feel as torn and heartbroken as if it happened yesterday.

He's a great father to our children and has been a wonderful husband, but is that enough anymore? — *Salted Heart*



**JEANNE PHILLIPS**  
DEAR ABBY

**Dear Salted Heart:** Your husband most likely realized that if he told you the truth about his fling when it happened, the marriage would be over, which is why he lied. You have had 28 happy years of marriage to someone you say is a great father and wonderful husband. I can understand why you are upset, but think rationally.

If marriage counseling would make you feel better, please go for it and forgive him. To throw away everything you and your husband have invested in this marriage over something that happened almost three decades ago would be foolish, and you will regret it.

**Dear Abby:** I had a color and haircut and gave the stylist a generous tip. When I got home I noticed that one side was uneven, so I called the owner of the shop, who told me to return the next day and they would fix the problem. No charge.

I returned, and another stylist corrected the problem. I asked again about the charge and the owner repeated, "No charge." I didn't tip the second person as I had tipped the first one after paying for the color/cut.

As I was leaving the salon, I overheard

another salon worker ask the employee who had fixed my hair, "Did she not give you a tip?" Given the original expense, I didn't feel another tip was warranted. Did I do the right thing? — *No Tip in Pennsylvania*

**Dear No Tip:** You should have given the second stylist a tip. The salon owner told you the SERVICE was free, but the second stylist should not have been punished for the sloppy work of the first one.

**Dear Abby:** My brother is getting married the same day and time that my wife graduates from college. The wedding date has been set for a year and a half. My wife found out a few months ago that there would be a conflict. I'm expected to be at my brother's wedding to escort my mom down the aisle. Which do I attend? — *Can't Be in Two Places*

**Dear Can't Be:** With apologies to your wife, you should honor the commitment you made first.

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## Daily Horoscope

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Where are the lasting rewards coming from? Not the same place as the short-term rewards — not today, anyway. Likely it's your work that will bring the deep soul satisfaction now.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** How do you become a lighter, brighter person when the circumstances seem designed to anchor you to a sinking ship? Truly it's a matter of focus and perspective. You're freer than you understand. Test this.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** When you're trying, the other people on the team are trying, and all key players are working in the same direction — that's when things start to happen. Weed out the dissenters.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Yours is a good answer, but it's not the only good one you'll hear today. Ask for a sampling from many different types of people. There's magic in the blending of ideas, as long as one of the major ideas is coming from you!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You can't do your best if you haven't slept enough or eaten the right things. The basics — they can't be stressed enough. They are the essence of your success.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Sophisticated prizes require sophisticated methods. In today's case, running after something isn't the best way

to catch it. You'll hang back, perhaps talking about all the different angles with a mentor.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You've a dominant talent that you're missing here. Start with that. First lead with your strength, and then you'll add more skills, practice and teamwork to the mix.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** One way we protect ourselves from unpleasant truths is self-delusion. If you find that you're talking yourself into or out of a situation, consider that you may have a need that you're not addressing. What is it?

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your compassion goes beyond what anyone would ask of you today. You demand this of yourself because you sense that you can change the world a little bit with a few drops of your love.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Seek understanding. It won't stop you from feeling the bad feelings or the good ones, either. But it will help you move gracefully through those feelings instead of clinging to any for too long.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your capacity for love grows with the love you give and also the love you receive. Those ratios must balance. You won't be comfortable or aware enough to receive too much more than you know how to give, and vice versa.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Just a little more analysis and you will finally figure out what's going to fix the problem. The next step is in catering an approach that is uniquely designed for the person who can help you the most.



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