

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: For the past three years I've been with a man I believe is the love of my life. Early on, he admitted to a porn addiction that has plagued him his entire life and sabotaged past relationships. With my support, he began his first real attempt at recovery, which included a team of mental health practitioners.

His progress over the past three years, while not linear, has been tremendous. He's an entirely different person. I would describe our relationship as 90% joyful, 10% agony (he has had four brief relapses, during which he has said incredibly hurtful things to me). I agree the cycle must be broken, and only he can do it.

A week ago, he had a difficult relapse and ended our relationship. His therapist feels he needs to be on his own to focus on recovery. While I am devastated, I agree. But I can't understand why he's giving up on us forever and making big decisions like getting off the mortgage on the house we bought less than two years ago. He swears it has nothing to do with me, and that if it weren't for this addiction, he would spend the rest of his life with me.

If his plan is to live alone, be single or celibate, and focus on recovery, why wouldn't he also pause on major financial decisions? Why is he so completely done when there is clearly hope for recovery and reconciliation?

— *Broken-hearted in Oregon*
Dear Broken-hearted: You have involved yourself with someone who has a terrible track record when it comes to relationships.

Whatever his plans for the future may be, he does not want a committed relationship with you, nor does he want the financial responsibility and the tie to you that the house represents, which is why he wants off the mortgage.

It is now time for you to start looking after your own needs and goals. If you stay busy and don't isolate yourself, it will lessen the pain you are feeling.

Dear Abby: My brother divorced his first wife 10 years ago. Since then, he has married a wonderful woman my family adores.

The problem is, my ex-sister-in-law insists on showing up for family events, which makes these celebrations extremely awkward. Even her children recognize how uncomfortable her presence makes everyone.

I don't mind being the "bad guy" and telling her that she's no longer welcome at family events, but I don't want to cause an ugly scene. How can I diplomatically (but firmly) tell her to stay away? Any suggestions would be appreciated.

— *Flummoxed in Philadelphia*

Dear Flummoxed: What a sad situation. Your BROTHER, not you, should deliver the message to his ex, well before she shows up at your next family event. He should inform her that when she shows up uninvited, her presence makes everyone uncomfortable, and it would be best that she not impose again. You could lessen the hurt by occasionally seeing her separately, depending upon the circumstances of the divorce.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2022. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **2021**, President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House over the violent Jan. 6 siege of the Capitol on a charge of "incitement of insurrection," becoming the only president to be twice impeached.

In **1733**, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In **1794**, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union.

In **1898**, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In **1941**, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In **1982**, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people, including four motorists on the bridge.

In **1987**, West German police arrested Mohammed Ali Hamadi, a suspect in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner and the killing of a U.S. Navy diver who was on board.

In **1990**, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected Black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In **1992**, Japan apologized for forcing tens of thousands of Korean women to serve as sex slaves for its soldiers during World War II, citing newly uncovered documents that showed the Japanese army had had a role in abducting the so-called "comfort women."

In **2000**, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive and promoted company president Steve Ballmer to the position.

In **2001**, an earthquake estimated by the U.S. Geological Survey at magnitude 7.7 struck El Salvador, more than 840 people were killed.

In **2011**, a funeral was held in Tucson, Arizona, for 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, the youngest victim of a mass shooting that also claimed five other lives and critically wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

In **2020**, at a royal family summit in England, Queen Elizabeth II brokered a deal to secure the future of the monarchy; it would allow Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, to live part-time in Canada.

Ten years ago: The Italian luxury liner Costa Concordia ran aground off the Tuscan island of Giglio and flipped onto its side; 32 people were killed.

Five years ago: Federal prosecutors in Detroit announced that Takata Corp. had agreed to plead guilty to a single criminal charge and pay \$1 billion in fines and restitution for concealing a deadly defect in its air bag inflators. Lord Snowdon, the society photographer and filmmaker who married Britain's Princess Margaret and continued to mix in royal circles even after their divorce, died in London at age 86.

One year ago: Five-time Olympic swimming medalist Klete Keller was charged with participating in the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol after video emerged that appeared to show him among those storming the building. The U.S. government carried out its first execution of a female inmate in nearly seven decades; a Kansas woman, Lisa Montgomery, who strangled an expectant mother in Missouri and cut the baby from her womb, received a lethal injection at a federal prison complex in Indiana. Siegfried Fischbacher, part of the entertainment duo Siegfried and Roy who performed in Las Vegas with their famed white tigers, died at 81.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Frances Sternhagen is 92. TV personality Nick Clooney is 88. Comedian Charlie Brill is 84. Actor Billy Gray is 84. Actor Richard Moll is 79. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 68. R&B musician Fred White is 67. Rock musician James LoMenzo (Megadeth) is 63. Actor Kevin Anderson is 62. Actor Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 61. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 61. Country singer Trace Adkins is 60. Actor Penelope Ann Miller is 58. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 56. Actor Suzanne Cryer is 55. Actor Traci Bingham is 54. Actor Keith Coogan is 52. TV producer-writer Shonda Rhimes is 52. Actor Nicole Eggert is 50. Actor Ross McCall is 46. Actor Michael Pena is 46. Actor Orlando Bloom is 45. Meteorologist Ginger Zee (TV: "Good Morning America") is 41. Actor Ruth Wilson is 40. Actor Julian Morris is 39. Actor Beau Mirchoff is 33. Actor Liam Hemsworth is 32. NHL center Connor McDavid is 25.

Mountain View

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Sophomore Kasey Booster found fellow sophomore Avery Andrews under the basket to take the lead with 15 seconds left, then Booster put the game out of reach with a pair of free throws in the closing seconds.

It was Mountain View's first win over South Salem since the two schools joined the MVC in 2018. (The teams did not play each other during the shortened season last spring.) The Saxons won by an average of 25 points in the four previous matchups.

"They are usually the team that wins the league, so to start out league play with a win over the projected top team in the league was fun to do," said Booster, who scored 24 points including all 12 of the Cougars' points in the first quarter. "It was stressful, but we did a really good job of picking each other up and giving each other energy. We just played as a team, which is what we need to do every game."

The Cougars thus far this season have been a composed group despite being relatively young. The starting lineup Tuesday night included just one senior in Angelina Glasser,



Brian Rathbone/The Bulletin

Mountain View's Angelina Glasser shoots a layup during the Cougars' win over South Salem Tuesday night at Mountain View High.

one junior in Allie Neet, and three sophomores in Ruby Haarberg, Booster and Andrews.

Mountain View also has a new coach this season. Corbett — who spent nearly a decade as an assistant coach at Mountain View prior to coaching the Redmond boys team — took over for Megan Dickerson, who led the program the previous four seasons.

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— **Kasey Booster, Mountain View girls basketball player**

itive mindset," Booster said. "We thought that even though we were having a new coaching staff, it doesn't mean we can't be a winning team with a good record."

When Corbett stopped coaching after the 2015-16 season at Redmond, he thought his time leading a program had come to an end.

"I wasn't sure I was going to be a head coach again," Corbett said. "It has been a great start to the year and I can't complain about that."

MVC play will continue for Mountain View Thursday night at Summit.

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Outdoors

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Mountain whitefish have a subterminal mouth, which helps them feed on a variety of food items on the bottom of streams such as immature

mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies, which the Deschutes River has in abundance.

"We have known for a long time that the Lower Deschutes River has an abundance of mountain whitefish, which anglers frequently catch while

angling for trout," said Jason Seals, ODFW Deschutes District fish biologist. "However, we never suspected that the Deschutes could have the state and possible world-record mountain whitefish, so this was a great surprise."

Simons

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McCollum has missed 15 games after suffering a collapsed lung and is now awaiting the birth of his first child. Portland is also without fellow starters Norman Powell because of COVID-19 protocols and Larry Nance Jr. because of right knee inflammation.

Simons is hardly alone among the league's young players who have been garnering more minutes as coronavirus cases spike.

Miami's Omer Yurtseven, 23, has had double-digit rebounds in his last 11 games and was the first NBA player this season to have four consecutive games with at least 16 rebounds heading into Wednesday night's game against Atlanta. He's been getting more playing time while Bam Adebayo and Dewayne Dedmon are both hurt.

"I think everybody's seeing it this year, probably more so than any other year ever in the NBA, is that young guys are getting opportunities and they're taking big-time advantage of it," Sacramento Kings interim coach Alvin Gentry said. "You look at a kid like Simons, who everybody feels like is a good player. As to how good that is? Well, if you play on a team with the two backcourt players (the Blazers) have here, there's just not a whole lot of time for you to play. So now that he's got extended minutes, you can see what he can do."



Craig Mitchell/Dyer/AP

Portland Trail Blazers' Anfernee Simons, left, dribbles around Atlanta Hawks' Clint Capela during the second half Jan. 3 in Portland.

One of the pitfalls of taking over the starting job, and capably performing in it, is that defenses are now keying in on Simons.

"I'm learning every single game, playing through mistakes, trying to be aggressive in certain areas. I know a lot of teams are going to start throwing me a lot of attention," Simons said.

"Just being prepared for that and know how to counter it. I think I'm handling it pretty well."

Simons is in his fourth season in the league. He was a

first-round draft pick by the Blazers in 2018 out of the IMG Academy in Florida. When he moved into the backup point guard role ahead of last season, Lillard wholeheartedly endorsed him, saying: "I believe in Ant."

"They just want me to play my game. Everybody's saying shoot the ball, make plays, and everybody's giving me the confidence to do that," Simons said. "So it makes it much easier. I'm not going into the game worrying about the burden that's on my shoulder, or the weight that's on my shoulder."

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 13, 2022: You are focused and driven to achieve what you want to do. You are smart, hard-working and organized. This allows you to accomplish a lot. This is a quieter, slower-paced year with a stronger focus on partnerships and close friendships. Take time out for yourself to focus on your needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Conversations with your daily contacts are important to you today. You won't take them casually. You want something real and genuine to take place, not superficial chitchat about the weather. (Although, lately, the weather is not that superficial.) Tonight: Make plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You have money on your mind today. This is why you might be focused on your possessions. You might want to clean something, repair it or take care of it in some way. You might feel possessive and resistant to lending something to someone. Tonight: Be thrifty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which will make you more emotional than usual. However, the upside is this: For two days every month when the Moon is in your sign, your luck slightly improves! Try it. Ask the universe for a favor. Tonight: Be practical.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Today you prefer to play things low-key or work behind the scenes because it feels better. You feel more comfortable. Safer. (You like to have a warm feeling in your tummy.) Stay out of the limelight. Find a cubbyhole to do your work. Tonight: Research.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Today your interactions with friends and groups are more important. A conversation with a friend might be significant. Perhaps this person will spur you to reassess your future goals. You also might give further thought to your relationship to a group. ("Are these my people?") Tonight: Get advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ For two days every month, the Moon sits at the top of your chart, which calls attention to you. In particular, bosses, parents and the police notice you more than usual. (Hmmm, good to know.) Eyes are on you today, so be aware in case you have to do some damage control. Tonight: Listen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Today you long to travel or do something to expand your horizons. You're hungry for life, adventure and exciting experiences! If you can travel, by all means, do so. Go someplace you've never been before. Shake things up a little. Tonight: Learn something.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today your emotional experiences are more intense than usual. For example, you might attract people to you who are powerful and intense. Possibly, you desire something that belongs to someone else. You might feel envious or jealous. (We've all been there.) Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Because the Moon today is directly opposite your sign, it means you will turn your attention to your most personal relationships: spouses, close friends and partners. You might be a bit needy. Conflicts will be more emotional. Guard against knee-jerk reactions. Tonight: Take a moment to think things through.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Very likely, you will have to set aside some part of your day to perform a service for someone, do a favor for them or work on their behalf. This doesn't mean you're being a martyr. It's just what's happening. You also might give more thought to your health or a pet today. Tonight: Work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ This is a playful, fun-loving day! You want to play and socialize with others. Sports events, fun activities with kids, social outings, movies, the theater, long lunches and dinners with friends will be great choices. Romance might make your heart go pitter-patter. Tonight: Teach.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Today you will be happy to cocoon at home and relax among familiar surroundings because it feels good. You also will welcome an opportunity to do some navel gazing and take stock of your life and what's happening at the moment. (It's good to check in now and then.) Tonight: Listen to family.

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THIS WEEKEND'S
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