

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: I am a 16-year-old girl, and I'm having a conflict with my mom over my car. Her car broke down and she needed to use mine, which is completely understandable, and I agreed. However, I have a work schedule I have to stick to, and I need my car to get to and from. I pay all the bills for it, and the title is in my grandfather's name.

I asked her to let me use my car to get to and from work and for Valentine's Day with my boyfriend. She seemed extremely upset by it, and now she and my stepdad continually tell me that should she EVER need the car, I have to give it to her.

While I understand she needs it to get to and from work, and I'm willing to be flexible so she can, her demand that I not use it the entire time hers is in the shop (majority of this time is on a weekend when she's not working) is completely unacceptable because I also have responsibilities.

How do I help her understand that while she can use it for work because that is important, when I need it after her work hours, I should be able to use it because I pay for it? Must I just suck it up and let her continue using it (putting my relationship with my boyfriend at risk and possibly having to walk five miles to work in bad weather) or tell her the days I need it are absolute, and since it is my car, I will be using it?

—*Confused in Missouri*
Dear Confused: While I agree with the concept of "yours" and "mine," there are

times when family has to pull together.

On the grand scale of things at this point, your mom's responsibilities as an adult are more important than your love life. If your boyfriend thinks so little of you that you're being carless on a special occasion will destroy your relationship, then that relationship isn't destined to last forever.

If lacking access to your car means you would have to trudge five miles in bad weather to and from work, ask your stepdad or your grandfather if — in an emergency — one of them can transport you. But do not attempt to lay down the law to your mother, or I guarantee you will not like the consequences.

Dear Abby: There is this guy that I like a lot. I want to ask him out, but it recently came to my attention that we have a mutual ex-boyfriend. Should I bring it up or let it go? He is friends with our shared ex on Facebook, and I don't know what to do.

—*Guy With a Crush in Pennsylvania*

Dear Guy: Once the quarantine and social distancing are lifted, ask him out. When you do, I think it would be wise to disclose this information to your crush because it will become apparent soon enough. If things move forward, there will likely be pictures posted on Facebook. If you try to sweep it under the carpet, he will think you are doing it because you have something to hide. Introduce the subject this way: "Small world, isn't it?"

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021: Patient, sensual and artistic, your perseverance continues to amaze friends and colleagues. This year, you emerge from working behind the scenes and are noticed by those who matter. Be conservative with your earnings, and you won't have to worry about money. No matter how busy you are, make time for family activities. If single, open your heart to all types. If attached, it's always about unconditional love. ARIES challenges you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Plan a surprise for an occasion that honors someone you love. Reserve tickets for a concert, performance or sporting event. If sold out, put your name on a waitlist. Exercise patience. Something will work out. Tonight: Get a foot massage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Make every effort to get together with those you love. Invite family in another city to visit for a weekend. It's easy to communicate by text and email, but nothing takes the place of an in-person connection. Tonight: Make a salad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Calm your nerves with a morning run or power walk. Make a presentation that shows off your speaking abilities. If you promote a political view, be diplomatic and respectful. You'll command admiration and more engagements. Tonight: Talk to an old friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Buy a special gift for someone. It might be a piece of jewelry, clothing or artwork that speaks to your deepest emotions. Stay within your budget since it is the thought, not the price, that counts. Tonight: Hang out with kids.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Your bubbly personality gets you noticed. This is no time for humility. Accept a compliment graciously. You possess the confidence to implement your goals and the powers of persuasion to get others to help you achieve them. Tonight: Stretch your legs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Show your generosity to others. Whether helping someone through a crisis or lending money, do it without expecting anything in return. Set a schedule where you have time to socialize and maintain your creative flow. Tonight: Speak from your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Keep in better touch with friends who have your back. Leave those behind who drain your energy. Socialize with a co-worker after hours. Share personal experiences. Discover what you have in common. A lasting friendship could develop. Tonight: Crash early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Think outside the box at a job or organization for which you volunteer. Bring innovative ideas to the table. Others will respect you and want to be part of your team. Delegate tasks to be done. Tonight: Zoom with family.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Join a book club or exchange recommendations with an online group. Travelogues and historical fiction could become significant interests. Think about a trip to an inspiring destination. If you cannot go, you can still dream. Tonight: Work in a garden.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Today brings an oversensitive mood. Develop a tougher skin and let criticism roll off your back. If you feel weepy, reflect on happy memories including everyone, past and present, who brightened your life. Tonight: Take a yoga or tai chi class.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ An emotional connection with someone may have broken down. Ask for what you need, but don't come on too strong. Talking and listening will draw you closer to that special person. Inspire them to share their feelings. Tonight: Create a budget.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Map out a healthy eating and fitness plan that suits your schedule. Indulge today but begin tomorrow. Volunteering is on the agenda. Read to someone who has poor eyesight or spread the word about a local animal shelter. Tonight: Romantic evening.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top recruit heads to Gonzaga, Suggs to NBA

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Chet Holmgren, the nation's top overall recruit, announced he is heading to Gonzaga on the same day star guard Jalen Suggs announced he is leaving the Bulldogs after one season to enter the NBA draft.

Holmgren said on ESPN that he will play for the Bulldogs. He will likely play only one college season.

Holmgren had also been considering Ohio State, Michigan, North Carolina, Minnesota, Memphis and Georgetown.

"It was their consistent approach, how versatile they are on the court and their offensive style," said Holmgren. "They take their talent and tweak their system based on their personnel. They know how to put it all together."

Holmgren combines the skills of a guard with a 7-foot-1



Michael Conroy/AP

Gonzaga guard Jalen Suggs celebrates after making a basket during the championship game against Baylor in the NCAA men's Final Four on April 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

frame and has been projected to be the No. 1 overall pick in the 2022 NBA draft.

As a senior at Minnehaha Academy in Minnesota, Holmgren averaged 20.8 points, 12.6 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 4.7 blocks, shooting 80% from the field.

Holmgren is following in the footsteps of Suggs, a close friend who is also from Minnesota.

Suggs had a stellar freshman season, capped off by hitting one of the most memorable shots in Final Four history, a buzzer-beating 3-pointer

against UCLA that sent Gonzaga into the national championship game. The Zags lost to Baylor in the title game.

Suggs announced in a Twitter post that he will enter the draft, which was anticipated since he's considered a top pick.

"Super excited, can't wait to take this next step in my journey," Suggs said during an interview on ESPN. "It's something I've dreamed about since I was a little kid. I'm ready to get going."

Suggs averaged 14.4 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.5 assists as a freshman.

Suggs, who played with Holmgren at Minnehaha Academy and on AAU teams, was previously the highest-rated recruit in Gonzaga history. He was 11th in 247sports' composite rankings when he committed to the Zags and 10th in the final rankings for the 2020 class.

Smith

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Smith told GQ earlier this year that the organization didn't expect him to play again. Coach Ron Rivera agreed with those comments, noting he was worried about Smith's health.

"The biggest thing he and I talked about, really, was that there was really no roadmap to get us to where we were," Rivera said last month. "He worked his butt off to put himself in a position to come back and play. ... It was always in the back of my head: 'What if he gets hurt again? What if he hurts that leg, that specific leg?' I don't want to be the guy that put him back on the field to let him get hurt again."

Washington released Smith in March and signed veteran quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick.



Mark Tenally/AP file

Washington quarterback Alex Smith earned AP Comeback Player of the Year honors for getting back on the field last season, two years removed from his gruesome injury that required 17 surgeries to repair.

Smith initially expressed his intent to keep playing but went unsigned more than a month into free agency.

"I'm going to take a little

time to enjoy a few of those walks with my wife, and my kids have no idea what's coming for them in the backyard," he said.

A self-professed "skinny, no-name recruit," Smith was the No. 1 overall pick in 2005 and played 14 seasons for San Francisco, Kansas City and Washington. He threw for 35,650 yards and 199 touchdowns in 174 regular-season games and played in seven playoff games.

Super Bowl winner and 2018 MVP Patrick Mahomes said Smith "really helped me be the quarterback I am today." Kansas City coach Andy Reid called Smith one of his all-time favorite players.

"Football wouldn't let me give up because, no, this isn't just a game," Smith said. "It's about how hard and how far you can push yourself. It's about the bond between those 53 guys in the locker room and everybody else in the organization. It's about fully committing yourself to something bigger."

Seahawks

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Of those nine, one was a rookie (Robinson), one had been signed just 10 days before the first game (Moore) and two were second-year players who had seen little action as rookies in 2019 (Mone 89 snaps, Collier 152).

And here's how it looks now. Defensive end: Kerry Hyder/Collier/Green.

Defensive tackle: Ford/Mone.

Linebacker: Al Woods.

LO/rush end: Carlos Dunlap/Benson Mayowa/Aldon Smith/Robinson/Darrell Taylor.

(Also on the roster are tackles Cedrick Lattimore, who spent all of last season on the practice squad but played in the playoff loss to the Rams, and Myles Adams, giving them 13 defensive linemen.)

All 11 players could realistically make the 53-player roster. Also, don't read that depth chart too literally for position, as most players will play multiple spots. But the above listing is an attempt to show where they may line up most often.

The Seahawks have just four linebackers on the roster — Bobby Wagner, Jordyn Brooks, Cody Barton and Ben Burr-Kirven. They had seven on the roster to open the 2020 season.

The Seahawks will undoubtedly add some linebackers. But maybe they think they can fill some linebacker-type responsibilities with some of their ends (or with some of their safeties), and are willing to go with more linemen and fewer linebackers.

What's apparent is that the Seahawks did not want to get caught short in pass rushers as they did a year ago.

Part of the reason was the wait for Clowney, to whom the Seahawks gave an offer of roughly \$16 million a year and thought he might accept. Clowney dragged his feet — not signing with Tennessee until September — and the Seahawks felt they missed out on some opportunities they might have taken to fill up the line in free agency.

That was something they tried to correct in the draft, taking Taylor in the second

round and Robinson in the fifth. But that didn't go as planned when Taylor didn't recover from offseason surgery to repair a stress fracture and missed the entire season.

The loss of Taylor helped lead to the midseason trade for Dunlap, whose addition led to a shocking turnaround in production up front. After just nine sacks in the first six games of the season, the Seahawks had 37 the rest of the year, the most in the NFL in that span.

So the Seahawks decided this year to take no chances, and if that leads to a tough call

or two down the road, so be it.

In fact, that's what the Seahawks will hope for, because that would mean, among other things, that Taylor is fully healthy and productive, Smith is fitting in well — it's worth remembering the team has little invested in him and he's hardly a lock to make the roster — and Robinson is taking a step forward in Year Two.

The addition of Hyder has led to conjecture about the future of Collier, the team's first-round pick in 2019, and whether this looms as something of a prove-it season for

him (though because he has a \$3.9 million dead cap hit after June 1, you can likely forget about him being cut). The thought is Collier may have an even bigger role playing tackle than last season, when he often moved inside in the nickel. Same with Green.

That's why the Seahawks could be content with just three "true" tackles in Ford, Mone and Woods, the latter two who figure to play mostly on run downs (and it's worth remembering the Seahawks often had just three tackles active on gameday last year).

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