

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My beautiful 17-year-old stepdaughter, “Amelia,” recently became sexually active. She’s in a “serious” relationship with the boy she had sex with. They have been together for six months, and from what she’s told me, they both gave each other their virginity and protection was used. She has not disclosed this to her parents. My husband and Amelia are very close, but she and her mom recently had a falling-out. Amelia pledged me to secrecy, and I immediately scheduled her to see an OB/GYN to get her on birth control.

My question is, should I tell my husband? I feel awful not telling him, but she has told me she doesn’t want either of her parents to know. I’m grateful she comes to me for things like this, but eventually, it’s going to come out when my husband sees the explanation of benefits from the insurance.

Amelia’s mom and I have a solid relationship, and my husband and her mom also have a good one. I don’t want to keep secrets regarding their daughter, but I don’t want to betray my stepdaughter either. Please help.

— *Struggling Stepmom*

Dear Stepmom: It isn’t necessary to betray your stepdaughter’s confidence to get her the help she needs. Go online to plannedparenthood.org, locate the nearest Planned Parenthood clinic and share that information with Amelia. The organization provides a wide range of low-cost services to women and men, including family planning, STD diagnosis and treatment, and birth control on a confidential basis. You should also encourage Amelia to discuss this with her

parents. She is behaving responsibly in wanting to protect herself.

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been married for decades, but 10 years ago she had, at the least, a texting affair with “Brad,” a longtime friend of her brother’s. Her brother, who knows about the affair, lives on a large tract of land owned by their father. Brad is there often to go hunting with her brother. My wife and I used to visit frequently, but now there is some concern that Brad might be there and we’ll have a conflict, so we don’t go as much. The affair was very upsetting to me, but my wife insisted we keep it quiet so her brother could continue his friendship with Brad.

Over the years, she has occasionally had online contact with Brad and even told him that she appreciated him talking with our son because our son has few friends. But now our son, who knows nothing about the affair or how bad it hurt me, has become friendly with Brad. It is very difficult hearing him talk about things they do together. Should we tell our son about the affair?

— *Still Hurt in Texas*

Dear Still Hurt: Tempting as it may be to “out” your wife to your son, keep that information to yourself. I question the wisdom of Brad having been encouraged to cultivate a relationship with your son since this friendship is the fruit of that decision. Because you prefer not to hear what your son and Brad are doing, the next time it comes up, change the subject. He may or may not catch on and question you about the reason, but if he does, all you need to say is you’d rather not discuss it.

MOTOR SPORTS**Larson to highlight causes in return to iRacing**

BY JENNA FRYER

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Think of iRacing and Kyle Larson and the first thing that comes to mind is his use of a racial slur while participating in a late-night session nearly a year ago.

Of course it is, and Larson knows that. He can’t escape that he said the N-word, he can only continue to move forward in his bid for redemption and the work he’s done to repair the damage.

Larson will make his return to the popular online racing platform Wednesday night when NASCAR launches the 10-race eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series. The car he’ll use will be “sponsored” by the Kyle Larson Foundation and feature three organizations he’s designated for support.

Larson’s “Drive for 5 Campaign” was launched this month to benefit children, families and communities in need of support. His mission is to fund five scholarships a year at the Urban Youth Racing School in Philadelphia, to provide daily meals for five families per day through The Sanneh Foundation, and support at least five communities per year through the school grants provided by Hendrick Cares.

All three organizations will be featured on Larson’s No. 5 Chevrolet in the iRacing Series and Larson funds the “Drive for 5 Campaign” through his on-track performance. He’s pledged \$5 for every lap completed this season and \$5,000 for each top-five finish. Through the first six races of the NASCAR season, Larson has committed \$22,205 via three top-fives and 1,441 laps.

“I’m hoping to raise \$500,000,” Larson told The Associated Press. “I’ve got a long ways to go but I’m glad that I’ve gotten it started and that I’m able to showcase the organizations I’ve joined to help make a difference.”



John Locher/AP file

Kyle Larson celebrates after winning a NASCAR race in Las Vegas on March 7. Larson returns to iRacing this week almost a year after a slur he used while on the online racing platform nearly cost him his career.

The three organizations earmarked by Larson’s foundation aren’t random. All three played a role in the work he did on educating and improving himself during a NASCAR suspension that lasted all but the first four races of the 2020 season.

“I wanted to start a foundation for some time, I just didn’t really ever know exactly what I wanted it to be about,” he said. “I wanted it to be around kids, but I just needed something that was really close to me and personal to me, especially the things I went through last year.”

One of the first people Larson reached out to after he’d been suspended was retired soccer star Tony Sanneh, whose foundation works on youth development and empowerment in the Minneapolis area. Larson went to visit Sanneh and volunteered at the foundation in the weeks before the city — and the nation — were rocked by the death of George Floyd in police custody in May.

Sanneh put Larson to work sorting dozens of pallets of food and distributing them to 400 cars a day. When Larson returned to Minneapolis after Floyd’s death, Sanneh took him to the site where Floyd died and they toured parts of the city heavily damaged in protests over racial injustice.

A friendship began and on “Giving Tuesday” last December, Larson launched a drive to raise \$50,000 for Sanneh’s Holiday Giving program. Many of Larson’s friends in the racing community contributed and helped push Sanneh to \$186,635 — well past the foundation’s initial \$150,000 goal.

Sanneh told AP he’s seen growth in Larson since the two first connected last spring.

“I think he’s been trying to get back to normalcy but I think he’s also changed the way he’s approached life,” Sanneh said. “This isn’t like a big smoke-screen or sham. He’s interested in continual growth and getting back to being himself. This has been hard on him and people assume when you make a mistake, with cancel culture, well it doesn’t define who we are. Our life’s work does, so I’m glad he’s continued to do the work.”

“Some people do a few things and then say, ‘OK, that’s behind me and I just want to concentrate on racing because that’s what I love.’ But he wants to do it all.”

After his suspension, Larson also resumed work he’d done earlier in his career with the Urban Youth Racing School, a nonprofit that helps minorities advance in motorsports. And Hendrick Cares is a charitable

arm of Rick Hendrick’s empire.

It was Hendrick who reached out to Larson following his firing last April to offer emotional support. As Larson worked through NASCAR’s reinstatement program, he found a second chance with Hendrick at the race team driving the No. 5 Chevrolet. Hendrick believes so strongly in Larson that he’s funding the car out of pocket convinced sponsors will see who Larson really is and eventually partner with one of NASCAR’s most talented drivers.

That hedge is slowly starting to come together and Freightliner, a Hendrick partner since 2004, will become a primary sponsor for the first time in its relationship with the team when it is featured on Larson’s car this weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway. Freightliner is the first non-Hendrick company to sponsor Larson so far this season.

Larson has one win already this season and led a race-high 269 laps Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, where he was headed to victory until a late pass cost him a second win. The race was five days after shootings at three Atlanta-area spas killed eight, including six women of Asian descent.

Larson is Japanese-American and his maternal grandparents were held in an internment camp during World War II. He told AP that prior to this journey of self-improvement, the Atlanta shootings might not have even crossed his radar.

“It now takes me to what I have witnessed and learned over the last year with African-Americans, and it’s a pretty similar thing with Asians,” he said. “It hits even closer to me because I am Asian-American and I think had I not gone through what I did last year and not seen things firsthand, maybe it wouldn’t have meant as much to me now. It definitely does and I hope there is change that will come.”

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you’ll have

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021:

Physical, initiating and captivating, sharpen your time management skills to balance personal and professional activities. This year, you enjoy simple pleasures like watching movies, participating in sports and laughing out loud. Budget wisely, and money matters stay stable. If single, someone special may enter the picture when you least expect it, so keep your eyes open. If attached, moving on from a disagreement makes your partnership stronger. LEO excites you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Work up a sweat to get your juices flowing. Go for a run or make a beeline for the gym on your lunch break. Meeting that special someone after hours will put a smile on your face. Tonight: Get concert tickets.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Plan a family reunion that may answer questions about your genealogical roots. The time and place will be tricky, so ask relatives to help with the arrangements. Your energy may be low. Don’t push yourself too far. Tonight: Prepare home remedies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Friends and colleagues value your point of view. Write down observations about an important issue. Ask for advice about turning it into an essay or opinion piece. Abate your nervous energy with a power walk or run. Tonight: Plan a trip.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A looming deadline may seem impossible to make. Muster your willpower and put one foot ahead of the other. Take a few deep breaths and get back on track. Avoid stress eating or other vices. Tonight: Ask for a back rub.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You may be the center of attention at a work-related function. Your charm and flair for public speaking shine through. There could be more offers than you can handle. Enjoy your day in the sun. Tonight: Relax on the sofa.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Friends may tease you about staying inside when everyone else is out and about. Don’t fret if you are more introspective than usual. Start a journal. Plan a schedule that allows your imagination to run wild. Tonight: Tell a story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Arrange to see friends with whom you can be yourself. Keep the discussion light and avoid controversial topics. Tone down your usual directness a notch or two. People may be overly sensitive for no apparent reason. Tonight: End the day laughing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Watch for impatience and getting into silly quibbles with others. Compromise should not be too difficult today. Someone close to you might call on you to mediate a situation. Be diplomatic, and you won’t disappoint those you love. Tonight: Children’s hour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Be prepared to take an argument to its logical conclusion. Friends and family may encourage you to get a certificate or take a few courses. You will meet others who share your interest in obscure subjects. Tonight: Style your hair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take charge of your finances and pay more attention to monthly expenses. It is easy to cut corners without depriving yourself of what makes you happy. Mystery novels can become addictive. Come up for air now and again. Tonight: Family meeting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ This is not a day for conflict, even though someone may try to provoke you. Open a dialogue to prevent a misunderstanding from going further. If possible, face to face is better than phone, text or email. Tonight: Wind down with soft music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Downplay a difference of opinion with a colleague. Take the high road and move on. Volunteer or donate to an animal shelter. Eliminate clutter from closets and drawers. Someone might benefit from things you no longer need. Tonight: Tasty dessert.

Oregon

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The Trojans (24-7) steam-rolled Kansas 85-51 on Monday, handing the Jayhawks the third-worst loss in the history of the storied program.

USC star freshman Evan Mobley finished with 10 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and three blocks. After the

game his brother Isaiah Mobley, who made four 3-pointers and scored 17 points, perhaps gave Altman some bulletin board material to work with when asked about the Ducks.

“Oregon is a really good team. They’ve been on a roll. I don’t want to say necessarily they got lucky, because they are a good team, but they stole the Pac-12 championship from us,”

Isaiah Mobley said. “I think we match up well, though. We both have chips against our shoulders because we beat them, and they got the championship from us.”

The Ducks lost the only 2021 meeting, 72-58 on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles, but responded by winning their last five regular-season games to claim the Pac-12 title with a 14-4 (.778)

conference record compared to USC’s 15-5 (.750) conference record.

“I think it will a great matchup. Not often do you see two Pac-12 schools, No. 1 and No. 2, match up in the Sweet 16,” Isaiah Mobley said. “I think that will be interesting as well. We’ll have to execute our game plan like we did (against Kansas) and take it to them.”

Oregon State

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“We would have been in trouble because she could have erased the lead that we had with just her production,” Staley said.

South Carolina made just 1 of 15 3-pointers, but was able to control the game by outscoring the Beavers 34-24 inside and winning big on the boards.

The Gamecocks used a big run to break a tie and lead by 12 at halftime. Boston scored the first four points in that span and Laetitia Amihere added six points as South Carolina took advantage of six turnovers.

“We just keep pushing,” Boston said. “We never stop attacking, no matter who it is.”

Oregon State managed just five points on 2-of-12 shooting and had seven turnovers in the second quarter.

“They were disruptive all day, closed gaps really quickly defensively,” Oregon State coach Scott Rueck said. “During a key stretch of that second quarter (they) turned us over, turned it into quick points at the other end, which is obviously a staple and a hallmark of what they do. It’s when they’re at their best.”

The Gamecocks continued to pile on to start the second half, outscoring Oregon State 13-3 in the first 4½ minutes of the third to make it 43-21.

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— **Aleah Goodman, Oregon State senior guard**

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