

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: My daughter is in her early 20s. When she was younger, she was happy. She socialized, had friends and had fun. She has had several boyfriends, but unfortunately, nothing that panned out.

She feels the only way to be comfortable or worth anything is to have a guy by her side. I think she goes about it in the wrong way. She has few friends now and rarely goes anywhere other than work. She experiences periods of depression and says she is afraid of being rejected, which holds her back from socializing. I try to encourage her to step out of her comfort zone and experience life, but she gets defensive and thinks I am saying it to be mean, when I am offering her something of value.

Abby, I do it out of care and love. I don't know how else to help her. I'm very worried about her. I'm afraid if she doesn't change her lifestyle, the situation will become worse, and she will regret it. These should be some of the best years of her life. Can you offer any suggestions to help her through these dark times?

— Mom Who's Worried in Pennsylvania

Dear Mom: I do have one. The most important step a person can take to solve a problem is to admit there is one. Pointing out that someone seems depressed and isolated isn't mean; it's what caring parents (or friends) do when they see someone they care about is in trouble. When advising your daughter, make sure your tone is perceived as loving and not judgmental. Then point out that the quickest way for her

to get her life back on track would be to talk to a licensed mental health professional.

Dear Abby: I got married while stationed in Korea. Over the years, I put drugs and alcohol and friends before my family. I regret it to this day.

I have four children and two of them are from the same woman. My oldest son and I chat almost daily through Messenger. This is the first time since retirement that I have been this far away from them.

My daughter and youngest son don't communicate with me in any fashion. I have sent text messages to both of them but received no reply. I learned a couple of days ago that my daughter has been married almost three years.

I miss my family dearly and wish to talk to both of them. Is it hatred and unforgiveness that I am feeling from them? It tears me up inside. I would feel better with any type of reply. What else can I do?

— Reaching Out in Illinois

Dear Reaching Out: There is nothing more you can do to get a response from your daughter and youngest son. You placed drugs, alcohol and friends before them when they were young, and this is the predictable response to emotional neglect.

Not knowing them, I can't say for certain that they "hate" you. They do, however, appear to be indifferent and unforgiving, and have moved on with their lives. You don't have much choice but to accept it and move on with your own while appreciating the relationship you have with your oldest son.

U.S.-MEXICO BORDER CRISIS



Gregory Bull/AP

Mexicans seeking asylum in the United States eat candy as they line an entrance to the border crossing in Tijuana, Mexico, on March 1. Aside from asylum seekers, illegal immigration has increased significantly since President Joe Biden — who campaigned on a pledge of offering more assistance to those seeking refugee status in the U.S. — took office, overwhelming facilities at the border already under strain because of the pandemic.

Biden sends FEMA to help manage minors at border

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WILMINGTON, Del. — The Biden administration is turning to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for help managing and caring for record numbers of unaccompanied immigrant children who are streaming into the United States by illegally crossing the border with Mexico. FEMA will support a governmentwide effort over the next three months to safely receive, shelter and transfer minor children who arrive alone at the U.S. southwest border, without a parent or other adult, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said Saturday.

Government figures show a growing crisis at the border as hundreds of children illegally enter the U.S. from Mexico daily and are taken into custody.

The Homeland Security Department is supposed to process and transfer unaccompanied minor children to the Department of Health and Human Services within three days so that they can be placed with a parent already living in the United States, or other suitable sponsor, until their immigration cases can be resolved.

But more children are being held longer at Border Patrol facilities that weren't designed with their care in mind because long-term shelters run by the Department of Health and Human Services have next to no capacity to accommodate them. Children are being apprehended daily at far higher rates than HHS can release them to parents or sponsors.

Mayorkas said FEMA is working with the Health and Human Services Department to "look at every available option to quickly expand physical capacity for appropriate lodging."

"Our goal is to ensure that unaccompanied children are transferred to HHS as quickly as possible, consistent with legal requirements and in the best interest of the children," Mayorkas said.

During an record influx of unaccompanied minors in 2014, the Obama administration also turned to FEMA for help coordinating the governmentwide response. During that crisis, FEMA helped stand up temporary shelters and processing stations on military bases.

President Joe Biden has ended the Trump-era practice of expelling immigrant children who cross the border alone, but maintained expulsions of immigrant families and single adults.

While his administration has tried to deter immigrants from entering the U.S., many believe they have a better chance now that Biden is president.

There have also been growing reports of parents sending their children across the border alone while they remain in Mexico or Central America.

More from Washington

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Sunday pledged swift work by Congress on a job and infrastructure package that will be "fiscally sound," but said she isn't sure whether the next major item on Biden's agenda will attract Republican backing.

Fresh off a major legislative victory on the \$1.9 trillion virus relief package that passed on near-party lines, Democrats face long and tough battles ahead in winning GOP endorsement of the administration's plans.

Road- and bridge-building legislation has a long history of support from both parties as lawmakers aim to deliver on

projects back home. But Republicans disagree with Biden's focus on the environment and the possibility of financing any program with debt after the government borrowed heavily to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

"Building roads and bridges and water supply systems and the rest has always been bipartisan, always been bipartisan, except when they oppose it with a Democratic president, as they did under President Obama, and we had to shrink the package," said Pelosi, D-Calif.

"But, nonetheless, hopefully, we will have bipartisanship," she said.

Pelosi has directed key Democratic lawmakers to begin working with Republicans on a "big, bold and transformational infrastructure package."

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., chairman of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, hope to pass a bill out of their committees in May.

The package could include policy changes — on green energy and immigration — and even try to make permanent some of the just-passed COVID-19 assistance such as child tax credits.

YOUR HOROSCOPE By Madalyn Aslan

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021: Creative, compassionate and shy, it's time to come out from your shell and shine. This year, you may revisit an artistic talent that you set aside or explore one that you always wanted to try. Budgeting wisely will become a major focus of your long-term financial planning. If single, friends may introduce you to your soul mate. If attached, love will be more romantic than ever. TAURUS arouses your passion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your energy is at an all-time high. Get out in the fresh air. Walking, running or bicycling with friends is the perfect outlet. Begin a project with a new team. Accept challenges that display your skills. Tonight: Relaxing at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You may be tempted to take on too much. Pace yourself and learn to say no. Friends and family will understand. Start a journal, blog or dream log. Amazing insights can come from writing things down. Tonight: Hot buttered popcorn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Get in touch with old friends you have not heard from — phone, text or email, whichever is most expedient. Run your ideas and plans by people you trust. Be prepared to laugh at someone's jokes. Tonight: Start a new collection.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Make your views known to those with whom you work or volunteer. Be diplomatic and take interest in their opinions. Practice the art of compromise. Positive feedback may come from a surprising source. Tonight: Shop online for a colorful outfit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You don't need school to immerse yourself in learning. Search the internet for your special interest. Just be discriminating. Try to distinguish fact from fiction. Show off what you know. Admirers will eat out of your hands. Tonight: Experiment with flavors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Bring someone along on a power walk, run or workout at the gym. Exercise can be fun if you do it with a friend. Try out healthy, tasty recipes on your family. Tonight: Brew a pot of aromatic herbal tea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A potential partner may present a promising business plan. Socialize with friends or colleagues after hours. Show someone you love how they make you feel. A surprise gift or home-cooked meal is always appreciated. Tonight: Take time for romantic gestures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Delve into subjects that mystify and fascinate you. Order books online that will keep you busy for the next few months. You may disagree with your partner about a financial transaction. Talk it over. Tonight: Deep sleep and pleasant dreams.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Get tickets to a concert, film or sporting event. Children and grandchildren may teach you something technological. Welcome their input and don't get intimidated. Put on your learning cap and dive right in. Tonight: Game night with people you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Research destinations for a family vacation. Use extra funds for household repairs or new pieces of furniture that will brighten your home. Invite people over for a potluck dinner for no other reason than being together. Tonight: Follow your intuition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Your nerves may get the better of you if you are scheduled to give a speech or performance. Take a few deep breaths to calm yourself down and you will do fine. Friends and siblings have your back. Tonight: Create positive affirmations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Review your finances, as humdrum as that sounds. Good news may result from wise budgeting. Strategize with your partner. Splurge on something special, but don't break the bank. A new outfit will make your day. Tonight: Unwind with dance music.

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