

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My boyfriend, “Ashton,” is bisexual. After we have fights, he takes “breaks” and uses them to be with other men. He has several friends who are bisexual or transgender. He is presently in the closet about his status because he comes from a Christian family and lives in a highly conservative area.

He was still maintaining contact last year with his on-again, off-again boyfriend, “Will,” even though he swore nothing was going on between them. He always rushed back to Will or kept him on the side during his other relationships as well. I almost broke up with him four months ago over his hanging out with Will.

Now he wants his friend “Cody,” who is a transgender male, to stay with him for several days for an upcoming concert there. I’m in the process of moving to his area, but I don’t trust him not to have sexual relations outside of ours. My straight male friends have warned me not to trust him.

Should I break up with him because I don’t feel he respects his female partners as much as he does his male ones? It also seems like he has a double standard with sharing phone details. I share mine openly, but he isn’t as open with his, which leads me to think he’s still got someone else on the side. Yet he wants me to see only him. Help!

— *Frustrated Girl In California*

Dear Frustrated: Because

someone identifies as bisexual does not mean the person is incapable of being monogamous. Ashton, however, seems to use these “breaks” to consort solely with other males. He may be using you to hide his true orientation from his Christian family. None of this bodes well for your relationship. Listen to your friends. They may have more insight into Ashton’s character than you do.

P.S. People who hide their phones often have more going on than they are comfortable revealing. Consider this another red flag, and reconsider both the move and your romance with him.

Dear Abby: I have a lifelong friend whose oldest child has always been led to believe that his stepmother is his mother. The stepmom has had two children of her own now, and it is clear that she treats her own kids far better. I recall example after example. When does the charade end?

I have been close friends with the kid’s dad since childhood, but that poor kid will feel betrayed when he finds out who his mother really is and that I was one of the adults who knew and kept it from him. He will be 18 soon. What can I do?

— *Silenced In The West*

Dear Silenced: Talk to the young man’s father. Point out that because of genetic testing, it’s only a matter of time until his son learns the truth about who his birth mother is, and it would be better if the news comes from his father.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you’ll have

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

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today until 9 p.m. PDT. The Moon is in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022: You’re friendly and caring and always eager to help others, especially family members. You’re a loyal friend who is easy to talk to. Personally, you are adventurous. This is a wonderful year for you because you are getting recognition for what you do, perhaps a raise, a promotion or an award. Congratulations!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ You might be surprised today by a parent or an older family member, because they will say or do something that catches you off guard. Meanwhile, you might see the need to do home repairs, or possibly a home repair project will be interrupted. (Yikes!) Tonight: Patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today is full of interruptions! You might have a chance to see new places and meet new faces. You might also envision original, new ideas. Travel plans will change, or perhaps you will suddenly have to travel when you didn’t expect to do so. This is a day to stay light on your feet! Tonight: Think for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Keep an eye on your money and your assets today, because anything could happen. Something will catch you off guard, almost certainly. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Avoid activities that could harm something you own. Tonight: Check banking.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Today is full of impulsive desires and unexpected activities. Expect to make new discoveries or encounter new people who will generate a sense of excitement in you. Oh yes, your interest is piqued! Break free of your routine and do something different to satisfy your urge for adventure! Tonight: Be courteous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Today your mind is shooting off in many directions like electrical impulses. Although this will make you feel restless, it also will help you come up with solutions to old problems. Research will definitely pay off. Study behind the scenes to learn something new. Tonight: Avoid squabbles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Today your ruler Mercury is dancing with unpredictable Uranus, which is why you feel mentally restless and eager for fun diversions. This is also why you may have an unusual arrangement with a friend or a member of a group. Or you might meet someone new and unusual. Tonight: Be diplomatic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ A parent, boss or someone in a position of authority might surprise you today. They might have fresh news or suggestions. This also might relate to something unexpected taking place at home. (Small appliances might break down.) Stock the fridge in case surprise company shows up. Tonight: Harmony at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Travel plans might be delayed or upset today; conversely, you might suddenly have to travel. Surprise news also might catch you off guard. Stay flexible today, because plans will change. You will meet new people and hear surprising news. Tonight: Avoid arguments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Keep an eye on your wallet today, because something unexpected could impact your wealth. Protect what you own from loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, new ideas and approaches to how you handle shared property or deal with an inheritance might arise. Tonight: Caution when shopping.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ This is an exciting day, and you’re eager for adventure! In part, this could be because a partner or close friend surprises you by doing or saying something unexpected. You might be introduced to someone who is unusual and different. Social plans might suddenly change. Tonight: Stay mellow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Pet owners should be vigilant about their pets today. Meanwhile, interruptions at work will occur. They might create delays, even cancellations. Give yourself extra time to deal with the unexpected today. On the upside, you’re full of clever ideas and fresh solutions! Tonight: Don’t react.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Social plans will surprise you today. You might receive an exciting invitation or, conversely, a fun event might be delayed or canceled. Parents should be vigilant about their kids to avoid mishaps. Sports events will have upsets and possible accidents. Pay attention to everything you say and do! Tonight: Patience.

TODAY
IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 13, the 194th day of 2022. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On **July 13, 2013**, a jury in Sanford, Florida, cleared neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman of all charges in the shooting of Trayvon Martin, the Black teenager whose killing unleashed furious debate over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice.

In **1863**, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City.

In **1923**, a sign consisting of 50-foot-tall letters spelling out “HOLLYWOOD-LAND” was dedicated in the Hollywood Hills to promote a subdivision.

In **1960**, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party’s convention in Los Angeles.

In **1965**, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first Black jurist appointed to the post.

In **1973**, former presidential aide Alexander P. Butterfield revealed to Senate Watergate Committee staff members the existence of President Richard Nixon’s secret White House taping system.

In **1974**, the Senate Watergate Committee proposed sweeping reforms in an effort to prevent another Watergate scandal.

In **1985**, “Live Aid,” an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa’s starving people.

In **1999**, Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the “Railroad Killer,” surrendered in El Paso, Texas.

In **2006**, Israel imposed a naval blockade against Lebanon and blasted the Beirut airport and army air bases; Hezbollah fired dozens of rockets into Israel.

In **2011**, California became the first state in the nation to add lessons about gays and lesbians to social studies classes in public schools under a measure signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

In **2016**, Theresa May entered No. 10 Downing Street as Britain’s new prime minister following a bittersweet exit by David Cameron, who resigned after voters rejected his appeal to stay in the European Union.

In **2020**, Washington’s NFL franchise dropped the “Redskins” name and Indian head logo amid pressure from sponsors; the move followed decades of criticism that the name and logo were offensive to Native Americans.

Ten years ago: Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney insisted he had “no role whatsoever in the management” of Bain Capital, a private equity firm, after early 1999, and demanded that President Barack Obama apologize for campaign aides who persisted in alleging otherwise. Movie producer Richard Zanuck, 77, died in Beverly Hills, California.

Five years ago: A federal judge in Hawaii weakened President Donald Trump’s travel ban by vastly expanding the list of U.S. family relationships that visitors from six Muslim-majority countries could use to get into the country. Trump defended his son’s meeting with a Russian lawyer during the presidential campaign. China’s most prominent political prisoner, Nobel Peace Prize winner and human rights campaigner Liu Xiaobo died in prison of liver cancer at the age of 61.

One year ago: The government reported that prices paid by U.S. consumers in June had posted the sharpest 12-month spike in 13 years, as a swift rebound in spending ran up against widespread supply shortages. L.A. Angels pitching and hitting star Shohei Ohtani unleashed his 100 mph heat while pitching a perfect inning for the win as the American League beat the National League 5-2 for its eighth straight victory in the All-Star Game; Ohtani went 0-for-2 at the plate. “The Crown” tied with “The Mandalorian” for the most Emmy nominations, 24 each, but the Marvel universe also got bragging rights with runner-up “WandaVision”; the nominations reinforced the rapid rise of streaming, as the top-nominated scripted shows were on services that had largely emerged in the preceding two years.

Today’s Birthdays: Game show announcer Johnny Gilbert (TV: “Jeopardy!”) is 94. Actor Patrick Stewart is 82. Actor Harrison Ford is 80. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 80. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 76. Actor Daphne Maxwell Reid is 74. Actor Didi Conn is 71. Actor Gil Birmingham is 69. Singer Louise Mandrell is 68. Rock musician Mark “The Animal” Mendoza (Twisted Sister) is 66. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 65. Former tennis player Anders Jarryd is 61. Comedian Tom Kenny is 60. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 60. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 60. Actor Kenny Johnson is 59. Roots singer/songwriter Paul Thorn is 58. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 57. Actor Ken Jeong is 53. Singer Deborah Cox is 47. Actor Ashley Scott is 45. Actor Fran Kranz is 41. Actor Aya Cash is 40. St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina is 40. Actor Colton Haynes is 34. Actor Steven R. McQueen is 34. Soul singer Leon Bridges is 33. Actor Hayley Erin (“General Hospital”) is 28. Actor Kyle Harrison Breitkopf is 17.

NHL

Shane Wright moves past draft slide, looks ahead with Kraken

BY TIM BOOTH

Associated Press

SEATTLE — In the days after his unexpected draft night slide, Shane Wright’s phone lit up with a constant stream of text messages and calls from unfamiliar numbers.

Some were expected, like new teammates with the Seattle Kraken reaching out. Others caught the 18-year-old by surprise, like when Wayne Gretzky was on the other end of the line.

“Some number popped up on the phone. I’m like, ‘Hello?’ He’s like, ‘Hi Shane, this is Wayne Gretzky.’ Oh, OK. That’s pretty cool,” Wright recalled Tuesday.

It’s been a whirlwind for Wright since he was taken by the Kraken with the No. 4 overall pick in the NHL draft. After a few years during which Wright was expected to be the No. 1 pick, he tumbled from the top spot as he was bypassed by Montreal, New Jersey and Arizona. Wright didn’t stop falling until Seattle — coming off a disappointing expansion season — nabbed what it believes is another cornerstone for its future.

Then came the messages from new teammates like Jordan Eberle, Jaden Schwartz and Matty Beniers. And the one unforgettable phone call from “The Great One.”

“It was like probably an hour after the draft. He called me just to say just keep your head up, keep working, keep grinding. It’s not about what number you go, it’s more about the situation you go to and the city you go to, the organization,” Wright said. “He just said keep your head up and just keep working, just earn your spot on the team and show that you’re a good player in the league and that you can be a difference-maker.”

Becoming a difference-maker starts this week with Wright’s participation in Seattle’s first developmental



Ken Lambert/The Seattle Times via AP

Seattle Kraken’s Shane Wright participates in drills at the team’s first prospect development camp Monday in Seattle.

camp. He’s one of the star attractions, along with Beniers, as the Kraken bring together prospects for the first time.

Beniers made an impact for the Kraken in his first season, appearing in 10 games late in the year after his college season at Michigan. He finished with nine points and looked ready to handle the rigors of playing in the NHL.

Wright is hoping he can show during this camp and into the fall that he’s ready to follow Beniers’ path.

“Development camp, it’s more about learning their play style, learning from their talented staff and coaches and to skate with other high-end players here,” Wright said.

“Once it comes to training camp, your mindset, your job is to earn a spot on the team. So that’s going to be my mindset coming into training camp and throughout the

offseason.”

Wright has played under the microscope for years in the Ontario Hockey League as the long-projected top pick. He put up 94 points in 63 games of junior hockey last season.

His draft fall was reminiscent of Seth Jones in 2013 — the last draft with a massive level of uncertainty about the top pick. Wright appeared to be glaring toward Montreal’s staff after he was finally selected fourth, but he said the analysis of his facial expressions has been blown out of proportion.

“I was just trying to look into the camera and I guess their table just happened to be right behind there,” Wright said. “I can understand, I can see why people could misinterpret what happened there. But I wasn’t trying to death stare toward Montreal’s table or anything.”

Tiger

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And then it was another four months before Woods played again at the Masters.

And after that, six weeks until the PGA Championship at Southern Hills, where he distanced himself from Phil Mickelson — nothing new there — when it came to the LIV Golf.

Woods now is back in the public two months later. His words are getting stronger. His most pointed comments were for players who seemingly had their careers in front of them, who had yet to even make it to the PGA Tour and chose to take money they otherwise would have had to earn through performance.

Woods spoke at his Hall of Fame induction in March of his parents taking out a second mortgage on their home to pay for his junior development. And when he turned pro and signed big endorsements deals with Nike and Titleist, the priority was to pay it off.

That was his road.

As he spoke Tuesday, the Official World Golf Ranking board had its annual meeting at St. Andrews. Still to be determined is whether LIV Golf gets world ranking points. Even if it goes through a one-year waiting period, most — if not all — of the players will be out of the top 50 by then. That makes it a long road back, especially if the majors — which seem to like LIV Golf as much as Woods — change their criteria.

“That is a possibility, that some players will never, ever get a chance to play in a major championship, never get a chance to experience this right here, walk down the fairways at Augusta National,” Woods said.

“That to me, I just don’t



Peter Morrison/AP

Tiger Woods speaks during a press conference at the British Open in St. Andrews, Scotland, on Tuesday. Woods made his most pointed criticisms to date of the golfers who have opted to play on the Saudi-funded LIV Golf tour.

understand it.”

LIV Golf still doesn’t have anyone from the top 15 in the world ranking, though it has some major champions with plenty of name recognition — Mickelson, a chief recruiter for Norman; Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau.

Norman isn’t at St. Andrews for the gathering of British Open champions. It’s not clear whether he ever planned to attend, having skipped the last two times it was held at the home of golf. The R&A figured he would be a distraction amid the celebration of the 150th edition

and asked him not to come this year.

Woods thought it was the right call.

“Greg has done some things that I don’t think is in the best interest of our game,” he said.

He later referenced Norman trying to start a World Golf Tour in the early 1990s that was quashed. The most powerful dissenting voice back then came from Arnold Palmer. The King was 20 years beyond his last PGA Tour win but still a consistent presence in golf.

That’s what the tour could use from Woods.