

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for six mostly blissful years, but recently, some of his fantasies have started to worry me. About six months ago, he told me he had an attraction to women with amputations. Naturally, I was confused. I didn't even know that was a "thing," but I accepted it, even though I thought it was odd.

Three months ago, he asked to do some role playing, where we hid my leg under a towel to give the appearance of having a below-the-knee amputation, which he says is his favorite. I didn't like it, but I went ahead with it. But now things are getting to be too much for me. He recently told me that not only does he find amputees attractive, but he wants to be one. What do I do?

— *In Weird Territory*

Dear I.W.T.: The name for your husband's fetish is body integrity identity disorder. It is important that you learn more about it, and I am recommending you do some research on the subject. You will find the information on the internet.

You should also consult a licensed therapist to help you decide whether this fetish is something you are prepared to live with or it's time to end your marriage.

Dear Abby: How can I explain that I'd like to try traveling solo (or worse, with someone else) to my overly sensitive sister-in-law?

We have known each other for many years. I am divorced, and she's widowed. We have been on a handful of trips together in recent years, and after every one of them, I said to myself, "Never

again!" She can be extremely annoying.

She talks ALL THE TIME and complains nonstop. Her feelings are easily hurt, and she's the least self-aware person I know. I have traveled with friends without any issues. I asked a couple of them about this, but got no answers. She already asked (last year/pre-pandemic), "Where will we go next?" Help!

— *Bothered Beyond Belief*

Dear B.B.B.: Do not raise the subject of travel with her. Make plans with someone with whom you would like to enjoy the experience and, when your SIL asks, respond honestly. Tell her — as gently as you can — that it's not going to happen because the last times you traveled together she complained nonstop and spoiled the trip for you.

If she has amnesia, give her chapter and verse. Will she like hearing it? No. Will it solve your problem? Absolutely — IF you can summon the courage to set yourself free.

Dear Abby: My wife and I and four friends were waiting to be served at a restaurant. All four of them began staring at their cellphones. Because I am not a cellphone owner and I spotted a magazine on a nearby table, I picked it up and started reading it.

When we got home, my wife said she had been ashamed of my rudeness. Do you think I was rude?

— *Tit for Tat in Texas*

Dear T.F.T.: Under the circumstances, no, I do not think you were rude. In light of the fact that the others were staring at their cellphones, you should have pleaded self-defense and been found not guilty.

NFL

Jackson eager to provide boost for Seahawks' O-line

BY TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Russell Wilson made it clear this offseason that something had to be done about the offensive line for him to remain on board with the direction of the Seahawks.

It was essentially an ultimatum from Seattle's franchise quarterback.

And that's where Gabe Jackson comes into the picture. Deemed expendable by the Las Vegas Raiders after seven seasons, he quickly caught on with the Seahawks, who jumped at the opportunity to add a proven veteran in the mold of their prototypical interior offensive lineman.

"As an offensive lineman, or a player in general, I feel like you're always under a microscope," Jackson said during a video conference Tuesday. "But the best thing you can do is just be yourself and work hard, take coaching and just do your best. If you do everything right, you're training right, you practice right and all that will pay off on Sundays."

Despite Wilson's comments in February that he wants more protection and is tired of getting hit too much, acquiring Jackson is the only significant



AP file

Las Vegas Raiders guard Gabe Jackson blocks against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Massachusetts, in September. Russell Wilson wanted the Seattle Seahawks to upgrade his protection. Enter Jackson, the veteran who suddenly became available via trade.

step Seattle has taken so far to address the offensive line.

The Seahawks did bring back starting center Ethan Pocic and re-signed backups Jordan Simmons and Cedric Ogbuehi. But in terms of a big splash move, it's been only Jackson.

"I know it's a great group of offensive (linemen) and I've watched them play, and I'm just excited to play with them because I know we can be great," Jackson said.

Jackson became available

as Las Vegas began a major overhaul of the offensive line.

While he won't solve all the line problems in Seattle, his arrival is a step toward making Wilson happy.

Seattle believes in Jackson enough that it restructured his contract with an extension that can keep the 29-year-old tied to the Seahawks through the 2023 season.

"I actually got a little bit longer deal than I had in Vegas, but it's not too much different. Just a little extension," Jackson said.

Seattle needed to find a replacement at left guard following the retirement of Mike Iupati. While Jackson has primarily been a right guard in his career, he has played left guard in the past.

The Seahawks believe Jackson and Damien Lewis have the versatility to play either guard position.

Jackson said he doesn't have a preference and the coaching staff has not talked with him yet about the direction they want to go.

Jackson has started 99 of 100 career games but last season was significant as Jackson played in all 16 games for the first time since 2016. Between proving he can play a full season and having a new address to call home, Jackson said it feels almost like he's been drafted again.

"It was a great feeling for me, not being selfish, but just to finish out the full length of the season with no injuries — mild, minor stuff here and there like some bruises — but just to make it through (with) my teammates for the whole year and play well, it felt great," Jackson said. "And the new start, it feels like draft day. Feel like I'm a rookie all over again."

Beavers

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"I'm not going to lie. I think those of you who know me know that I'm (upset) that we didn't perform better," Tinkle said.

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The locker room was solemn. There were tears. Almost an hour after the game when senior guard Ethan Thompson spoke — the NCAA had technical difficulties with OSU's post-game press conference and it had to be conducted at the team hotel — he began tearing up at a what-does-it-mean question.

"I can't really put words to it. It's been an amazing experience," Thompson said. "The bond we've created as a team, as a staff, as a program, it's been amazing."

The Beavers were left for dead in mid-February. They had some terrible games, some nice wins, some mediocre performances, none of which added up to an NCAA Tournament team.

A switch flipped late in the

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— **Wayne Tinkle, Oregon State men's basketball coach**

regular season, when OSU won three consecutive road games. Then the school's first-ever Pac-12 tournament championship, and three NCAA tourney wins to land in the Elite Eight for the first time in 39 years.

It had to end sometime. The Beavers just didn't want it to be Monday night.

Oregon State scored a season-low 17 points during the first half. Tinkle said the Beavers reverted to some of their bad early season habits.

"In a little bit of a fog on both sides," he said.

But during the second half, the Beavers were back to the team of the past month. Trailing 34-17 at halftime, OSU needed 16 minutes to pull even at 55 on Gianni Hunt's three-pointer.

Everything had to go perfect during the second half for the Beavers to pull off the comeback. It almost did.

many others that were looking for some kind of therapy ... it's amazing."

The 55-year-old Tinkle thinks he came away a better man from the experience of this season.

"I've prayed hard this year, not for victories, but for peace, for patience, for calm," Tinkle said. "The peace and solitude that I was able to achieve over the year through prayer, through meditation, through my support for loved ones, it was unbelievable."

It had to end sometime. But does it? The bulk of the roster returns next season, depending on activity in the transfer portal. There are several exciting new players joining the Beavers next season. Tinkle said the late-season breakout led to significant exposure with recruits.

"Even though we had this tremendous success, it's not going to change who we are," Tinkle said. "Even when we had the low lows, it didn't change who we are. We just continue to grind and do things the way that we do them."

"We know it's going to lead to even greater things."

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021:

Brash, creative and assertive, move forward but pay attention to details. This year you can succeed if you pace yourself and adhere to methodical planning. Maintain your vitality with proper diet, exercise and regular sleep. Your finances will soar if you pay attention and stay within your budget. If single, ask friends to scour their address book. If attached, tell each other "I love you" every so often. LIBRA is unselfish.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Excessive worrying is detrimental to your health. Leave the past behind and focus on the future. Put a savings plan in place that ensures a financial foundation. Get physical exercise, and you will stay calm and fit. Tonight: Play word games.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Someone close to you could feel neglected. Think of it as a wake-up call. Take responsibility, make amends and move forward. People recognize your authenticity. Have faith in your decisions and abilities. Tonight: Put on headphones and listen to a podcast.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ An opportunity to prove yourself will materialize. Someone who matters will notice the effort. Pace yourself since you may be prone to overdoing it and could catch a cough or cold. Drink lots of liquids and take breaks. Tonight: Laughable moments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Hearing from children or grandchildren will make your day. Accept a dinner invitation from someone you admire. Be receptive to ideas and suggestions for a creative partnership. You will gain a valuable ally. Tonight: Herbal tea will help you sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Reserve family time today. Arrange a potluck dinner where everyone can make their favorite dish. You may have enough for leftovers. Tell those you love that you appreciate them. It is easy to take them for granted. Tonight: Tell stories.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You may be asked to deliver a talk on a topic you are passionate about. A compliment may come from a close friend or sibling who supports your efforts. Be proud of yourself. Walk away from conflicts. Tonight: Try yoga positions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Someone special may surprise you with a piece of jewelry or work of art. Return the thought with a gift from your heart. Upbeat news about a long-term investment will make your day. Tonight: Jazz up your wardrobe with accessories.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Put on your competitive hat but stay calm. Show others that you are in complete control. Your charisma will shine through. Recognize your power to make a situation that you encounter go your way. Tonight: Listen to what others have to say.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Reflect on what you want to achieve in the months ahead. Make a list of goals you have not yet acted on. Listen to your inner voice, and you'll know how to move forward. Tonight: Watch a show you recorded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ People can take advantage of your kindness. Be empathic and generous, but define your boundaries. Join a group where you don't know anyone. Strike up a conversation with someone who will return the gesture. Tonight: Finish a crossword puzzle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Being a control freak is counterproductive. Delegate responsibilities to capable colleagues whenever you can. Showcase your unique abilities. Stay in your comfort zone, and you will get noticed. Laugh and joke with an old friend. Tonight: Dance up a storm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You may take an interest in learning obscure topics. A trip to the library is worth your time. Borrow books that are too expensive to purchase. Learn at your own pace or take a structured course. Tonight: Rest and relaxation.

NCAA

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That would mean that to compete for the best players, colleges might offer things like postgraduate scholarships, tutoring, study abroad opportunities, vocational school payments, computer equipment and internships, among other things.

And there's a fear some schools might try to disguise other, improper benefits as permissible education spending.

The former college athletes have some big-time supporters. The players associations of the NFL, NBA and WNBA along with a group of former NCAA executives are all urging the justices to side with the former athletes, as is the Biden administration.

Whatever happens at the high court, how college athletes are compensated is already likely changing.

The NCAA is in the process of trying to amend its longstanding rules to allow athletes to profit from their names, images and likenesses.

That would allow them to earn money for things like sponsorship deals, online endorsement and personal appearances.

Those efforts have stalled, however.

For their part, players at this month's March Madness tournament have been pushing for reform with the hashtag #NotNCAAProperty on social media.

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its rules, however, any money college athletes might make from endorsement deals would be over and above the educational benefits schools might offer as incentives.

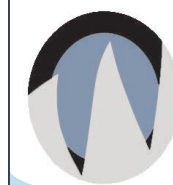
As for the justices, they're not necessarily just watching from the sidelines.

The majority are also avid sports fans. Justices Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan love baseball.

Justice Neil Gorsuch is a Denver Broncos fan, while Clarence Thomas is devoted to the University of Nebraska.

Amy Coney Barrett, who was a professor at Notre Dame, has said her football Saturdays were spent tailgating.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote simply to lawmakers considering his 2018 nomination: "I am a huge sports fan."



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