

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: I recently met a man, and I have fallen in love with him. He says he feels the same way and tells me often that I treat him better than anybody ever has.

Unfortunately, when the time came to move our relationship to an intimate level, I found my attraction to him was one-sided. When I asked him why, he said he did not find me desirable because of my weight. He also mentioned that in the past he had always dated "Barbie dolls" who did him wrong, so he decided to look for something different, and that's when he found me.

I don't understand how you can love someone and not desire them. What are your thoughts?

— *One-Sided in Texas*

Dear One-Sided: This man may love your many attributes — intelligence, honesty, sense of humor, etc. — but he is not IN love.

If you want a romantic relationship, you need to find someone who values you for YOURSELF — inside and out.

Give him marks for honesty and send him back to his Barbie dolls because you deserve better, and he deserves more of the same.

Dear Abby: While I was battling cancer, my husband vanished into thin air with all our money. It has been years now, and we finally were divorced, but I have never been able to get over what he did to me.

Talking to professionals helped some, but I still wonder what happened.

We were together for 20 years. I was left in a remote part of Alaska to fend for myself when I could hardly get around after the surgery and

radiation treatments. It's like he wanted me dead. How can I possibly get over what I thought was the love of my life?

— *Can't Let Go*

Dear Can't Let Go: Your husband may have been the love of your life, but the love of HIS life was ... him.

That he not only ran when the chips were down but cleaned out the bank account, leaving you battling a life-threatening illness, was beyond the pale. Why he did it was fear, weakness and lack of character.

Having prevailed over cancer and poverty, getting over your ex should be a cinch. However, finding the ability to trust again may be another matter, and no one would blame you if you couldn't do it. An important step forward might be more counseling to help you cope.

Dear Abby: My friend has an adult child with a drug addiction. Sometimes when we are together, this child will call begging for money. My friend gives in every time. She feels terrible about doing it but can't seem to say no. She has attended several Nar-Anon meetings, but no longer wants to go because she says it's depressing. As a friend, what's the best way to support her?

— *Her Caring Friend*

Dear Caring: Although those meetings may be "depressing," they can also be enlightening if someone is open to it. Point out to your friend that even MORE depressing would be losing a child to addiction and knowing that she was the enabler. Then volunteer to attend meetings with your friend until she gains the strength to act responsibly.

MLB

All-Star Game moving to Denver's Coors Field

BY PAT GRAHAM

Associated Press

DENVER — The All-Star Game will be played at hitter-friendly Coors Field.

Major League Baseball officially announced the new venue Tuesday after pulling the Midsummer Classic from Atlanta over objections to extensive changes to Georgia's voting laws.

Coors Field last hosted the All-Star Game in 1998. The game will be held July 13.

"Major League Baseball is grateful to the Rockies, the city of Denver and the state of Colorado for their support of this summer's All-Star Game," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "We appreciate their flexibility and enthusiasm to deliver a first-class event for our game and the region. We look forward to celebrating our sport's best players and entertaining fans around the world."

MLB decided to move the game from Truist Park in Atlanta in response to Georgia voting rules signed into law by Republican Gov. Brian Kemp on March 25. Critics, including the CEOs of Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines and Coca-Cola, have condemned the changes as being too restrictive.

The Georgia laws includes new limits on voting by mail and greater legislative control over how elections are run, amid a push in Republican-led states to reduce voting options after former president Donald Trump made baseless claims of widespread fraud in last year's election.

Democratic state officials



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Workers load an All-Star sign onto a trailer after it was removed from Truist Park in Atlanta on Tuesday.

in Colorado have touted their state's mail-in-voting system, which began in 2013, for its ease and accessibility.

In the November election, there were more than 350 ballot drop boxes around the state along with a ballot tracking system that allowed voters to trace their votes as they were accepted and counted.

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold praised the MLB decision, crediting it to the state's "national gold standard for elections."

"We've got the most accessible and secure elections in the country, and are grateful that MLB is giving us the opportunity to showcase how elections can be!" Griswold said in a statement.

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis said at a news conference that the state had expressed interest in hosting a game down the road, but when given the last-minute opportunity, Denver was able to make plans quickly. They already had a blueprint for handling hotels, event space and security.

"This is fundamentally about baseball and it's about the fans. And I couldn't be more excited that we're gonna be able to highlight Denver as the venue," Polis said.

It's uncertain what kind of seating capacity there might be due to COVID-19 restrictions. For the season-opening series against the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers last week, the

Rockies had a seating capacity of 21,363 fans, which was 42.6% of the usual capacity.

By July, Polis expects things to be different. He referenced President Joe Biden's plan to allow all Americans who want to be vaccinated to be able to do so by mid-April.

"We're talking about a mid-July game so there are really no concerns from that front," Polis said.

"I think everybody expects a fully packed, sell-out stadium in July and that's going to be good for MLB, good for Colorado and an exciting experience for fans."

Manfred made the decision to move the All-Star events and the amateur draft from Atlanta after discussions with individual players and the Players Alliance, an organization of Black players formed after the death of George Floyd last year.

Kemp has vowed to defend Georgia's measures, and other Republicans have criticized MLB's move.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott backed out of throwing the first pitch at the Texas Rangers' home opener Monday and said the state would not seek to host the All-Star Game or any other special MLB events.

With its spacious outfield and thin air, Coors Field has become a hitter's paradise. Recently asked about Coors Field becoming the All-Star Game replacement site, Rockies pitcher Jon Gray chuckled and said: "The Home Run Derby would be legendary."

The Los Angeles Dodgers will host the 2022 All-Star Game.

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— **Jared Polis, governor of Colorado**

Spieth

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It hasn't been easy. Spieth attributed his fall to a combination of injury and ignorance, one being a bone chip in his left hand early in 2018, the other working on the wrong mechanics that sent him further away from where he needed to be.

He said he thought about a discussion he had with Tiger Woods the two approaches to the game. On one end of the spectrum is a player who doesn't clutter his mind with thoughts and just plays. Someone like Johnson would occupy that territory, and Spieth once did.

"On the other side, you have an astute knowledge of exactly what you do well, why you do it and how to continue to do that," Spieth said recently. "Anywhere in the middle is tough. You don't know enough but you're overthinking a little more than it should. I feel like it took me awhile to cross that barrier to the other side."

"And once you go some of the way, you can't go back."

He now believes he knows enough about what he's doing and why that he is almost back to where he wants to be, without having arrived. He wasn't in total control at the Texas Open, but enough felt right that he won.

It got the attention in Las Vegas, where Westgate Superbook offered odds of 14-1 at the Masters. After his win, Spieth is at 10-1, trailing only Johnson as betting favorites.

He called that victory "monumental" during his television interview immediately after he won, and later joked that was an "aggressive" choice of words.

It was important because it had been too long since he last won, and because he could sense expectations rising each time he went into the final round with a shot at winning. Spieth doesn't pay much attention to what gets said or written about him, but he is savvy enough to get a sense of it by the questions he gets.

He expected more emotions — he felt it only when he saw his wife, Annie — but instead it felt normal. That turned out to be a good sign, too.

"It felt more normal, that it felt like me and that's where I'm supposed to be and this is who I am," Spieth said.

He said he was considered older than his 20 years when he first came to the Masters because of the decisions he made. Now at 27, he thought about Phil Mickelson not winning his first major until he was 33, and Brooks Koepka winning the first of his four majors at 27.

"A lot of people's careers get started at 27 in this sport. So there's a lot of ways to look at it," he said. "I like the progress that I'm making. ... I'm going to work at trying to just be a little bit better than I was last week."

History is not necessarily on his side. Only four Masters champions won the week before, the last one Mickelson in 2006.



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Jordan Spieth works on the range during a practice day for the Masters on Monday in Augusta, Georgia. Spieth finally ended a nearly four-year victory drought with a win in the Texas Open on Sunday.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021: Overactive, loving and determined, a wave of excitement follows you wherever you go. This year, you will manage to pull off a creative coup that improves your financial standing. There's nothing wrong with you standing out from the rest of the crowd. In fact, it's your job. If single, expect multiple admirers. If attached, your partner will offer consistent levels of support. LIBRA calms you down, in a good way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ A work team or group of friends looks to you for leadership. Listen to your gut instincts. You know better than most what will work out best for everyone. You are greatly loved and well-respected. Tonight: Make a difficult phone call.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Hard work will be rewarded. News about a raise may be in the works. Hold brilliant visions of success and prosperity. They will come to fruition, bit by bit. Confidence builds when you let go of needless worry. Tonight: Pamper yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Right now your network is increasing far and wide. Expand your world view. Business or personal dealings with someone who lives or travels overseas could become important. Your positive thoughts will cheer a friend. Tonight: Try a new take-out menu.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ An emotional encounter might make you feel uneasy. Your deep and delicate feelings get hurt very easily. Try meeting in the middle, without making yourself feel "wrong." Trust your insight. You know the right answer. Tonight: Light a candle; go within.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your charm attracts more people than you realize. An impressive person admires your ability to bring out the best in others. An opportunity may arise based on that talent. Don't back away. Accept the challenge. Tonight: Play card games.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Cultivate your love of being of service and your empathy for people in need. A volunteer position could pop up and bring you satisfaction in days to come. You often heal yourself through helping others. Tonight: Start a scrapbook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have a natural eye for beauty, so purchase an accessory that makes you stand out. Put finishing touches on a creative project. Show it to art lovers who understand exactly what you want to convey. Tonight: Surrender to romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Home improvement may take you by storm. Read blogs and watch videos that give tips on decorating and real estate deals. Even if you are not ready to move, you can still imagine yourself in more palatial digs. Tonight: Family time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ If you're feeling antsy, hop in your car or go for a walk. Explore the beauty available in a short distance from home. Team up with a neighbor to plan a future block party. Tonight: Call a close friend or sibling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Budgetary matters could be on your mind. If you have that feeling that there's never enough, don't worry. Your resourceful nature always brings you everything you need. Swap stories with a colleague and gain new insight. Tonight: Bask in gratitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Show the world what you have to offer. Your ideas could be a breath of fresh air that revitalizes a dormant project. An admiring friend or romantic partner will be dazzled by the way you look today. Tonight: Celebrate your uniqueness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Revel in the beauty of "just you" time. Find space to relax, ponder and even daydream. You live by inspiration, and a robust supply is flowing toward you. Reach out to someone who's been on your mind. Tonight: Release your worries.