

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: During my teenage years, I was repeatedly raped by my brother. The emotional and physical damage has left my life broken. He is in a long-term relationship. Should I tell his girlfriend about the abuse? When I confronted him about it years ago, he denied it. If you were his girlfriend, wouldn't YOU want to know?

— *Holding A Secret*

Dear Holding: Yes, I would want to know. I'll bet your parents would have also wanted to know. As would your teachers or school counselors, so your brother could have been reported as a sexual predator and stopped. By all means, tell the girlfriend, particularly if she has a daughter.

Because what your brother did has left lasting scars, seek counseling with a therapist with expertise in treating victims of sexual abuse. Contact RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network) for more guidance. You will find it on the internet at rainn.org.

Dear Abby: I have just been diagnosed with cancer. I doubt that I will live another 10 years. My wife is arguing with me because I want to draw down my 401(k) over the next 10 years so I can enjoy the savings I have accrued during my career. We are talking about a LOT of money, Abby — expensive cars, expensive second homes, extravagant vacations.

How can I convince her that I deserve this after having worked for 40 years, and that we should enjoy these savings for the period of time left for me on Earth?

— *Wants To Enjoy Life Now*

Dear Wants: I'm sure your diagnosis has been frightening for you and your wife. She may be worried that if you plow through all the money, there will be nothing left for her after you are gone. Although you are dubious about it, there is also the possibility that you may live 10 more years and beyond. That's why this is an important subject you and your wife should discuss with a financial adviser.

Dear Abby: I work in an office where people occasionally bring in treats to share with co-workers. Usually, we place the goodies in a common area and let others know there's food available and they're welcome to it. The problem I'm having is that one particular co-worker brings in treats and shares them only with her favorite office buddies. She's not discreet about it either.

She struts around the office and makes a big scene delivering her homemade treats to her friends, right in front of the people she has chosen not to include. Should she be confronted and told she's being rude and inconsiderate, or should her behavior just be ignored?

— *Missing Out*

Dear Missing Out: What your co-worker is doing is rude. That said, if there's no rule in your office against it, I do not advise confronting her. Turnabout is fair play, and perhaps you should discuss a "delicious" solution with the rest of the unfavored few.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

It's Friday, Jan. 21, the 21st day of 2022. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 2010, a bitterly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, vastly increased the power of big business and labor unions to influence government decisions by freeing them to spend their millions directly to sway elections for president and Congress.

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1910, the Great Paris Flood began as the rain-swollen Seine River burst its banks, sending water into the French capital.

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at 53.

In 1942, pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who proclaimed his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In 1976, British Airways and Air France inaugurated scheduled passenger service on the supersonic Concorde jet.

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

In 2003, the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.

In 2009, the Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state.

In 2020, the U.S. reported its first known case of the new virus circulating in China, saying a Washington state resident who had returned the previous week from the outbreak's epicenter was hospitalized near Seattle; U.S. officials stressed that they believed the overall risk of the virus to the American public remained low.

Ten years ago: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich scored an upset win in the South Carolina Republican presidential primary, dealing a sharp setback to Mitt Romney.

Five years ago: A day after Donald Trump's inauguration, more than 1 million people rallied at women's marches in the nation's capital and cities around the world to send the new president an emphatic message that they wouldn't let his agenda go unchallenged. The Southeast saw the beginning of a weekend outbreak of tornadoes and severe thunderstorms; sixteen people were killed in Georgia, four people died in Mississippi and one death was reported in Florida.

One year ago: On his first full day in office, President Joe Biden signed 10 executive orders aimed at combating the coronavirus pandemic, including one broadening the use of the Defense Production Act to expand vaccine production; he also signed an order mandating masks for travel, including in airports and on planes, ships, trains, buses and public transportation. After being largely sidelined in the final months of the Trump administration, Dr. Anthony Fauci returned to the White House briefing room to provide an update on the pandemic. The U.S. said it would resume funding for the World Health Organization; the funding had been halted by the Trump administration.

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Fame Jack Nicklaus is 82. Opera singer-conductor Placido Domingo is 81. Actor Jill Eikenberry is 75. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 72. Former U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke is 72. Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is 71. Actor-director Robby Benson is 66. Actor Geena Davis is 66. Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., is 61. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 59. Actor Charlotte Ross is 54. Actor John Ducey is 53. Actor Karina Lombard is 53. Actor Ken Leung is 52. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 50. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 49. Actor Vincent Laresca is 48. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 46. Actor Jerry Trainor is 45. Country singer Phil Stacey is 44. R&B singer Nokie is 43. Actor Isabella Miko is 41. Actor Luke Grimes is 38. Actor Feliz Ramirez is 30.

— Associated Press

COVID-19: Forecast

Omicron wave is close to cresting in Oregon

BY GARY A. WARNER
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The omicron variant wave of COVID-19 will peak over the next two weeks and begin a steep decline, according to a new state forecast.

The Oregon Health & Science University late Thursday projected hospitalizations will likely peak on Feb. 1 at 1,553 COVID-19 patients.

"Oregon appears to be flattening the curve of hospitalized patients," the report said. "Infections are likely to peak in the next week and hospitalizations the week after."

The forecast came as the state continues to see key numbers climb. The number of people in Oregon hospitals with COVID-19 was 981 as of Jan. 20 — 204 more than the week before.

Protective measures against COVID-19 continue to suppress seasonal flu cases. There were 38 cases reported last week, compared with 1,461 in a similar week in 2020, just before the pandemic reached Oregon.

Other findings:

- Case counts and test positivity remain at record levels. The percentage of cases reported as positive was 27% on Thursday.

- While new infections were still rising quickly, the percentage of the most severe cases held steady. As of Jan 18, 25% of Oregon's occupied ICU beds had COVID-19 patients, similar to the week before.

- The number of children in Oregon hospitals remains "volatile and high," with 23 as of Jan. 18. Oregon has a low rate

of pediatric cases compared to the majority of states.

The New York Times said Thursday that state and local health agencies reported 753,990 new cases, up 29% from two weeks ago. Hospitals had 158,638 COVID-19 positive patients, up 48% from two weeks ago, the newspaper reported.

Oregon ranked 11th lowest in cases per 100,000 residents among the 50 states.

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, another key COVID-19 forecaster in the Pacific Northwest, says the number of infections in Oregon likely peaked Jan. 11. It forecasts that hospitalizations will top out on Feb. 1. Daily deaths would start declining on Feb. 4.

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Oregon halts sale and use of weed killer misbranded as organic

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SALEM — The Oregon Department of Agriculture is discontinuing the sale of a weed killer marketed as being organic but contains several unapproved ingredients.

The product in question, EcoMIGHT-Pro Weed & Grass Killer, is manufactured by EcoMIGHT LLC, a company based in Florida.

Tony Primbs, pesticides compliance manager for Department of Agriculture, said the agency was contacted by a user in November who was concerned about whether the product's label was accurate.

Despite being sold as a product of "minimum risk" for public health and the environment, testing revealed the product contains the herbicide glyphosate and insecticides permethrin and bifenthrin, chemicals not included on the label.

The undeclared ingredients raise doubts over whether the product is suitable for organic farms, Primbs said. The label also lacked important safety



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The Oregon Department of Agriculture has issued a statewide stop sale, use or removal order for the product **Ecomight-Pro Weed & Grass Killer**.

and handling instructions.

The Department of Agriculture issued a stop sale or removal order on Jan. 14.

"Currently, we have an investigator trying to find out as many facts as we can," Primbs

said.

Calls to EcoMIGHT were not returned. The company's website has been replaced by a message that states it has suspended all operations as of July 31, 2021.

Manslaughter

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Oregon State Police Trooper Jason Hansen wrote that he found several open alcohol bottles in Suarez-Sanchez's vehicle and took photos for evidence.

"The Tahoe's glove box had broken open as result of the crash and an empty bottle of vodka was in plain view in the Tahoe's glove box," Hansen wrote.

Several witnesses were interviewed and said they saw the Tahoe swerve suddenly like it was turning into a driveway. Hansen said he learned from a hospital nurse Suarez-Sanchez's blood-alcohol level was recorded at 0.096. Oregon's legal limit is 0.08.

Suarez-Sanchez, 36, was arrested following his release from the hospital and taken to the Jefferson County Jail.

He was arraigned Wednesday in Jefferson County Circuit Court, where he faces charges of first-degree manslaughter, second-degree manslaughter, third-degree assault, second-degree criminal mischief and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

AnnaMarie Wallace, 56, was a registered nurse, according to the state nursing board.

At the time of his arrest, Suarez-Sanchez was on parole with a no-alcohol provision in his release conditions.

In 2018, he was arrested in an animal abuse case.

According to a police report in that case, in May 2018, Saurez Sanchez drank to the point of belligerence and terrorized his family. He became

angry the family cat had bitten one of the children and forced them to watch as he ground the cat's teeth into a door frame until the cat's mouth bled,

according to the police report. Children told police Suarez-Sanchez poured peroxide in the animal's eyes, then alcohol he was drinking, and he'd shot it three or four times with a pellet gun.

Suarez-Sanchez ultimately pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated animal abuse and one of coercion, for which he was sentenced to 60 days in jail and five years probation.

The attorney appointed to represent Saurez-Sanchez in the manslaughter case dropped out this week due to conflict of interest. Currently unrepresented, Suarez-Sanchez is scheduled to be arraigned on a new indictment Wednesday.

There have been several recent fatal traffic crashes in

Central Oregon:

On Jan. 3, three Redmond residents were killed on U.S. Highway 97 north of Terrebonne.

That same day, John Sacco of Redmond was killed in a head-on collision on state Highway 126 near Powell Butte.

On Wednesday, Anthony Manuel Hernandez, 40, was struck by cars and killed after running out of gas between Redmond and Bend and walking on Highway 97.

There is one other active traffic-related homicide case in Jefferson County. Brandon Tylor Kern is accused of being intoxicated during a crash Nov. 6 that killed a young mother, Alisa Rose Miller, 19.

Facing first-degree manslaughter and other counts, Kern's trial is scheduled for next month.

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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. The Moon is in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIDAY, JAN. 21, 2022: You are friendly and sociable. People are drawn to your sincerity. You are fun-loving and generous and attracted to humanitarian causes. This year is the first year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means you can open any door to explore new avenues. Have the courage of your convictions!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might have new, fresh, innovative ideas related to your job or perhaps your health today. Whatever happens, you will see how to improve something. Possibly, your clever improvements will apply to how you deal with your pet. Tonight: Protect your health.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today you're full of creative, original ideas! Surprise invitations to a social occasion or something to do with a creative project also might occur. Alternatively, an appointment might be canceled. Note: This is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. Tonight: Be vigilant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Something unexpected might impact your home routine today. A small appliance might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Perhaps someone unexpected might knock at the door. Stock the fridge so you're ready for anything. (Hopefully it's a pleasant surprise.) Tonight: Confusion at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ There is an unpredictable quality to this day. You might change your daily plans. You might meet someone new who is unusual. You might have bright, clever ideas. However, it is a mildly accident-prone day for you, so be careful. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Tonight: Foggy thinking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might spend your money impulsively today. Therefore, beware spontaneous shopping, because you could have regrets later. At least keep your receipts — and the box. Meanwhile, keep an eye on your money, because you might find money or you might lose money. Tonight: Double-check your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Today has an electric, exciting quality to it because the Moon is in your sign dancing with wild, wacky Uranus. This can make you impulsive and ready to do something at the drop of a hat. Nevertheless, think twice before you act to avoid having later regrets. Be smart. Tonight: Be clear in your communications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ This is a vaguely restless day for you. You might not know why. That's not important, because this influence is brief. Don't worry if you feel unsure of things, because in fact, there are subtle and not so subtle changes taking place everywhere today. Tonight: Dismiss self-doubt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might meet a real character today. Or possibly, someone you already know will do something that surprises you. A discussion with a friend also might prompt you to reconsider or rethink your long-term goals. Keep an open mind. (Don't be so open that everything falls out.) Tonight: Clarify something with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ A boss, parent, teacher or member of the police might catch you off guard today; be prepared. This is because something to do with authority figures will be unpredictable. In turn, this could make you feel rebellious or inclined to overreact. Be cool. Never underestimate the power of courtesy. Tonight: Make sure you know what others expect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Travel plans might change today. Or possibly, you might suddenly have to travel when you did not expect to do so. You might hear news that is pleasing regarding a course or something related to politics, religion or higher learning. Could be anything. Tonight: Don't be naive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Double-check all details regarding debt, shared property, insurance issues and banking, because something unexpected could impact these areas. When it comes to your debt and wealth, you want to be on top of things and in the know. Information is power. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ A friend or partner will surprise you today by saying or doing something you didn't expect. Possibly, you will be introduced to someone — perhaps someone in the general public — who will be unusual or surprising in some way. Stay off your heels. Be alert. Tonight: Confused communications.

Say **HAPPY Valentines DAY** in The Bulletin!

The Bulletin will feature your Happy Valentine's Day messages in our classified section on Sunday, Feb. 13.

To my love, Barb

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