

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: We recently found out my 19-year-old daughter is pregnant. This is her first boyfriend, and she is absolutely smitten with him. He has asked her to marry him, and we are excited and happy for her, but there is one thing we are having a hard time with: I am almost certain he is cheating on her.

They live with us, so I can see the signs — he says he’s working late, and several times even told her he had to work all night. He’s always on his phone, and he never allows her to see it. He keeps it on silent and face down. When he gets a text message (which is often), he immediately says he has to go to the bathroom. Then he stays in there for about a half-hour.

I’ve tried talking to her about what I’m seeing, but she gets mad at me. She says she trusts him and insists he would never cheat on her. It’s painful to watch this happening to her, and I don’t know how to handle it. Should I continue bringing it up or let her find out on her own?

— *Knows All Too Well*

Dear Knows: You have already brought it up. Your daughter should not rush into marriage just because she is pregnant, if that’s her intention. Because her boyfriend is living with you, he’s likely not mature or financially stable enough to be married to anyone. (What do his parents think about this?)

I was tempted to advise you to hire a private investigator to find out if the young man is really working late or all night, but I’m not sure you need to go to that expense. The truth will eventually reveal itself. In the meantime, give your daughter plenty of emotional support because she is going to need it, and probably more.

Dear Abby: I married my

high school sweetheart in 1967. In 1979, after 12 years of marriage, we refinanced our mortgage so we could add a room. During the credit check, it was brought to my attention that my wife had borrowed \$14,000 and opened a secret mailbox in a different town to hide it from me.

The problem was, and still is, that she has refused for 52 years to tell me what it was for. Needless to say, my trust in her was shaken. She had no drinking, gambling or drug problems. I must have asked her a thousand times what she needed the money for, and still no answer. Our marriage went downhill, I had an affair, and we separated.

In 1990, we got back together, but it wasn’t the same. The kids were grown, so four years later we divorced. I’m 75 now, remarried 20 years ago, and I still can’t figure out why she couldn’t tell me the truth to save our marriage. (Abortion keeps popping into my mind.) A day does not go by that it doesn’t enter my mind even all these years later. My kids are estranged because all they know is that I had an affair. I suppose I will be wondering until my dying day. Advice?

— *Still In The Dark*

Dear Still: What your ex-wife needed that money for is anybody’s guess. She may have used it to bail out a friend who was in trouble. She also could have been paying off a blackmailer. The possibilities are so varied that guessing her motive could be a parlor game.

My advice to you is to finally let the past stay in the past and quit upsetting yourself over something you will never get a straight answer about. There are few more effective ways to diminish the joys of the present than to do what you are doing.

TODAY
IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 13, the 286th day of 2022. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On **Oct. 13**, 2010, rescuers in Chile using a missile-like escape capsule pulled 33 men one by one to fresh air and freedom 69 days after they were trapped in a collapsed mine a half-mile underground.

In **1775**, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

In **1792**, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid by President George Washington during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

In **1932**, President Herbert Hoover and Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes laid the cornerstone for the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington.

In **1943**, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner.

In **1960**, the Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series, defeating the New York Yankees in Game 7, 10-9, with a home run hit by Bill Mazeroski.

In **1972**, a Uruguayan chartered flight carrying 45 people crashed in the Andes; survivors resorted to feeding off the remains of some of the dead in order to stay alive until they were rescued more than two months later.

In **1974**, longtime television host Ed Sullivan died in New York City at age 73.

In **1999**, in Boulder, Colorado, the JonBenet Ramsey grand jury was dismissed after 13 months of work with prosecutors saying there wasn’t enough evidence to charge anyone in the 6-year-old beauty queen’s slaying.

In **2003**, the U.N. Security Council approved a resolution expanding the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Afghanistan.

In **2007**, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, after meeting with human-rights activists in Moscow, told reporters the Russian government under Vladimir Putin had amassed so much central authority that the power-grab could undermine its commitment to democracy.

In **2011**, Raj Rajaratnam (rahj rah-juh-RUHT-nuhm), the hedge fund billionaire at the center of one of the biggest insider-trading cases in U.S. history, was sentenced by a federal judge in New York to 11 years behind bars.

In **2016**, Bob Dylan was named winner of the Nobel prize in literature.

Ten years ago: Republicans Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan rallied college students in all corners of all-important Ohio and hammered at President Barack Obama for going easy on China over unfair trade practices; Obama took precious time off the campaign trail to practice for the next debate against his GOP rival. Actor and TV host Gary Collins, 74, died in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump accused Iran of violating the 2015 nuclear accord, but did not pull the U.S. out of the deal or re-impose nuclear sanctions. (Trump would pull the U.S. out of the deal the following May and restore harsh sanctions.)

One year ago: U.S. officials said they would reopen land borders to nonessential travel starting in November, ending a 19-month freeze. The government reported that another jump in consumer prices in September sent inflation up 5.4% from where it was a year earlier, as tangled global supply lines continue to create havoc.

Today’s Birthdays: Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 85. Actor Melinda Dillon is 83. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 81. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 78. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 76. Singer-musician Sammy Hagar is 75. Model Beverly Johnson is 70. Actor and former NBA star Reggie Theus is 65. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is 64. R&B singer Cherrelle is 63. Singer/TV personality Marie Osmond is 63. Rock singer Joey Belladonna is 62. NBA coach Doc Rivers is 61. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice is 60. Actor Christopher Judge is 58. Actor Matt Walsh is 58. Actor Kate Walsh is 55. Actor Tisha Campbell-Martin is 54. Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is 53. Country singer Rhett Akins is 53. TV personality Billy Bush is 51. Actor Sacha Baron Cohen is 51. R&B singers Brandon and Brian Casey (Jagged Edge) are 47. Actor Kiele Sanchez is 46. Former NBA All-Star Paul Pierce is 45. DJ Vice is 44. Singer Ashanti is 42. R&B singer Lumidee is 42. Christian rock singer Jon Micah Sumrall (Kutless) is 42. Olympic gold medal swimmer Ian Thorpe is 40. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., is 33. Actor Caleb McLaughlin (TV: “Stranger Things”) is 21.



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Mountain View’s Hailey Corrigan (21) and Bend’s Charlotte Martin (34) compete for control during Tuesday’s soccer match in Bend.

Soccer

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That made the Cougars’ win over the Lava Bears all the more important. The victory moved them into sole possession of third place with three games remaining. Had they lost, all four teams would have had the same 2-5 conference record.

With a 1-0 lead at halftime after a Wigle penalty kick in the closing minutes of the first half, the Cougars discussed how crucial it was to close out the match.

“We didn’t want to let them back into the game,” Erickson said. “It is the same thing with the playoff race — don’t let anyone take what we believe is ours.”

In the second half, Mountain View continued to build its lead.

After the game was scoreless through the first 30 minutes of the second half, sophomore Kelsea Bomke scored on a counter-attack to give the Cougars a 2-0 lead and a little breathing room in the 72nd minute.

Mountain View put the game away minutes later when Wigle scored her second goal of the game off an assist from sophomore Grace Romero to put the

Cougars up 3-0 with less than five minutes remaining in the match.

“I was trying to hit it to the left side of the goal because the goalkeeper was on the right side and I didn’t want to kick it right at her,” Wigle said.

It did not seem to matter where the Lava Bears were aiming the ball at the goal, as Mountain View’s senior goalkeeper Rylee Todd was there to make several outstanding saves to keep a clean sheet.

Erickson called Todd the best goalkeeper in the conference, while Todd credited her defense for making her job fairly easy on Tuesday.

“My defense does most of the work,” Todd said. “I just get the hard ones that they can’t get.”

While the road to a playoff spot might be challenging for Bend, it still has three games remaining against Ridgeview, Summit and Redmond to close out the season.

As for Mountain View, it has a rather challenging end to the season with IMC-leading Summit and Caldera before finishing off against Ridgeview.

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Ranking

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These guys knew what they were getting when they signed up: money. If they thought world ranking points would come easily — or even quickly — that would be the same misguided thinking as Norman texting Sergio Garcia in February that the PGA Tour couldn’t ban players “for one day let alone life.”

PGA Tour suspensions, backed preliminarily by a federal court, are in their fourth month.

As much as Norman talks about wanting to be part of golf’s ecosystem, LIV Golf doesn’t look like the other tours the OWGR tries to measure.

LIV Golf has only 48-man fields that play 54 holes with no cut and with a guarantee of \$120,000 for finishing in last place (roughly the equivalent of 18th place in Las Vegas). There is a team element, and whether that affects a player’s performance when he’s out of contention is irrelevant. No other tour has that.

“We’ve hit every mark in their criteria, so for us not to get points is kind of crazy,” Bryson DeChambeau said last week. Remarkably, or maybe not, no one challenged his statement because LIV Golf misses more marks than it hits.

The six main tours that are part of the OWGR’s technical committee — which ultimately will review the LIV Golf application — all have primarily 72-hole events.

There is room for 54-hole events, but that typically is for developmental tours, like the Mena Tour, which few people knew existed until last week. Even when the previous OWGR formula was used and such tours awarded minimal points (four) to the winner, the minimum was raised slightly when it was a 72-hole event.

Why it has to be 72 holes is a separate debate, though the British Open has been that way since 1892 and the U.S. Open since 1898. Some might call that precedent.

However, it’s worth noting that since 1983 — when the PGA Tour was able to keep complete records — players who had at least a share of the 54-hole lead went on to win 39% of the time. The same percentage applies to majors.

Norman, of all people, would not be surprised by that.

And so the question becomes: Is it equitable to treat LIV Golf the same way the OWGR measures all the other tours that predominantly have 72-hole events with a cut?

This is what should take time — maybe not a year, but certainly not overnight.

Norman isn’t doing himself any favors with a not-so-clever attempt to expedite the process by aligning with the Mena Tour (an acronym for Middle East and North Africa). The Mena Tour entered the OWGR family in 2016 as a developmental tour with 54-hole events. It’s so far down the ladder that its leading players now have access to the Asian Development Tour.

Norman gave the players an update in August in which he claimed the OWGR is inaccurate without including LIV Golf. He had the players sign a letter in September to the OWGR saying that for it to maintain trust, it should award points retroactively.

And in October, the LIV golfers became official members of the Mena Tour. Norman thought they should get world ranking points immediately. The OWGR said it would need more than a 48-hour notice.

“When they keep holding it back, they’re going to just keep playing a waiting game where we’re going to keep dropping down in the rankings to where our points won’t even matter,” DeChambeau said.

That much is true. There could be as few as six LIV Golf players left in the top 50 by the end of the year, and the number will shrink when it starts up its 14-event schedule in 2023. Still to be determined is if LIV Golf will adjust its format (perhaps by introducing a cut).

Even then, the new formula is not favorable to smaller fields. The PGA Tour not only has most of the top players, it has depth. LIV Golf players will still be at a disadvantage when it gets world ranking points.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you’ll have

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MOON ALERT: After 1:15 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 13, 2022: You are hardworking and intelligent, and you have strong opinions. Justice and fair play are important to you. You are also witty and entertaining! This year is slower paced. It will give you a chance to rejuvenate your energies. Focus on business and personal relationships to discover what makes you happy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ This is a great day to take a short trip, because you will enjoy seeing your surroundings. Whatever you do will probably expand your experience of the world. Tonight: Serious discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ This is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you might boost your earnings or you might buy something that you like that increases your assets. It’s a good day to ask for a raise. Tonight: Work hard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you optimistic and upbeat! You will enjoy hanging out with friends as well as members of clubs. Romance with someone older or more established might begin. Make fun plans. Tonight: Socialize!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Family discussions with someone older or in a position of authority will benefit you today. Perhaps you will get approval for a loan or a mortgage. Something related to the wealth of others (including a family) can benefit your home or your real estate. Tonight: Entertain at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ This is a good day to talk to older people or people in authority, because this discussion will go well and you might get what you need — perhaps advice or practical or financial assistance. In fact, a friend or a group is ready to support you now. (Sounds good.) Tonight: Serious plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You impress people because not only do you appear to be successful and affluent, you’re approachable. Meanwhile, this is a solid financial day for you. Negotiations will go well, especially for the long-term future. A mentor at work might help you. Tonight: Sensible financial decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Travel if you can, because you want a change of scenery. You want to feel that you’re doing something to expand your world and make your life more exciting. This is a good day for important discussions about romance or your kids. Tonight: Practical ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Do your homework and work behind the scenes, because it will benefit you, especially in terms of family or home issues. Indeed, the support you need from others — whether it’s a partner, close friend or a financial institution — will be forthcoming. Get your ducks in a row! Tonight: Solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You will enjoy the company of others today, especially someone older or more serious. This person might have advice for you, especially about your long-term goals for the future. Their advice also might benefit your kids. They might help you regarding a vacation. Tonight: Get advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your reputation is important to you. Respect is important to you. Today you have this. In fact, you look so good to bosses and VIPs that some of you will strike up a romance with someone in a position of authority. Meanwhile, this is a favorable day at work, especially for working in groups or work-related travel. Tonight: You impress others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ This is an excellent day to make future travel plans. You will be realistic about what is possible and affordable. This same practical approach can help you in medical, legal and educational matters. Tonight: Make social plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ This is a good day to deal with red-tape issues like wills, inheritances, shared property and insurance issues, because you are in a solid, realistic frame of mind. Furthermore, you won’t overlook details. Family will be supportive. Tonight: Finances benefit you.