

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: I'm a young wife. I married after three months of dating my military husband. He was previously in an on-again/off-again relationship that lasted about eight years, during which she had a baby with another man, etc. I believe my husband is still in love with her. After constantly asking him, he says he just wishes her well and he doesn't have any romantic feelings. I'm not sure what to do, and I just keep overthinking it. Any thoughts?

— *Hates Husband's History*

Dear H.H.H.: Stop torturing your husband — and yourself — by constantly asking him about his feelings for his unfaithful ex-girlfriend. Get to work building your self-esteem, and you will have less to worry about. Your husband's history (baggage) is his own. You are making a mistake by dragging it into your marriage. If you concentrate on the positive, you will have a happier marriage, and so will your husband.

Dear Abby: Shortly after a retired, not-so-close friend moved to another city, he began sending emails about events he had read about in social media, news outlets and magazines. At first there were only a few a day, but as the days increased, so did his emails.

I responded to some of them, but he never commented on them. He just sent more and more to the point that his daily emails are more than I can — or want to — read. I am spending too much time deleting them. What should I do? Should I ask him not to send them anymore, or should I stay quiet so as not to hurt his feelings?

— *Inbox Full in Missouri*

Dear Inbox Full: Your friend may be sending these items because, as a retiree, he has little to do but cruise the internet for entertainment. It would not be rude to tell this not-so-close friend you don't have time to review all of the emails he has been sending and ask him to send fewer. It's the truth. However, if he doesn't comply and the barrage continues, feel free to block them or create a filter for these emails that sends them to a folder where they can be easily scanned and deleted.

Dear Abby: My husband of 32 years often tells me women compliment him on his looks or the way he dresses. I compliment him often, but I think it's his way of telling me that he's still "got it" and I should be proud to have a husband who's hot and good-looking.

Am I crazy for not enjoying hearing what other women think? If anything, it has caused some insecurity on my part.

I have asked him to stop sharing these comments and told him I'm tired of hearing them — especially since I have told him repeatedly what I think of him, his looks and his way of dressing. Am I wrong?

— *Loves Him Inside and Out*

Dear Loves Him: I don't think you're wrong. But has it occurred to you that your husband may do this not out of ego but because HE is insecure? People who are secure within themselves do not feel the need to continually toot their own horns the way your handsome, stylish husband does. Try this: The next time he does it, smile, nod in agreement and tell him you agree with his admirer. And repeat as necessary.

GOLF | LPGA TOUR

ANA Inspiration back in usual spot, still no fans

BY JOHN NICHOLSON

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — The ANA Inspiration is back in its usual leadoff spot in golf's major championship season, though far from normal with fans absent again.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has put a damper on the festivities surrounding the 50th edition of the event, the players soaked in the familiar mountain views and colorful flower gardens at Mission Hills as they prepared for the start of play Thursday.

"When you arrive here it's just a different atmosphere," Canadian star Brooke Henderson said about the event that started in 1972 as the Colgate-Dinah Shore Winner's Circle and became a major in 1983.

"It's just incredible. You obviously see Poppie's Pond and Dinah's statue, Wall of Champions. It's just an incredible feeling."

The tournament was postponed until September last year, with Mirim Lee chipping in for eagle on 18 to force a playoff, then beating Henderson and Nelly Korda with a birdie on the first extra hole.

"The feeling is really good to be able to hear those words, being called a major champion," Lee said. "It definitely gives me more motivation to win again."



Ringo H.W. Chiu/AP file

Mirim Lee receives the championship trophy after winning the LPGA's ANA Inspiration at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California, in September.

Mission Hills played far different in September in 100-degree heat on Bermuda grass, than it will this week in slightly cooler temperatures on overseeded rye.

"It was in great shape in September, don't get me wrong, but it's way more green, way more healthy," Lexi Thompson said. "It's definitely meant to be at this time of year, I believe. We have great weather. And this is probably the best I've seen the golf course shape-wise."

In the September event, a blue advertising wall was used as a backstop behind the 18th green in place of a grandstand. This time, there will be no

wall, allowing the green to play as an island on the par 5.

"Very different," Korda said. "You're definitely going to think about going for it. I hit a 6-iron in just short of the green (Monday) and it rolled up to the middle and then I also tried to hit like a little 5 to land it middle of the green and it went over. So it's definitely going to be very hard to hold."

Thompson won in 2014 and has finished in the top five in four of the last five years. She recently started working with instructor Martin Hall.

"Just keeping things simple but at the same time trying to improve on little things," Thompson said.

Korda won the Gainbridge LPGA in February for her fourth tour victory. She won in the second event of the season, a month after sister Jessica took the Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions.

She looks at the loss last year at Mission Hills as a learning experience.

"I've always said when you put yourself into those positions, you get more comfortable being in those in the future," Korda said. "I've said this so many times, but the more I put myself into that position, the better."

Inbee Park won Sunday in the Kia Classic in her season debut. The Hall of Famer won at Mission Hills in 2013 for the third of her seven major titles.

"I think this golf course is going to play hard and fast, which we always want to play this golf course," Park said. "I think that's going to be the case this week, so I'm really happy to see that."

Top-ranked Jin Young Ko missed the tournament last year after winning in 2019.

"It was sad because I missed defend champion," Ko said. "I'm happy to be back."

Michelle Wie West also is back at Mission Hills for the first time since 2019. She missed the cut at Kia, shooting 81-74 in her first event since June 2019.

MLB

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"This is going to be cool, putting on the Dodger uniform, playing with this group of guys. I'm really pumped up that baseball is back, especially now that we get to have fans in the stands," he said.

How many will actually be in the box seats and bleachers on April Fools' Day might depend on the weather.

Rain is forecast in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Wet in Washington, too, where a marquee matchup is waiting at Nationals Park: Two-time Cy Young winner Jacob deGrom of the Mets faces big-hitting Juan Soto at the plate and three-time Cy champ Max Scherzer on the mound.

Temperatures are supposed to be in the 30s with gusty winds at Wrigley Field when Kris Bryant and the Chicago Cubs host Pittsburgh. Also in the 30s in Detroit, where Cleveland ace Shane Bieber faces the Tigers, and in Cincinnati, where the Reds take on St. Louis newcomer Nolan Arenado.

Jack Flaherty pitches for the Cardinals. Two teammates from his Southern California high school a decade ago also start on opening day — Max Fried for the Braves in Philadelphia and Lucas Giolito for the Chicago White Sox against Mike Trout and rejuvenated two-way star Shohei Ohtani at Angel Stadium.

Arenado and Bauer are among the many stars who switched teams in the off-season. The Padres acquired Blake Snell and Yu Darvish, the Mets traded for Francisco Lindor, Toronto signed George Springer and the Yankees hope low-risk moves for Corey Kluber and Jameson Taillon pay off.

Some teams will benefit from getting their own players back on the field.

Posey of the Giants, Ryan Zimmerman of the Nats, David Price of the Dodgers and Marcus Stroman of the Mets were among those who opted out of playing last year because of coronavirus concerns.

A six-time All-Star and three-time World Series champ, Posey liked what he saw in spring training.

"Watching the games on TV last year and seeing just cardboard fans in the stands, it was definitely nice to see some live humans out there," he said.

A more curious sight: La Russa, at 76 years old and already in the Hall of Fame, returning to manage the fortified White Sox.

His last time in the dugout was 2011, in a World Series Game 7 win for the Cardinals.

Mariners' Lewis placed on IL with bone bruise

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners placed center fielder Kyle Lewis on the 10-day injured list Wednesday due to a bone bruise in his right knee, sidelining the reigning American League Rookie of the Year for opening day.

Servais said there was a chance Lewis could play but the team is exercising caution with one of its young stars.

"Could he go? Possibly," Servais said. "This is a training staff, myself call. We are in for the long haul here, and playing the long game and what this season is going to take just having everybody moving forward for the big chunk of the season."

Lewis missed the final week of spring training after crashing into the wall during an exhibition game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on March 22. The bruise didn't seem significant at first but didn't respond to treatment as quickly as the Mariners hoped.

Servais stressed the knee is structurally fine. Lewis underwent two surgeries on his right knee after suffering a major knee injury during the 2016 minor-league season.

Lewis' absence will cause some shifts in Seattle's outfield. Rookie Taylor Trammell will start in center field Thursday and the Mariners will likely use a combination of players to take shifts in left field and center field while Lewis is out. Mitch Haniger is expected to get most of the work in right field.

Lewis hit .262 with 11 homers and 28 RBIs last season.

Servais also said the Mariners will alter their rotation for the opening homestand. James Paxton was originally slated to pitch in Game 2 against San Francisco but will now pitch in the fifth game of the season against the Chicago White Sox.

Yusei Kikuchi will get the start Friday against the Giants, Chris Flexen will start Saturday and Justus Sheffield will pitch the series opener against Chicago on Monday.

— *Associated Press*



Joe C. Hong/AP file

San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey walks across the field before the team's spring game against the Los Angeles Angels in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Feb. 28. Posey is back with the Giants after opting out of the 2020 season.

Debuts

Supremely qualified, Kim Ng finally got her chance and begins the season with the Miami Marlins as MLB's first female general manager. "Failure is not an option for me," the 52-year-old Ng said. ... Forced out of Canada because of the virus, the Toronto Blue Jays will play their home opener April 8 at their spring training field in Dunedin, Florida.

Missing

White Sox slugger Eloy Jiménez, Rays reliever Nick Anderson and 2020 home run champ Luke Voit all got injured during spring training. Robinson Canó is serving a seasonlong drug suspension and Masahiro Tanaka went home to pitch in Japan.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★ POSITIVE | ★★ AVERAGE | ★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021: Pioneering, hasty and rebellious, go beyond self-imposed limitations. This year, you hit a temporary bump in the road. With your survivor skills you will rise to the occasion whether it entails working with a new team or changing your career path. Friendships are invaluable in steering you in the right direction. If single, visit dating sites but be true to yourself. If attached, make time for weekend getaways. **CANCER** nurtures you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Attend a gathering where you can mingle and learn from other guests. Be social and express yourself, but listen to other points of view. Travel plans may get put on hold. Be patient and reschedule. Tonight: Get tickets to a concert.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Deep, mixed emotions may surface when you least expect it. You may feel elated one moment and sad the next. Keep tissues close by since you may wipe a tear every now and again. Tonight: Resolve differences with loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Love is in the air. There may be an unexpected gift or invitation to dinner. Small gestures mean more than expensive presents. Do something kind for someone when they least expect it. Tonight: Recall an event that made you smile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Start a healthy eating plan and exercise program that suits your schedule. Choose a fitness routine from an array of videos. Make sure you're at the right level. Give yourself a gold star for taking the first step. Tonight: Friendly chatter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Follow your creative instincts. This might include meeting someone who wants to introduce you to new techniques. Participate in an activity that is active, healthy and, above all, fun. Dance, Zumba or spinning classes might suit you. Tonight: Read in bed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Brush up on your mediation skills. Clear the cobwebs of a family disagreement. Agree to disagree and move forward. Nostalgic memories bring a smile to your face. Contact someone who can reminisce with you. Tonight: Prepare fresh fruits and vegetables.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Put your multitasking skills to the test. Slow down, and you can juggle your activities. Ask for feedback on an idea for a writing project. Friends and colleagues can make helpful suggestions if you let them. Tonight: Laughing out loud.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Pass on a get-rich-quick scheme that a friend might mention. Find creative ways to improve family finances. Sell items online you no longer need but are in mint condition. This could lead to a successful side business. Tonight: Play cards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Confidence is at an all-time high. Look your best to reflect on how you feel. Challenge yourself to do things that you normally would not dare do. You can do anything if you put your mind to it. Tonight: Tax preparation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take a break from nonstop activity. Unwind and reboot. Listen to your intuition. It has something to tell you. Donate time or money to your favorite charity. Compassion leads you in the right direction. Tonight: Imagine your dream vacation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

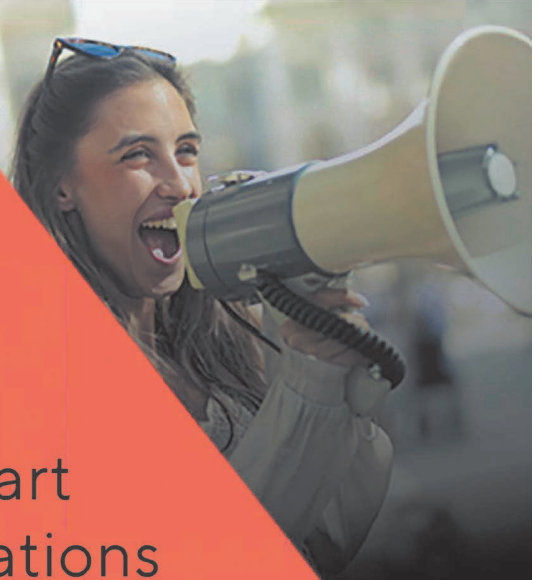
★★★ Strategize how to approach a friend with whom you had a misunderstanding. Apply your sensitivity and the issue will be cleared up in no time. Be open to constructive criticism after a group presentation. Tonight: Look up old classmates online.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Get an early start and take charge of the day. Put one foot in front of the other so things will get done in record time. Look up job opportunities or volunteer positions that speak to your passion. Tonight: Post snapshots.



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